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## 16-1 2022-23 media coverage

# Community Offshore Wind: 2022-2023 Media Coverage

## RWE, National Grid JV launches first New York Bight surveys



Campaign: Community Offshore Wind Launches First Offshore Site Assessment Survey in New York Bight

Date: January 9, 2023

Media Outlets: ROI-NJ.com, Offshore Wind.Biz, ReCharge News, Market Screener, ReNews.Biz, and 4C Offshore

 **Community Offshore Wind** @CommunityOSW · Nov 14  
Excited to take part in paving the way for future careers in offshore wind for Long Island high school students.



newsday.com  
Schools see wind energy as new jobs-training frontier  
The exposition on offshore wind energy was seen as the first large-scale meeting focused on job-training prospects for students enrolled ...

Campaign: Community Offshore Wind Paves Way for Future Careers in Offshore Wind

Date: November 14, 2022

Media Outlet: Newsday



11:58 AM · Oct 20, 2022 from Hudson River

Campaign: Community Offshore Wind and Hudson River Community Sailing Provide Lessons in Wind to New York City Students from Underserved Communities

Date: October 20, 2022

Media outlet: NY1

## YMCAs in NYC, Long Island to Offer Swimming Lessons for up to 100 Children in Need of Financial Assistance

Aside from learning water safety, the program aims to prepare children now for lucrative careers that involve swimming.



Twitter Facebook Email Print

Campaign: Community Offshore Wind Offers Swim Lessons to Underserved Communities To Build Future Workforce

Date: July 26, 2022

Media Outlets: Brooklyn Reader and WPIX Channel 11





**Campaign: Community Offshore Wind Helps Revitalize Oyster Habitats on Long Island with Huntington-Northport Oyster Reef Project**

**Date: June 28, 2022**

**Media Outlets: Huntington Now, Renewes, Long Island Press and Newsday**

### Community Offshore Wind organizes cleanup event at Spring Creek Park in Howard Beach

By Bill Parry comments Posted on June 16, 2022



**Campaign: Beach Cleanup at Spring Creek in Howard Beach**

**Date: June 10, 2022**

**Media Outlets: Queens Chronicle and Queens.com**

## 16-2 Biographies of stakeholder relationship managers

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### Alanna Russo

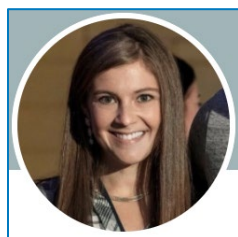


Alanna is the Community Offshore Wind’s Head of Strategic Engagement. Together with her team she works closely with government, labor, business associations, MWBEs/SVOBs, educational institutions, and local communities. With deep ties to the communities of New York and extensive experience in the local energy industry, Alanna is ensuring Community Offshore Wind is building key relationships to identify and address the needs of the community by offering effective solutions and rising above challenges to meet the desired outcome.

Alanna is currently the Director of Strategic Engagement and Business Development for National Grid Ventures and responsible for workforce, labor, and community strategy and engagement across the northeast portfolio. Alanna has 16 years of experience in corporate social responsibility, community relations and working with disadvantaged communities and 6 years of experience working on large projects in the energy industry.

Alanna holds a BA in Organizational Management and an MBA from St. Joseph’s College. She has a certificate in Non-Profit Management from UCLA, and a Diversity & Inclusion certification from the American Management Association.

### Molly Gilson



Molly is the communications lead for Community Offshore Wind and the Director of Media Relations for National Grid Ventures. She and her team are responsible for messaging, thought leadership, and media engagement. She is passionate about telling clean energy and community investment stories, aligning with the priorities of Community Offshore Wind.

She joined National Grid Ventures after spending four years on the regulated side of National Grid on the US Corporate Communications team. During her time there, she has been focused on communicating the company’s ambition to reach net zero by 2050, how the business is enabling energy equity, and how renewables will work together in the Northeast to create a clean energy future. She also served as the lead communications manager for the US President of the business.

Molly has worked in communications for 15 years across a number of industries including energy, technology, travel and tourism, consumer goods, and pharmaceuticals. She holds a B.A. in journalism from Indiana University and an M.A. in gastronomy from Boston University. She is a graduate of National Grid’s Accelerated Development Program and an APMG International-certified change management professional.

### Kate McKeever



Kate is the Regulatory Affairs lead at Community Offshore Wind. She is vice president of Government Relations of Offshore at RWE Renewables where she is responsible for offshore wind public policy in the U.S. Kate joined RWE after working for three years as the Director of Regulatory and Institutional Affairs at Enel North America.

Kate previously worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for 17 years, where she last held the position of General Counsel in the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) in the Baker-Polito Administration. Prior to EEA, McKeever was appointed by Governor Deval Patrick as a Commissioner at the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) to lead the state utility regulatory authority.

During her time at DPU, Kate also held roles as the Chief of Staff and Hearing Officer. Additionally, she worked as an assistant district attorney in Suffolk County and served as a legislative aide for the Speaker of the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

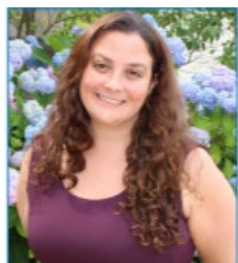
Kate earned a B.A. in Political Science from Temple University and received a Juris Doctorate from Suffolk University Law School. Kate currently sits on the Board of Directors for ACE-NY, NYOWA, and RENEW Northeast. She also recently completed her Board term with the Energy Storage Association.

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Sheri is the State and Federal Government Relations lead for Community Offshore Wind and Director of Government Relations for National Grid Ventures. She is the state and federal government relations lead for Community Offshore Wind and the Director of Government Relations for National Grid Ventures. Sheri and her team are responsible for engaging with government stakeholders to establish an ongoing dialogue to inform project development activity and advocating for policies that support offshore wind. Sheri has more than 14 years of professional experience in government relations in the U.S. energy industry that includes managing a portfolio of state and federal legislative and political issues and conducting stakeholder engagement activities for offshore wind, transmission, and other energy infrastructure projects. Sheri earned an MPP in National Security and Public Policy from George Mason University and a B.A. in International Relations with a minor in American Politics from Roanoke College.

### Halie Meyers



Halie is the Government Affairs manager for Community Offshore Wind and she also supports RWE Renewables Government Affairs and Regulatory team. She focuses on ensuring that there is robust stakeholder engagement with local, state and federal partners. Halie began working with RWE Renewables in 2022. Prior to joining the team, Halie was the Chief of Staff for New York State Senator Todd Kaminsky, where she worked on landmark climate legislation. She has previously worked in the New York City Council, New York State Assembly, United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate. She lives in Long Beach, New York and holds a B.A. in International Relations and Political Science from SUNY Cortland.

## Lyle Sclair

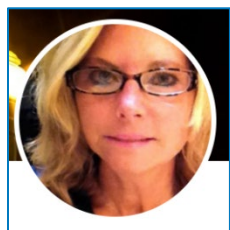


Lyle is leading Community Offshore Wind's Economic Development efforts. Lyle is excited to ensure that the clean energy transition supports and builds up the communities served by Community Offshore Wind. Previously, Lyle served as an Economic Development Representative on National Grid's New York Economic Development team, where he was responsible for working with economic development customers and stakeholders across their New York City and Long Island gas service territory. During his tenure, Lyle created several new programs and revamped existing ones, including the Economic Development and Future of Heat Program, Area Development Rates, and the Project "C" Small Business Technical Assistance Grant.

Lyle brings over fifteen years of experience working with government agencies, not for profits and small businesses to move complex public-private economic development projects along from concept to implementation. Prior to joining National Grid, Lyle was the executive director of Bayside Village BID, representing over 117 property owners and 250 small businesses. He has also served as a special advisor to the Board of Directors of the Nassau Council of Chambers of Commerce, providing technical assistance to over 40 chambers across Nassau County. Lyle started his career in economic development with Sustainable Long Island, where the organization's brownfield program and worked on revitalization efforts in communities across Long Island.

Lyle currently lives in Long Beach, New York with his wife and two children. He earned an MUP in Urban Planning from New York University and received a B.S. in Industrial Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh. He is a certified economic developer by the International Economic Development Council and is also a former Coro Fellow and currently participating in the Mid-Career Fellowship Program for New York City Professionals.

