



Specialty Diving Services, Inc.

"A Full Service Marine Contractor"

March 18, 2019

RI Public Utilities Commission
Luly Massaro, Clerk
89 Jefferson Blvd
Warwick, RI 02888

Dear Ms. Massaro:

I am pleased to offer my support for Ørsted's Revolution Wind proposal, which would bring clean, renewable energy to the state of Rhode Island and create jobs and exciting opportunities for marine businesses like mine.

I founded my business, Specialty Diving Services, in Rhode Island more than 35 years ago. Since our founding, we have earned a reputation as one of the marine construction industry's most trusted contractors. We've earned that reputation because our team is highly skilled and well-trained, and because companies like Deepwater Wind trust us to provide complex services. In the skilled labor industry, we love to hear about local companies that promise to hire local talent. We love even more companies that keep those promises. Ørsted is one of those companies.

In April of 2015, my team at SDS celebrated the start of local construction activities on the Block Island Wind Farm. We were constructing components of the wind farm's steel jacket components at Quonset Point—right here in Rhode Island.

This was great, fulfilling work for my team. Plus, it was new work, which gave my business an opportunity to expand. We added more than 15 employees to our team of highly skilled, well-trained welders, and we are now in a position to expand even more.

Ørsted's latest proposal is significantly bigger than the Block Island Wind Farm. The company has already committed to investing \$40 million in Rhode Island's ports to ensure the work would, once again, be done right here in the Ocean State. It would create hundreds of construction jobs, and come with countless opportunities for local companies to use their diverse skill sets to contribute to something special.

Deepwater Wind did right by Rhode Island for close to a decade. They put Rhode Islanders to work, and they put Rhode Island on the map as the national leader in the burgeoning renewable energy industry. Ørsted has committed to building on this momentum here in the Ocean State.

I urge Rhode Island to approve Revolution Wind and keep supporting the effort to bring America's energy industry into a new era.

Sincerely,



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