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Rhode Island Energy Facility Siting Board
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IN RE: Docket No. SB-2022-02 - SouthCoast Wind Energy, LLC's Application to Construct Major Energy Facility

Dear Ms. Rodvien:

This office represents the Fishermen's Advisory Board ("FAB"). While the FAB is not a party to the above-referenced docket, the recent correspondence from SouthCoast Wind ("SCW") filed in this docket necessitates a formal response from the FAB.

SCW references in its July 7, 2023 letter to the Energy Facility Siting Board ("EFSB") that a meeting occurred between the FAB and SCW on May 26, 2022. This statement appears to be misplaced. It is the FAB's understanding that David Ciochetto's letter to the EFSB related to substantive mitigation meetings between the FAB and SCW is correct. No substantive mitigation meetings have been held between the FAB and this developer.

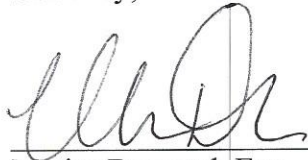
To date, this office and the FAB's subject matter experts have not been retained with respect to SCW's project. There is no formal agreement between SCW and the FAB to engage in mitigation meetings. Further, there have been no past meetings held or future substantive meetings planned that this office is aware of where the FAB's attendance was or is necessary as contemplated by the CRMC's regulations.

SCW is aware that the FAB, its counsel and the FAB experts have not been formally engaged to attend meetings. Since at least January 27, 2023, our office has diligently worked to obtain an executed retainer agreement from the developer, to no avail. To be clear, that is a five (5) month period over which at least twenty five (25) different versions of said agreement were

reviewed and exchanged between the parties. However, to date, no retainer agreement has been fully executed.

Thank you for your anticipated attention to this filing. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Desautel', written over a horizontal line.

Marisa Desautel, Esq.