## Virginia Limmiatis



Ginnie is the manager of Communications for Community Offshore Wind. She supports the National Grid Ventures Corporate Affairs team in its external communications activities to drive awareness of the business's activities in accelerating the clean energy transition and influence better outcomes for its projects. She focuses on telling Community Offshore Wind's story to key external stakeholders from the media and policymakers to community members and the broader public.

Ginnie began working with National Grid in 2008, when she was communications manager for its Northeast Power Alliance joint venture. She previously was part of NASA's Space Alliance Technology Outreach Program in Syracuse, where among other projects she developed a K-12 STEM outreach curriculum. Ginnie earned a B.A. in international relations with a concentration in communications from the University of Scranton, from which she also holds an M.A. in American history.

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Brendan is a Strategic Engagement Analyst at National Grid Ventures where he supports the Community Offshore Wind Strategic Engagement team to deliver our mission of bringing ‘local clean energy to all’ through community outreach. Brendan began supporting Community Offshore Wind in 2021, as an intern, and in June 2022 he accepted a full-time position in National Grid Ventures’ Graduate Development Program supporting Community Offshore Wind’s stakeholder engagement initiatives. He is a recent graduate of Boston University where he earned a B.A. in Political Science with a concentration in Public

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Mariah is the Labor liaison at Community Offshore Wind. In this role, Mariah builds and maintains partnerships with organized labor leaders and labor organizations and trade councils. She is committed to ensuring that business needs and goals are supported by and in consistent compliance with labor relations guidance and requirements, translating labor relations objectives, and supporting labor contract negotiations and labor agreements in support of our projects and objectives.

Prior to joining National Grid, Mariah was the Regional Director (Long Island) for Climate Jobs New York, a growing statewide labor coalition representing 2.6 million working New Yorkers united to combat climate change and reverse inequality. CJNY is educating fellow workers, building alliances, and advocating for policy solutions - demonstrating that we do not have to choose between a healthy planet and good jobs. Mariah is a member of Wind Works Long Island, a coalition of environmental, labor, clergy, and community groups, and the force behind educating the Long Island community on the benefits of renewable energy, particularly offshore wind. Mariah serves on the Long Island Chapter Board of the New York League of Conservation Voters as well as the Long Beach Chamber of Commerce Board. Mariah earned a B.A. *magna cum laude* in Government from St. Lawrence University from which she also holds a B.A. *magna cum laude* in Philosophy.

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Kyoo Sung is the Strategic Supply Chain & Logistics manager at Community Offshore Wind. He is responsible for managing and building relationships with renewable energy and transmission equipment vendors as well as developing and executing our offshore wind economic development strategy for supply chain localization. Kyoo also supports projects logistics planning.

Previously, he participated in underwater cable projects at the Block Island Windfarm in Rhode Island, Lake Champlain, and Captree Island in New York. Kyoo holds a B.A. in Art History from City University of New York - Hunter College from which he also holds a B.A. in Studio Art and an MPS from ITP Tisch School of the Arts at New York University.

### Rick Robins



Rick serves as Marine Affairs manager for Community Offshore Wind. Rick leads the company's engagement and communications with maritime stakeholders, including marine fisheries. He is committed to working closely with the project's maritime neighbors to ensure successful outcomes. He will spearhead our efforts to curate local knowledge of the fisheries in the Bight and integrate those important details into the project as it is developed.

Rick has decades of experience in commercial fisheries development, seafood processing, and fisheries management, previously serving as a member of Virginia Marine Resources Commission and chairing the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council. He has been proactively engaged in the intersection between offshore wind and marine fisheries, serving as a fisheries liaison and engaging in state and federal processes to develop best management practices. He is a longtime supporter of cooperative fisheries research and revived and co-chaired the Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel. He is also an offshore fisherman and is avid in his pursuit of marlin, tuna, and swordfish.

He holds a B.A. in economics and history from Washington and Lee University and an MBA from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He received the Champion of Change award from the White House for his work in sustainable fisheries and ocean conservation.

### Katherine Miller



Katherine is the Federal Permitting lead for Community Offshore Wind and Federal Permitting Project Manager for RWE Renewables. Katherine is responsible for engaging with federal and state agencies to establish an ongoing dialogue to inform project development activity and to acquire the authorizations and approvals required to construct and operate the Community Offshore Wind Project. Katherine has more than eight years of professional experience in coastal and offshore permitting, with over five years of experience in offshore wind, where she previously led the permitting efforts for the Empire Wind Project at Tetra Tech, Inc.

Katherine earned a B.S. in Marine Affairs with a minor in International Relations from the University of Miami, from which she also holds an MPS in Marine Ecosystems and Society from the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science.

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Justin is the Tribal liaison for Community Offshore Wind and a Tribal Engagement Specialist with SEARCH. Justin serves as the single point of contact responsible for communicating a wide range of information to tribes/tribal nations from various project teams and providing the resulting feedback to inform project decision making. Justin has more than 16 years of experience in archaeology and cultural resources management. He earned a B.A. in archaeology from The George Washington University and an M.A. in archaeological studies from Yale University. Prior to joining SEARCH, Justin served as a Historic Preservation Specialist and Tribal Liaison Officer in the Office of Renewable

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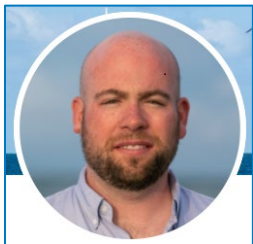


Jacqueline is Community Offshore Wind's manager of government relations and manager of government relations at National Grid Ventures. In this role, Jacqueline will help support state and local stakeholder engagement activities for the project.

Prior to joining National Grid, Jacqueline was one of the Long Island regional representatives for New York Governor Kathy Hochul, where she partnered with community members and elected officials to advance statewide initiatives, represented the governor at events and meetings with community groups, and helped organize Long Island events for the governor and other top officials in her administration. Jacqueline's prior experience includes work in the Suffolk County legislature, Suffolk County Association of Municipal Employees, and New York State Senate. She holds a Certificate

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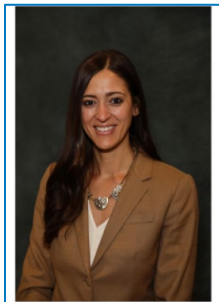
### Daniel Sieger



Daniel is Community Offshore Wind's Head of Development and Project Development Director for RWE Offshore America. Dan is responsible for leading Community Offshore Wind's development workstream overseeing permitting, marine affairs, and community relations. At RWE, he is responsible for overseeing development work across the company's projects in the New York Bight and the Gulf of Maine.

Dan has over 13 years of experience in permitting, public policy, and environmental affairs, serving as the Massachusetts Undersecretary of Environmental Affairs until 2020. As Undersecretary, Dan led Massachusetts' four environmental policy and regulatory agencies, with a broad portfolio of environmental protection, parks and recreation, and fisheries and wildlife. Dan was responsible for overseeing permitting and environmental review of all large-scale Massachusetts energy projects, including the first grid scale offshore wind project in the United States. Dan also worked as an environmental consultant leading permitting for the first US based Offshore Wind Supply Chain project. Dan has a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Massachusetts Boston.

### Natalie Terhaar



Natalie is Community Engagement manager for Community Offshore Wind and Lead Representative of Community Engagement at National Grid Ventures. In this role, she administers grants and creates programming for the community, specifically in the areas of STEM education, environment, and sustainability. Natalie holds a B.S. in psychology from D'Youville College. She is active with the Boston College Center for Corporate Citizenship and has been on the board for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Erie, Niagara, and the Southern Tier for the past six years assisting the agency with their fundraising efforts. She was a Leadership Buffalo graduate in 2020 and she volunteers her time to groups such as City Year and local high schools, providing career sessions to students. She has always loved the ocean and this role allows her passion of toxic free living to help keep the oceans clean from chemicals and

plastics. She is a Buffalo native and lives with her husband and two children.



