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Dear RI EFSB,

I am writing with a comment in support of SouthCoast Wind Energy LLC's Application for a License to Construct Major Energy Facilities, Portsmouth RI, Docket No. SB-2022-02. This project is crucial to meeting Rhode Island's clean energy goals, strengthening our grid, and delivering good jobs and economic growth to Portsmouth and our state.

In September 2024, Rhode Island and Massachusetts competitively selected SouthCoast Wind as the best-value option for our energy future, and with good reason. This project will provide enough clean, reliable wind energy to power more than 800,000 homes across New England, including more than 125,000 homes here in Rhode Island. It will prevent winter power outages and price spikes, move us away from expensive, polluting fossil fuel peaker plants, and fight the deadly effects of climate change that are already on the rise in our state.

By approving this cabling project, we can unlock long-term union jobs for our working families and a \$23 million host community agreement for the Town of Portsmouth. The temporary and minor inconveniences of construction involved in cable installation are a totally reasonable, low-impact trade-off for accessing all these local economic and environmental benefits and meeting our energy needs.

Offshore wind is the right choice for Rhode Island's future, and we need to build this crucial transmission infrastructure to make it happen. I urge you to keep Rhode Island's climate leadership moving forward by approving SouthCoast's application without delay. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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