



Connecticut Department of

**ENERGY &
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PROTECTION**

Katherine S. Dykes, Commissioner

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Energy Facility Siting Board
c/o Coordinator Emma Rodvien
89 Jefferson Boulevard
Warwick, RI 02888

Re: Revolution Wind

Dear Chairman Gerwatowski and Members of the EFSB:

Thank you for the opportunity to express the state of Connecticut's support for the siting of the Revolution Wind energy facility in North Kingston, RI. Revolution Wind is of paramount importance to the future of clean energy in Rhode Island and Connecticut and our collectively ability to address climate change. As both states' first utility-scale offshore wind project, Revolution Wind will help each state meet current and future energy needs while reducing fossil fuel dependence through the production of much-needed renewable and clean energy.

In the state of Connecticut, we have set an ambitious goal to have 100 percent of our electricity come from zero-carbon sources by 2040. By powering homes and businesses, Revolution Wind will play a key role in greening our grid. Revolution Wind will generate 704 megawatts of power for Rhode Island and Connecticut - enough zero-carbon energy to power an average of 350,000 homes annually across both states for decades to come.

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) believes Revolution Wind is necessary to protect and preserve our environment and is a logical step toward addressing climate change. The time to capitalize on Rhode Island and Connecticut's unique geographical positions to push our states, region and country toward a sustainable future is now.

As a sister agency, we are appreciative of your deliberative review and focus on the impacts of siting this facility in North Kingston. For southern New England, the benefits of Revolution Wind are significant, and provides an opportunity to introduce large-scale clean energy to our electric grid at a crucial moment in our human history. We eagerly anticipate your support of Revolution Wind.

Thank you for your consideration of this important project, and this opportunity to voice our support for Revolution Wind.

Sincerely,

Katie S. Dykes
Commissioner