## 16-3 Community engagement impact report

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## 16-4 RWE and National Grid stakeholder engagement case studies

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## 16-5 Stakeholder engagement activities by group

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## 16-6 Marketing Plan

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## 16-8 Fisheries communications plan

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## Fisheries Communications Plan

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## Abbreviations

ASMFC	Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
BOEM	Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
EA	Environmental Assessment
CFF	Coonamessett Farm Foundation
FL	Fisheries Liaison
FR	Fisheries Representative
FTR	Fisheries Technical Representative
F-TWG	Fisheries Technical Working Group (NYSERDA)
GARFO	Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office
HMS	Highly Migratory Species
MAFMC	Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council
MARCO	Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean
NEAMAP	NorthEast Area Monitoring and Assessment Program
NEFMC	New England Fishery Management Council
NEFSC	Northeast Fisheries Science Center
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NJDEP	New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NROC	Northeast Regional Ocean Council
NYSDEC	New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
NYSERDA	New York State Environmental Research and Development Authority
OCLSA	Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act
RODA	Responsible Offshore Development Alliance
ROSA	Responsible Offshore Science Alliance
RWSC	Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative for Offshore Wind
SMAST	School for Marine Science & Technology (UMass Dartmouth)
USCG	U.S. Coast Guard
VIMS	Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences
WEA	Wind Energy Area

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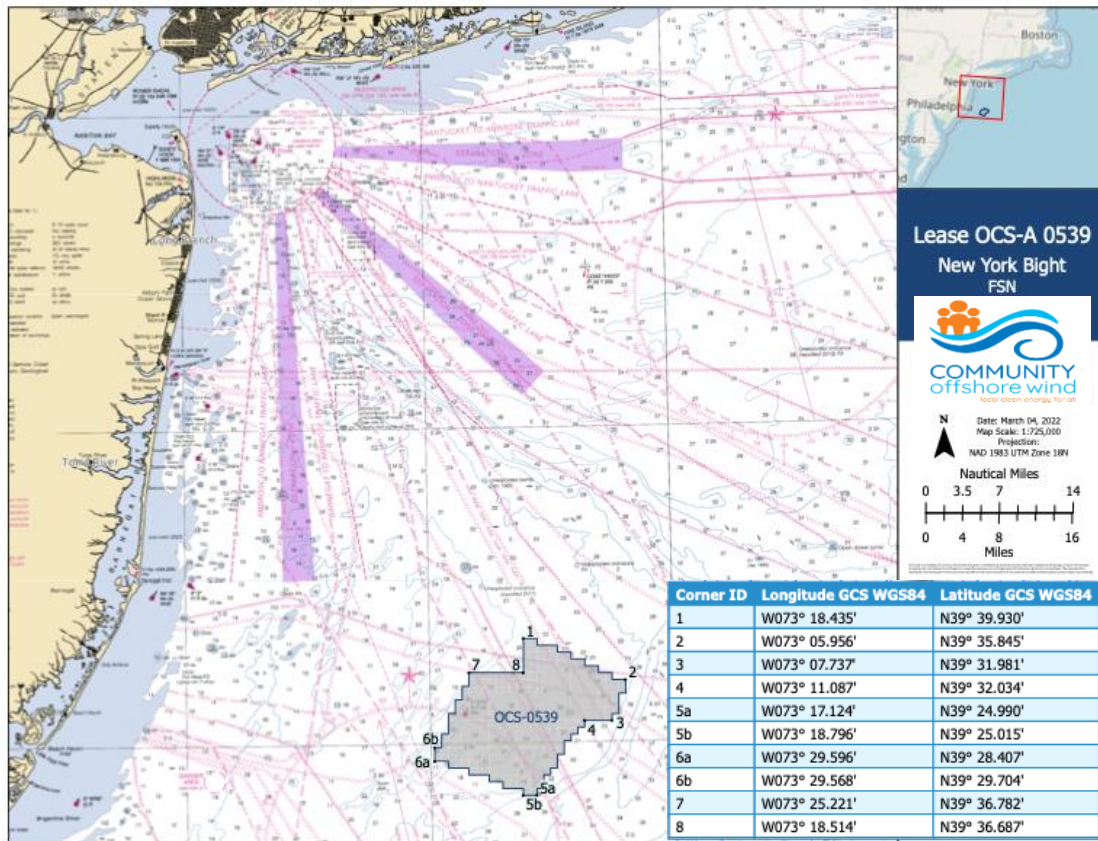
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# 1 Introduction

Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture of RWE Renewables and National Grid Ventures, proposes to develop the Community Offshore Wind Project (the Project), under Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands for Renewable Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf (Lease Area OCS-A 0539; Lease Area ). Lease Area OCS-A 0539 encompasses approximately 125,964 acres and is located approximately 50 nautical miles (NM) or 92 kilometers (km) south of New York and 29NM (53 km) east of New Jersey (see Figure 1). Water depths range from 30 to 52 meters (16 to 28 fathoms).



**Figure 1.** Location of OCS-A 0539 in relation to major navigational routes into the harbor of New York, New York. Coordinates of primary boundaries of Lease Area included in table.

As part of the Project development, Community Offshore Wind is committed to a holistic, adaptive, and integrative approach to fisheries communication and outreach, in partnership with fisheries participants and other stakeholders, including fishing organizations, fishing communities, fisheries agencies, and the general public. The Fisheries Communications Plan (Plan) is foundational to sustainable and successful Project outcomes, and is the primary tool through which the Project team will build collaborative relationships with fisheries participants and stakeholders and affected communities to inform impact avoidance throughout the lifecycle of the Project. The company’s fisheries communications team will guide the development, use, and adaptation of the Plan to reflect feedback and curate knowledge from the fishing community, and promote a shared understanding of current and historic fisheries resources and uses.

This Plan is intended to be a living document that is inclusive of all fisheries participants and stakeholders and is responsive to diverse perspectives and needs. Community Offshore Wind recognizes that effective engagement is built one relationship at a time, and that a successful process often involves difficult conversations. We value open and honest communication and are committed to an “early and often” approach to outreach.

## 1.1 Fisheries Communication Principles and Objectives

The following principles guide the development, implementation, and future modifications of the Plan, and reflect the core values and philosophy of Community Offshore Wind.:

- **Safety:** Promote the safety of fishermen, communities, project crews, and marine life, from Project design through implementation.
- **Respect:** Build trust through respect for the local knowledge, expertise, and concerns of the fishing community.
- **Understanding:** Develop a detailed understanding of the fisheries resources and uses in the area to inform the successful development of the project.
- **Transparency:** Promote transparency through timely two-way communication that allows for sharing clear feedback and is responsive to fisheries participants and stakeholder communication preferences.
- **Efficiency:** Ensure communication and outreach activities are internally and externally coordinated to achieve efficient communications at the appropriate cadence for all fisheries stakeholder groups.
- **Equity:** Ensure engagement efforts are comprehensive across fisheries participants, stakeholders, and communities, including underserved and non-traditional constituents.
- **Adaptability:** Respond to changing fisheries participant and stakeholder needs and circumstances as an opportunity to adapt and improve communication methods and strategies.
- **Collaboration:** Build a shared, sustainable future for area fisheries and offshore wind through collaboration and inclusivity that ultimately lessens the impacts of climate change.

The goal of Community Offshore Wind is to proactively ensure that all fishing community stakeholders are informed of the Project, and aware of the many opportunities for communication and input throughout the project lifecycle. In addition, our goal is to ensure that the Project team develops a comprehensive understanding of the individual fisheries in the Lease Area, and their social and economic significance to onshore communities within the region. The fisheries team is committed to sharing this knowledge across Community Offshore Wind’s workstreams to best serve the needs of fisheries participants and communities. Together, we are striving to achieve net positive biodiversity outcomes above and below the water line. This Plan includes time and resources for the Fisheries Team to develop and present educational materials across the Community Offshore Wind Project workstreams about relevant fisheries and other ocean user groups in and around the Lease Area and potential export cable routes. The more the Project team understands and appreciates the importance of regional fisheries, the more successful the overall Project will be. The objectives of the Plan in support of these goals are:

- Develop a detailed technical understanding of the current and historical fisheries operating and transiting within and around the Lease Area, and curate the knowledge and expertise of local fishermen and other experts to achieve this.
- Foster a proactive approach to promoting safety and deconflicting the operations of survey and construction crews and fishermen within the Lease Area that is based on the local knowledge of fishing communities and representatives.

