

March 6, 2019

Luly E. Massaro Commission Clerk Public Utilities Commission 89 Jefferson Boulevard Warwick, RI 02888

Dear Ms. Massaro:

I am writing to urge the Public Utilities Commission to approve Ørsted's Revolution Wind Project.

Deepwater Wind was a born-and-bred in Rhode Island company that, time and time again, created opportunities for Rhode Islanders, I know this to be true because my company began working with Deepwater Wind since it first proposed it's now complete Block Island Wind Farm project in 2010.

My team has provided marine technical support services throughout the planning, permitting, construction and O&M phases of the Block Island Wind Farm. These services have included marine transportation, technical support for field surveys and construction, and specialized diving activities. Working on this project gave my company an opportunity to use its skill set in a brand new area of our business. This experience has led to additional professional opportunities in our industry.

My experience working with Deepwater Wind has been nothing but positive. They created jobs in an industry that, at that time, did not yet exist in the United States. I believe there is great potential in this industry and my company and my employees are ready to work. Deepwater Wind has since been acquired by Ørsted, opening the door for Rhode Island to carry that potential onto the global stage.

Because of the success of the Block Island Wind Farm, Rhode Island can forever say it was the first state in the United States to realize economic and environmental benefits of offshore wind energy.

We urge you to approve Revolution Wind, so that Rhode Island can build on our momentum and lead this industry for years to come.

Sincerely,

Capt. Michael Ernst, President