- Collaborate with fisheries participants and stakeholders to apply their collective knowledge and understanding of fisheries resources and habitats to avoid and minimize impacts to the extent practicable throughout the Project life cycle.
- Recognize and balance the Project's need for detailed local knowledge with the burden of engagement for fisheries participants and stakeholders through the use of thoughtful and efficient communication methods, and a commitment to coordinate outreach activities with other developers.
- Engage fishermen and stakeholders in identifying opportunities for cooperative monitoring and research that will contribute to the mutual understanding and successful shared use of the area.
- Develop comprehensive and inclusive stakeholder engagement strategies that are sensitive to the needs of both underserved communities and non-traditional stakeholders, and foster effective two-way communication.

## 1.2 Fisheries Team

Community Offshore Wind has assembled a fisheries team with experience that spans decades of direct experience in state, interstate, and federal fisheries management, cooperative fisheries research, commercial fisheries development, seafood processing, and commercial and recreational fisheries. The team benefits from strong advisory support from its fisheries technical advisors/fisheries representatives who have extensive experience in their respective fisheries in the project area and broader region. Community Offshore Wind's Fisheries Team includes:

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**Deirdre Boelke, Fisheries Liaison (Primary Contact)**, has over 20 years of staff experience with the New England Fishery Management Council. She worked on most fishery management plans during her tenure with the Council, including plan coordinator for the Atlantic sea scallop and Atlantic herring fishery management plans. She was the staff lead for the Council's Atlantic sea scallop Research Set Aside program, which coordinated cooperative research to support the management of the fishery. She also staffed the coastwide climate change scenario planning initiative and other regional and national fishery management policy projects.

**Michelle Duval, Fisheries Liaison**, has extensive experience in state and federal fisheries management, serving for 10 years with North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries, representing the agency to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, which she also chaired. She currently serves on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council as Chair of the Research Set Aside Committee and serves on the New England Fishery Management Council's Sea Scallop Committee.

As Fisheries Liaisons (Liaisons), Deirdre and Michelle will represent the Project to the fishing community and to serve as a primary point of contact for fisheries participants and stakeholders. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Engage directly with fisheries stakeholders, and with the project's Fisheries Technical Advisors and Representatives, to develop and curate the local knowledge to successfully avoid fisheries impacts.
- Effectively convey industry and stakeholder concerns to project management team to proactively and collaboratively identify solutions.
- Develop a flexible two-way communications network between the fishing industry and the project that is responsive to stakeholder needs and provides timely feedback.
- Coordinate communications between the Project and state and federal fisheries managers and agencies.

**Rick Robins, Marine Affairs Manager**, has a background in commercial fisheries development, seafood processing and export market development, and state and federal fisheries management. He served as an Associate Member of the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, chaired the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, and served as a fisheries liaison for offshore wind energy development.

As Marine Affairs Manager, it is Rick's role to plan and coordinate the company's marine operations and interactions with the maritime industries. Responsibilities include:

- Lead and coordinate marine affairs to support the development of the company's wind energy development projects.
- Lead engagement with all relevant maritime stakeholders, including, but not limited to: commercial and recreational fisheries, commercial shipping, owner/operators of subsea infrastructure, ports and harbors operators, the US Department of Defense, the US Coast Guard (USCG), the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement.
- Lead development of offshore wind projects' marine affairs strategies and maritime stakeholder engagement plans.
- Provide internal coordination on all marine affairs issues and considerations to support project development.

The goal of Community Offshore Wind's fisheries team is to ensure the objectives of the Plan are achieved through effective implementation of outreach and engagement strategies that are targeted to the specific needs and preferences of various fisheries stakeholders. In particular, the fisheries team has extensive experience working with regional Fishery Management Councils responsible for developing federal fishery management advice. The Council process is a stakeholder driven, fully public and transparent process that uses local knowledge to develop science-based plans that balance many objectives. The team intends to use many of these same principles to design a successful Project in close collaboration with stakeholders. The roles and responsibilities of team members are similar, but complementary, as described above. Overall, this fisheries team has extensive professional experience across a wide range of fisheries and is highly approachable. Each member has direct experience working with fishery stakeholders throughout the region. They already have strong relationships with fishing communities along the east coast built on trust and communications. In addition to the Marine Affairs Manager and Fisheries Liaisons, Community Offshore Wind will engage Fisheries Technical Advisors and Fisheries Representatives. The Plan will be updated to include contact information as these individuals are onboarded:

**Fisheries Technical Advisor (FTA):** The role of Fisheries Technical Advisors is to provide technical expertise regarding the operations and characteristics of fisheries working in and/or transiting through the Lease Area so that potential negative fisheries impacts can be avoided, minimized, and thoughtfully considered throughout the Project lifecycle. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:



- Provide information regarding vessel movements and configuration and fishing of mobile and fixed gears in the Lease Area.
- Describe the seasonality and distribution of fisheries over time within the Lease Area.
- Provide recommendations regarding fisheries constituent identification and interaction.

**Fisheries Representative (FR):** Fisheries Representatives serve the interests of the fisheries for which they have knowledge and expertise and are trusted focal points for fishing industry contact and communication regarding the Project. FRs typically also serve as FTAs to provide technical expertise to the Project team. Responsibilities of FRs include, but are not limited to:

- Identify and cultivate industry concerns and proactively share those with the Project team to facilitate shared use and fisheries impact avoidance.
- Work with the Liaisons to improve and adapt the Plan and ensure it is responsive to fisheries participant and stakeholder feedback.
- Disseminate Project information to industry to promote awareness and facilitate effective outreach and engagement.

Community Offshore Wind Plans to add FTAs/FRs across a range of fisheries active in the project area and is currently recruiting for these positions.

**Brady Lybarger** is a commercial Fisheries Technical Advisor and Fisheries Representative from the sea scallop fishery. He is based in Cape May, New Jersey and has participated in the commercial scallop fishery since 1999. He has been a scallop advisory panel member for the New England Fishery Management Council for about ten years, and has participated in several Scallop Research Set Aside projects.

Brady is also an avid recreational fisherman and participates in the commercial hook and line fishery, currently targeting tuna, swordfish and tilefish. He also owns a direct to consumer seafood business in Cape May, NJ that offers fresh seafood such as scallops, shrimp, and tuna directly to consumers since 2020.

#### **Fisheries Technical Advisors/Representatives**

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### **1.3 Best Practices**

As noted in Section 1.1, this Plan is intended to be adaptive to changing conditions and fisheries participants' and stakeholder needs and is expected to improve over time as their feedback is incorporated and as the Project matures. Community Offshore Wind is committed to open, honest, and frequent engagement with the fishing community to ensure inclusion of stakeholder input regarding project design, construction, and operation. We will work with fishing representatives to establish appropriate and accessible feedback mechanisms so that communities can see and understand our dedication to transparency and collaboration.

Development of the Plan was informed by guidance and recommended best practices that include, but are not limited to, the following resources:

- BOEM Decision Memorandum, NY Bight Final Sale Notice.<sup>1</sup>
- Development of Mitigation Measures to Address Potential Use Conflicts between Commercial Wind Energy Lessees/Grantees and Commercial Fishermen on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf. OCS Study BOEM 2014-654.<sup>2</sup>
- FLOWW Best Practice Guidance for Offshore Renewables Developments: Recommendations for Fisheries Liaison. January 2014.<sup>3</sup>
- Guiding Principles for Offshore Wind Stakeholder Engagement (v1 10/21). NYSERDA.<sup>4</sup>
- Guidelines for Providing Information on Fisheries Social and Economic Conditions for Renewable Energy Development on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf. BOEM. 2020.<sup>5</sup>
- Information Guidelines for a Renewable Energy Construction and Operations Plan (COP), Attachment A. Version 4.0, 2020.<sup>6</sup>
- Central California Joint Fisheries/Cable Liaison Committee Final Agreement Between Cable Companies and Fishermen as Amended (v. 140519).<sup>7</sup>
- Oregon Fishermen’s Cable Committee Procedures (v. 2.6.17)<sup>8</sup>
- International Cable Protection Committee Government Best Practices for Protecting and Promoting Submarine Telecommunications Cables (v. 1.1).<sup>9</sup>
- Maine Offshore Wind Roadmap: Draft Initial Recommendations. March 1, 2022.<sup>10</sup>
- BOEM Request for Information: Guidance for Mitigating Impacts to Commercial and Recreational Fisheries from Offshore Wind Energy Development. Nov. 22, 2021.<sup>11</sup>
- BOEM Draft Guidelines for Mitigating Impacts to Commercial and Recreational Fisheries on the Outer Continental Shelf. June 22, 2022.<sup>12</sup>

Importantly, the communication and engagement strategies the team proposes to use have been reviewed with several members of the commercial and recreational fishing industries as well as other stakeholders. The team is grateful for this early feedback, and will continue to refine these strategies with stakeholder input over the life of the Project.

## 1.4 Authorities, Regulations, and Lease Conditions

Several statutory authorities and regulations intersect the Plan, directly or indirectly. This includes requirements under subsection 8(p) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA) that BOEM ensure any activities provide for protection of the environment and prevent interference with reasonable uses of

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/new-york-bight-final-sale-notice-decision-memorandum>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.boem.gov/sites/default/files/renewable-energy-program/Fishing-BMP-Final-Report-July-2014.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.sff.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/FLOWW-Best-Practice-Guidance-for-Offshore-Renewables-Developments-Jan-2014.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/-/media/Project/Nyserda/Files/Programs/Offshore-Wind/LSR-OSW-engageguide.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.boem.gov/sites/default/files/documents/about-boem/Social%20%26amp%3B%20Econ%20Fishing%20Guidelines.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.boem.gov/sites/default/files/documents/about-boem/COP%20Guidelines.pdf>

<sup>7</sup> [http://www.cencalcablefishery.com/uploads/2/2/6/5/22655546/140519\\_final\\_agreement\\_as\\_amended.pdf](http://www.cencalcablefishery.com/uploads/2/2/6/5/22655546/140519_final_agreement_as_amended.pdf)

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.ofcc.com/Procedures2.6.17.pdf>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.iscpc.org/documents/?id=3733>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.maineoffshorewind.org/working-group-recommendations/environment-wildlife/>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/boem-2021-0083-0001>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/draft-fisheries-mitigation-guidance>

the federal Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), including fishing. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 *et seq.*) also requires that BOEM evaluate the social and economic impacts of any potential project, and BOEM's own regulations require that it coordinate with other federal agencies to avoid conflicts among users and maximize the economic and ecological benefits of potential projects (30 CFR 585.102(a)(5)).

This Plan is intended to develop the necessary information for the Project to meet these requirements and additional regulatory provisions within 30 CFR Part 585 Subpart F (e.g., communications with stakeholders, agencies, and other potentially affected parties; social and economic conditions of commercial and recreational fisheries; and measures to avoid, minimize, reduce, eliminate, and monitor environmental impacts).

Community Offshore Wind is also subject to a number of Lease-specific terms, conditions, and stipulations contained in Appendix C of the Lease agreement. The design and implementation of this Plan is intended to meet the conditions included in Section 3 (Reporting), specifically 3.1, 3.1.1, 3.1.2.1, 3.1.2.4, and 3.1.3.

## 2 Project Background

### 2.1 Community Offshore Wind Lease Area

On March 21, 2021, BOEM announced its intent to conduct an Environmental Assessment (EA) for activities associated with site assessment (e.g., installation of meteorological buoys) and characterization (e.g., biological, geophysical, archaeological, etc. surveys) of the New York Bight Wind Energy Areas (WEAs), including cable corridors and project easements. A draft EA was released for public comment on August 10, 2021, and a final EA was issued on December 16, 2021, that concluded site assessment and characterization activities would have no significant impact on the environment in any of the wind energy areas.

On June 14, 2021, BOEM published a Proposed Sale Notice (PSN) for eight potential lease areas. The Final Sale Notice (FSN) was published on January 12, 2022, proposing the auction of six final lease areas. The Community Offshore Wind Lease Area was substantially modified by BOEM between the PSN and FSN to deconflict and address high value commercial fisheries, recreational fishing hot spots, and benthic habitats in the region. Specifically, BOEM removed from consideration a portion of adjacent lease OCS-A 0540 and all of OCS-A 0543 (adjacent to OCS-A 0540), as these areas had the highest landings and revenue from the surfclam fishery and significant overlap with habitats identified through New Jersey's Prime Fishing Areas dataset. As a result, BOEM expanded Lease OCS-A 0539 westward and removed OCS-A 0540 due to its reduced viability as a stand-alone lease<sup>13</sup>.

BOEM also adjusted the eastern border of Lease OCS-A 0539 to establish a 2.5 NM buffer between the Lease and the nearby scallop fishery access area in response to fishing industry requests, identification of important fish habitats, and the occurrence of active scallop fishing activity adjacent to the access area<sup>14</sup>. Additionally, 11,637 acres of the Lease Area are subject to a no surface occupancy Lease stipulation (i.e., a permanent prohibition on placement of objects on the ocean surface) along the northern, southern, and eastern borders of the lease. The no-occupancy areas on the northern and southern borders

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<sup>13</sup> [New York Bight Final Sale Notice Decision Memorandum](#), p. 10

<sup>14</sup> [New York Bight Final Sale Notice Decision Memorandum](#), p. 9-10

contribute to the 2.44 nautical mile transit corridors between adjacent lease areas in response to fishing community and Department of Defense requests, and in consideration of vessel traffic patterns BOEM's proactive establishment of corridors at the northern and southern boundaries of Lease OCS-A 0539 provides additional accommodation of commercial and recreational fisheries transits through the Hudson South lease areas.

This Plan has been developed at the outset of the site assessment and characterization component of the Community Offshore Wind Project, which will inform the development of a Construction and Operations Plan (COP) for the Lease, and will be adjusted in response to fisheries participant and stakeholder feedback. The COP will be subject to regulatory review, as required by law, that will provide additional opportunities for public input prior to construction and implementation. As the Project matures into the construction and operation phases, the Plan will also evolve to reflect the communication and engagement needs specific to these Project stages.

## 2.2 RWE Renewables and National Grid

Community Offshore Wind is a joint venture of RWE Renewables and National Grid and is dedicated to providing clean energy, good local jobs, and building a network of trust in the communities it serves. RWE is a global leader in the development of offshore wind facilities, with 20 successful projects in the past two decades, while National Grid brings expertise in renewable energy delivery systems in the northeast and internationally. Both organizations have ambitious objectives for achieving net zero emissions in the coming decades through innovations such as testing recyclable turbine blades and piloting green hydrogen, while generating sustainable economic opportunities for local communities.

RWE and National Grid share a common goal of advancing an equitable clean energy future through the core principles of promoting health, safety, and care for the environment and community throughout the lifecycle of the Project. This includes a commitment to continuous improvement and evolution by truly listening to stakeholders, integrating that feedback directly into the development and design of the Project, and becoming a standard-bearer for accountability and transparency.

## 3 Fisheries Characterization

Both commercial and recreational fisheries operate within the Lease Area, and as noted in Section 2.1, BOEM implemented modifications to reduce interactions with high value commercial fisheries and fish habitats. While data limitations may preclude precise spatial identification of specific fisheries working in or transiting the Lease, one of the objectives of this Plan is to curate the detailed knowledge necessary to fill in data gaps in collaboration with fisheries participants and stakeholders.

### 3.1 Stakeholder Identification

Information used to identify categories of fisheries stakeholders includes available commercial, recreational, and habitat data sets from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean (MARCO) Data Portal, Northeast Ocean Data Portal, aggregated commercial Vessel Trip Reports (VTRs) from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), as well as proactive outreach to individual commercial and recreational fishery participants. Additional fisheries stakeholders will be identified by the Liaisons in coordination with FRs and FTAs. The Liaisons will work with these stakeholders as well as state and federal fisheries managers to fill data gaps and ensure existing data are appropriately interpreted so that fisheries impacts can be avoided to the extent practicable.

In addition to commercial and recreational fisheries participants and stakeholders, Community Offshore Wind understands the significance and value of other coastal and marine recreational activities, including whale watching, surfing, paddleboarding, SCUBA diving, kayaking, sailing, and birdwatching, among others. The regional ocean planning bodies in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic (the Northeast Regional Ocean Council [NROC] and Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean [MARCO], respectively), in collaboration with the states and recreational user groups, have coordinated the collection of data and information to identify important use areas, patterns, and demographics. The Project's outreach activities will include these recreational ocean user groups, and the Plan will be updated to reflect their communication needs and preferences that are not included in other Project stakeholder engagement plans. While some engagement efforts may overlap due to the intersection of multiple interests, these will be coordinated among the Project team.

Community Offshore Wind recognizes the importance of equity and inclusivity in stakeholder identification and engagement, particularly for underserved communities, who face challenges that often prevent full participation in public processes. Consistent with the principles described in the NMFS Draft Equity and Environmental Justice Strategy<sup>15</sup>, the Plan seeks to improve Project awareness and identification of underserved communities so that outreach activities can be tailored to address their specific barriers to engagement. This includes underserved components of traditional fisheries stakeholder designations, e.g., commercial, recreational, for-hire, and private anglers, as well as other ocean users. The intent is to build an engagement network and approaches that are comprehensive across fisheries and ocean user groups, and promote participation by non-traditional stakeholders and others who may not typically be involved in these processes.

## 3.2 Current and Historical Fisheries Operations

### 3.2.1 Commercial Fisheries

According to federal VTR data, which includes spatial reporting requirements, commercial fisheries operating in the Lease Area are primarily Atlantic sea scallop and surfclam, but also include summer flounder, monkfish, and inconsistent harvest of black sea bass and skates. These fisheries are harvested with a variety of gear types. Dredges are used almost exclusively in the sea scallop fishery, while surfclams are harvested solely with hydraulic dredges. Summer flounder and black sea bass are pursued with bottom trawls, although pot gear is also occasionally used for black sea bass. Monkfish harvest in the area is primarily subject to targeted use of anchored gillnets on a seasonal basis. Examination of VTR data from the MARCO Data Portal indicate that dredges are the predominate gear type used in the Project area, but also show limited bottom trawl, pot, and gillnet gear. Important commercial ports with harvest from within the Lease Area include Atlantic City, Barnegat Light, Point Pleasant, and Cape May, New Jersey. Other ports with commercial harvest include Long Beach, and Montauk, New York; New Bedford, Massachusetts; and ports in the Hampton Roads area of Virginia.

Limited information exists regarding commercial fisheries that may be transiting the area. While spatial reporting is a requirement of the VTR program, these data are coarse and not intended for fine-scale representation of where fisheries operate. Vessels participating in specific commercial fisheries are subject to Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) requirements, including those in the sea scallop, surfclam, and monkfish fisheries. Examination of VMS data in the MARCO Data Portal indicates most surfclam harvest has occurred in the western two-thirds of the Lease Area, while most sea scallop harvest has

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<sup>15</sup> [https://media.fisheries.noaa.gov/2022-05/2022-05-NOAAFisheries-EEJ\\_508.pdf](https://media.fisheries.noaa.gov/2022-05/2022-05-NOAAFisheries-EEJ_508.pdf)

occurred in the eastern third. VMS data also suggest possible transit and/or historical trips from mid-water trawl fisheries such as those for Atlantic mackerel and squid, as well as Northeast Multispecies (groundfish). It is important to note that VMS regulations generally require vessels to maintain VMS units in operational mode at all times, even when participating in a non-VMS fishery. Automatic Identification System (AIS) data may provide additional information regarding commercial vessel transit and use of the Lease Area, but the detailed local knowledge of fishermen is critical to identifying and properly characterizing these data. Project leadership has proactively met with stakeholders in Shinnecock, New York, Greenport, NY, Barnegat Light, Belford, and Cape May, New Jersey, and other regional ports to begin this dialogue. Fishery information will be updated as local fisheries knowledge is developed in collaboration with fishery participants.

Effective April 1, 2022, NMFS implemented the Atlantic Sea Scallop 2022-2023 fishing year regulations, which include the New York Bight Scallop Rotational Closed Area. The closed area encompasses the eastern half of the Lease Area (as well as the entirety of OCS-A 0538 and the southern half of OCS-A 0537), and was established to protect several scallop year classes that are anticipated to support future fishing activities. The Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences (VIMS) 2021 dredge survey indicated the presence of 1-2 year old scallops in the northeastern portion of the Lease Area. Based on normal growth rates, these scallops would be expected to be available to the fishery within 2-4 years.

### 3.2.2 Recreational Fisheries

Information on recreational fisheries operating in and transiting through the Lease Area is also limited. Similar to commercial fisheries, for-hire vessels operating in federally-managed fisheries are subject to VTR requirements and information from the MARCO data portal indicates occasional for-hire fishing (charter and party boats) activity within the Lease Area, though higher amounts of activity inshore of and beyond the Lease Area were observed. Seasonally-important recreational fisheries for both private anglers and for-hire fleets have included summer flounder, black sea bass, scup, and bluefish, as well as pelagic species such as dolphinfish (mahi mahi) and Highly Migratory Species (HMS) such as bluefin and yellowfin tunas. Blueline and golden tilefishes (deepwater bottom species) have also increased in popularity over the years, although they are targeted over bottom contours seaward of the Lease Area. It is likely that important ports for the for-hire and private boat fleets that may be transiting and/or operating within the area include Barnegat Light, Point Pleasant, Cape May, Little Egg Inlet, Ocean City, New Jersey, and additional ports in New York.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) maintains an Artificial Reef Program, although the majority of reefs are within 2NM to 8NM of shore; only one reef is located 23NM from shore and is well to the southwest of the Lease Area. As noted in Section 2.1, the New Jersey Prime Fishing Areas dataset was used to deconflict the Lease Area with recreational fishing hot spots and activities. While none of the Prime Fishing Areas overlap the Lease Area, three sites are adjacent to it: 1) Fingers is an irregular lump adjacent to the southwestern (inshore) boundary of the Lease that is surrounded by sandy, shelly bottom; 2) Triple Wrecks South is a sandy slough so named for the wrecks on it, and abuts the northeastern corner of the Lease, extending to the north-northeast and south-southwest of the Lease Area; 3) The CORVALLIS, an isolated wreck adjacent to the northern boundary of the Lease Area and the southern boundary of lease OCS-A 0538. Curated local knowledge will also be critical to identifying information gaps for recreational fisheries, locations of any known structures or other important oceanographic features within the Lease and surrounding area, and appropriately interpreting existing data so that impacts can be thoughtfully considered and avoided. The fisheries team will compile the available data on any known hangs within the project area. No named shipwrecks are located within the Lease Area.

### 3.2.3 Other Ocean Uses

Data from the Northeast Coastal and Marine Recreational Use Characterization Study conducted by NROC<sup>16</sup> and recreational ocean use workshops conducted by the mid-Atlantic states are available via the NROC and MARCO Data Portals, and provide a footprint of the range and general density of shore-based, coastal, and ocean uses from Virginia through Maine. As noted previously, these include whale and dolphin-watching, shore-based wildlife viewing, diving, recreational boating, sailing, surfing, and kayaking. The information currently in the data portals does not display overlap of any of these activities within the Lease Area, but indicates several activities occur to the east and south along the continental shelf break, and to the north along the Hudson Canyon and vicinity. The data layers show many of these activities have occurred inshore of the Lease Area and in higher densities, and could be impacted by future cable routes.

Many coastal and ocean recreational users and operators belong to organizations and/or clubs promoting resource conservation and enjoyment of these recreational pursuits. The fisheries team will coordinate our outreach to these groups with the efforts of other Project team members to reduce stakeholder engagement burden, increase efficiency, and ensure we are providing accessible opportunities for two-way communication and feedback. Our objective is to ensure recreational users are able to participate throughout the Project development process.

## 3.3 Fisheries Habitats

The Lease Area overlaps Essential Fish Habitats (EFH) for various life stages of most species managed by the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC), with the exception of golden and blueline tilefish. It is also designated EFH for different life stages of several groundfish species managed by the New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC), as well as monkfish, skates, and sea scallops. EFH designations for multiple HMS species occur in the area, primarily sharks but also bluefin and skipjack Tunas. According to information in the MARCO Data Portal, benthic habitats within the Lease Area include mostly moderate to high flat gravel and sand, with some sandy depressions.

## 3.4 Fisheries Management

The fisheries occurring and potentially transiting the Lease Area are managed by a suite of federal and state agencies and partners, including the NJDEP Division of Fish & Wildlife, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), MAFMC (e.g., summer flounder, scup, black sea bass, surfclam), NEFMC (sea scallop, monkfish [jointly with MAFMC]), the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC), NMFS HMS Division (tunas, billfishes, sharks), NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO), and NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center. Each entity is responsible for the stewardship of fisheries resources through the conduct and/or oversight of biological and habitat surveys, fishery-dependent data collection and analyses, and policy implementation. These efforts contribute to a fisheries management framework that is coordinated to varying degrees across state and federal jurisdictions. Each organization has constituent outreach, communication, and public engagement processes that are important to the success of both individual and collective management initiatives.

This Plan recognizes the knowledge and expertise of agencies and partners and seeks to integrate their input and experience in stakeholder mapping to promote sustainable shared use of the Project Area.

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<sup>16</sup> [http://archive.neoceanplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Recreation-Study\\_Final-Report.pdf](http://archive.neoceanplanning.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/Recreation-Study_Final-Report.pdf)



While the project area is most closely located to New Jersey and New York, the fisheries communications team is also committed to understanding the relationship of other state's fleets to the area. Given the regional nature and economic importance of the fisheries operating in and/or transiting through the Lease, the fisheries communications team will engage state agencies from North Carolina through Maine. Project leadership has proactively reached out to states and federal partners to begin this dialogue and develop relationships with industry stakeholders. This Plan has identified communication with fishery managers as a potential opportunity for collaboration among developers. The team recognizes that multiple state and federal agencies have already invested large amounts of resources and time to support development of wind energy to date, and this is an area where efficiency can be explored. The team will also ensure that engagement with marine fisheries agencies is coordinated with the Project's Agency Communications Plan to reduce duplication of effort.

## 4 Offshore Project Operations

Offshore survey activities will occur in the Lease Area and potential export cable corridors as part of site assessment and characterization activities. One of the primary objectives of any survey campaign will be proactive coordination with commercial and recreational fleets to develop comprehensive awareness of the seasonality and pattern of fisheries activities so that impacts are avoided and deconflicted, particularly during peak fishing seasons. The goal of the Plan is to consider each survey campaign as an opportunity to improve two-way communications and feedback mechanisms between the Project and fisheries stakeholders as part of an adaptive communications framework. As the project matures from site assessment to construction and operations, this section of the Plan will be updated accordingly.

### 4.1 Survey Operations and Site Assessment

Site characterization and assessment will involve high-resolution geophysical, geotechnical, and benthic activities, such as depth sounding with multi-beam echo sounders to determine bathymetry, seafloor imaging with sidescan sonar, sub-bottom profilers to determine stratigraphy below the seabed, magnetometers to map ferrous returns, collection of sediment cores, and collection of benthic sediment samples to aid in habitat characterization. These activities are likely to involve multiple vessels depending on location and water depth, particularly once specific export cable corridors have been identified.

As a component of the Project's proactive approach to fisheries impact avoidance, a pre-survey risk assessment will be conducted in advance of each survey campaign to identify spatial and temporal overlap with commercial and recreational fishing activities. The assessment will be conducted in coordination with FRs and fishery participants to appropriately characterize peak and seasonal activity, and will include mitigation measures designed to avoid, minimize, and mitigate any specific fisheries risks identified. Such measures will be collaboratively developed and could include a protocol for calibration of sonar gear to identify appropriate features for this activity and specifically avoid popular fishing structures, as well as use of scout vessels. Onboard fisheries liaisons (OFLs) may also be employed depending on the survey methods used and the potential for interaction with fishing activities and/or gear. The fisheries communication team has been actively involved in the initial survey planning phase of this Project to ensure fishery and ecosystem issues are integrated in the design and execution of all survey operations.

### 4.2 Survey Team Communications

The Liaisons will work with the survey team during each pre-survey risk assessment (Section 4.1) to provide forecasts of expected commercial and recreational fisheries activities, state and federal resource

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surveys, recreational fishing tournaments (e.g., HMS), and known fixed-gear placements to facilitate impact avoidance. The Liaisons will conduct daily briefings with survey vessels to provide the survey teams with updated information regarding fisheries operating in or transiting through the survey area prior to initiation of each day's activities, and will receive feedback from the survey team daily. The Liaisons will serve as the primary contact for both industry and the survey team to identify and resolve any issues that occur during survey operations, and will develop notices of survey operations for distribution to commercial and recreational fishery participants and stakeholders via communication methods and outlets identified for each sector (see sections 5.2 and 5.3), as well as USCG Notices to Mariners. All notices will be distributed to the fishing industry as early as practicable and no later than two weeks in advance of any scheduled survey or site assessment activity. The Liaisons will also work with the FRs to ground-truth and update information conveyed to survey teams. Survey vessels will monitor VHF channel 16 at all times during survey operations for communication with fishing vessels in the area on a bridge-to-bridge basis.

Given the importance of timely and accurate two-way feedback during survey preparation and operations, the communications team is exploring innovative digital technologies, to communicate survey activity, receive stakeholder input, and facilitate avoidance of fisheries impacts. If successful, these could reduce the burden of engagement on fishing communities, while also promoting safe co-occurrence of fishing and survey operations. The team is committed to continued pursuit of approaches that support efficient and innovative communications for the benefit of fishing participants and stakeholders.

### 4.3 Gear Loss and Interactions

While every effort will be made to avoid and deconflict fisheries impacts prior to each survey campaign, the Project has established a gear loss claim procedure for loss or damage to fishing gear due to survey activities (please see Appendix 3). The procedure establishes the reporting process for fishermen who experience a gear loss or damage associated with the project's offshore operations, and confirm the Project's commitment to processing claims for lost/damaged fishing gear in a timely manner. A Survey Fishing Gear Incident Form and procedures will be used by contracted survey vessels to report any gear interactions, and a Gear Loss/Damage Claim Form is available to fishermen who experience a gear loss or damage event associated with any vessels contracted to the Project and will be posted on the Project website. The Liaisons will be the point of contact for fishermen to assist them with this process. As per the lease stipulations, an annual summary of claims will be provided to BOEM.

Community Offshore Wind acknowledges the concerns expressed by fishermen regarding the potential differences in gear loss/damage claim processes across different Projects. We are committed to working with other leaseholders to develop procedures that will minimize stakeholder burden and increase transparency and consistency.

## 5 Fisheries Communication Strategies

The communication strategies outlined below are built on the Project's core communication principles to meet the Plan objectives described in Section 1.1. These approaches are intended to be specific and adaptable to the needs of each stakeholder group and promote effective, two-way engagement that contributes to the safe, successful, and sustainable shared use of the Lease Area. This Plan anticipates using a combination of engagement methods including one-on-one interviews, small group meetings in fishing communities, larger workshops that potentially include other developers and multiple stakeholder types, etc. to identify key concerns and provide avenues for stakeholders to contribute their observations and requests. Each component outlined in the following sections should function as an interconnected

node in a broader communications network to advance shared understanding between the Project and fisheries stakeholders that is based on the curated local knowledge of the fishing community. As the network and strategies evolve throughout the Project lifetime, the Plan will be updated accordingly, and revised versions will be posted on the Community Offshore Wind website. As noted previously, the fisheries team proactively engaged some members of the commercial and recreational fishing communities to discuss the suitability of various communications nodes and approaches.

The Project is also committed to understanding the differing communication preferences within and among stakeholder groups. A successful Project outcome requires addressing these needs in a manner that is sensitive to cultural and language differences, as well as accessibility to information sources. The Liaisons will coordinate with FRs to identify specific approaches that meet unique stakeholder needs and promote inclusivity.

Community Offshore Wind recognizes the high stakeholder engagement burden given the number of active leases in the Mid-Atlantic and New England regions. The Project is committed to building initiatives with other developers to streamline this burden, while acknowledging the inherent tension this creates among competing entities. For example, the team has discussed it may be more efficient for multiple developers to host topic-based workshops so stakeholders could provide input on a particular issue, compared to area-specific feedback. This team is aware of the time constraints many fishery stakeholders have and efficiency is a core objective of this plan.

## 5.1 Commercial Fisheries Communications

The Liaisons will work closely with the FRs and industry to develop the most appropriate methods (e.g., paper, text, email, public listserves, social media, websites) to reach the greatest number of stakeholders, being mindful of the cadence and mode of information delivery. Approaches will be tailored to each fishery and/or communication node, although some overlap is expected. The Liaisons will also develop and maintain a list of contacts for various commercial fishing constituencies (e.g., fish houses/dealers/processors, commercial associations, key fishery participants, etc.).

### 5.1.1 Fisheries Operating in and Transiting Lease

As described in Section 3.2.1, the primary commercial fisheries operating in the Lease Area are dredge fisheries, but some bottom and mid-water trawl, gillnet, and pot effort has also historically occurred in and/or transited through this area. The Liaisons will work with the FRs, FTAs, local industry, state and federal marine fisheries agencies, and regional fishery management councils to identify stakeholders with current and historical knowledge who may be available for direct communication. Engagement with industry members who can interpret and fill information gaps is critical to a shared understanding and impact avoidance. For example, our marine affairs team proactively engaged industry with Project engineers to promote technical understanding of dredge gear configuration and operation. Such exchanges can also inform development of appropriate communication strategies for different phases of the Project.

In recognition of stakeholder burden, the Liaisons will work with the FRs to coordinate in-person engagements with individuals and groups. Anticipated communication methods during survey activities include, but are not limited to: USCG Notices to Mariners; local notices to fishermen via appropriate state agency communication lists; text and/or email messages to individuals operating in the same fishery/gear type; social media and postings on the Project website; and distribution/posting of paper notices of survey operations at appropriate locations.

### 5.1.2 Commercial Fisheries Associations/Representatives

Commercial fisheries associations and representatives serve a valuable role for commercial stakeholders as trusted sources of information regarding management issues under consideration and upcoming regulatory changes at both the state and federal level. Most, if not all, send out regular communications to their memberships, hold leadership (i.e., board of directors) meetings, and may host or participate in community engagement events. The Liaisons will work with the FR to identify a list of appropriate organizations for outreach regarding the Project. The Liaisons will endeavor to provide general Project information and fishery notices regarding survey activities to associations and representatives for distribution to their membership, attend association meetings to listen to and provide feedback regarding industry concerns (as appropriate and requested), and be available as a resource. The Liaisons will work with other leaseholder liaisons to coordinate communication and engagement efforts to reduce the burden on organizations to respond to multiple requests. As appropriate, the Project may also host a booth at trade shows where representatives of commercial fishing organizations may be in attendance to provide information that organizations may distribute to their members.

### 5.1.3 Shoreside Infrastructure/Communities

Shoreside infrastructure such as docks, fish houses/dealer/processor facilities, and vessel repair shops can be important communication sites for busy commercial stakeholders entering or leaving port. The Liaisons will work with the FRs to identify shoreside infrastructure hubs for posting of fishery notices, via electronic or traditional media as desired and appropriate, regarding upcoming survey activities. The Liaisons will also engage directly with shoreside infrastructure owners to establish communication and serve as a resource for industry concerns and questions.

## 5.2 Recreational Fisheries Communications

Recreational fishermen receive information using similar modalities as commercial fishermen (i.e., social media, websites, other electronic platforms, paper) as well as similar types of information sources (e.g., USCG Notices to Mariners, organizations and clubs, marinas, boat ramps). The Liaisons will work with FRs to identify and tailor the mode and frequency of communications as appropriate for each recreational stakeholder constituency to promote avoidance of recreational fisheries impacts throughout the life cycle of the Project.

### 5.2.1 Fisheries Operating in and Transiting Lease

The majority of offshore recreational fishing effort operating out of New Jersey and New York is from private anglers fishing for summer flounder, black sea bass, and bluefish, as well as striped bass, sharks, tunas, and other HMS species. However, spatial data on recreational fisheries are limited and the team plans to work directly with recreational captains and angling organizations to develop a detailed understanding of recreational effort, including for HMS species, within and around the Lease Area. This will include efforts by the fisheries team to understand fisheries transits through the project area. It is likely that targeted, deepwater trips (such as for bluefin and golden tilefish), which may be combined with trips for HMS species, will transit the Lease Area on the way to fishing grounds seaward of the Lease. In 2021, there were over 4,000 HMS Angling Permits homeported in New Jersey (second only to Florida) and just under 2,800 homeported in New York, indicating high interest in these fisheries<sup>17</sup>. The Liaisons

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<sup>17</sup> [2021 Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Report \(SAFE\) for Atlantic Highly Migratory Species](#), p. 69

will work with the FRs, state and federal agencies, regional fishery management councils and partners, as well as local fishing clubs, to identify anglers with historic experience in and near the Lease Area. Whenever possible, engagement with local fishermen to curate their knowledge and determine communication preferences will be coordinated with other leaseholders to minimize engagement burden. The fisheries team is committed to improving the efficiency and effectiveness of recreational fishery outreach through collaboration with other leaseholders.

### 5.2.2 For-Hire Fisheries

For-hire fisheries (charter boats and headboats) are socially, culturally, and economically important to surrounding shoreside communities, and the Liaisons will develop outreach protocols suited to this unique sector. The for-hire trips most likely to be transiting and/or operating in the lease area are HMS trips; as of October 2021, there were just over 400 HMS Charter/Headboat Permit homeported in New Jersey (second to Florida), and about 370 homeported in New York<sup>18</sup>. The Liaisons will coordinate with the FRs and state and federal agencies to identify marinas that serve as hubs for the charter and headboat fleets, and will engage marina operators as important constituents in communication efforts. As noted above, outreach and communication methods will likely include written/posted materials regarding survey activities, as well as electronic and social media, but the mode and frequency will be tailored according to feedback from marina operators.

### 5.2.3 Recreational Tournaments

Recreational fishing tournaments occur seasonally, generally spring through fall, and tournaments focused on HMS species are most likely to incur transit through the lease area. The Liaisons will work with for-hire captains, recreational fishing organizations, and agencies to develop a list of tournaments in the area, and will post written survey information at tournament locations, as well as communicate to tournament organizers the timing and extent of survey operations. For tournament fleets that may transit the project area, tournaments will be provided in advance with communications materials describing any offshore survey operations or related activities to promote awareness and safety. The project will also offer to send a representative to tournament captain's meetings as appropriate to notify the captains of any offshore operations.

### 5.2.4 Recreational Fisheries Organizations/Representatives

A number of recreational fishing organizations exist in the region and serve important roles as communication and information dissemination nodes for private anglers and for-hire fleets. Some serve both constituencies while others focus specifically on one stakeholder group, but most communicate regularly with their memberships via electronic communications, social media, and/or printed newsletters. Many organizations participate in the fisheries management process, and some host fishing tournaments or sponsor community events. The Liaisons will develop a list of recreational fishing organizations to engage in dialogue regarding survey activities, member concerns and feedback, and determine the appropriate modes and frequency of communication in coordination with organization leadership.

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<sup>18</sup> [2021 Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Report \(SAFE\) for Atlantic Highly Migratory Species](#), p. 68

### 5.2.5 Shoreside Infrastructure/Communities

Marinas, boat ramps, and tackle shops are components of shoreside infrastructure that are also important communication conduits for the recreational fishing community. The Liaisons will work with state agency staff, FRs, and recreational fishing organizations to identify high use infrastructure for posting of survey information. Tackle shops or sporting goods stores may also serve as community hubs, and some occasionally sponsor or host lectures or information sessions for clients/constituents. The Liaisons will explore the possibility of adding these as engagement nodes and coordinating with other leaseholders in outreach activities tailored for these groups.

## 5.3 State and Federal Management Entities and Agencies

State and federal fisheries agencies and regional management entities participate in the stewardship of fisheries occurring in and transiting through the Lease Area, and conduct or coordinate several fishery-independent surveys within the Lease Area and/or within potential export cable corridors. These surveys provide critically important information for regional fisheries assessment and management, and data to inform the Project and Plan goal of fisheries impact avoidance. The Liaisons will work with state and federal agency staff to develop a list of resource surveys, and with survey coordinators to avoid scheduling conflicts between resource and project survey operations. The intent of these activities is to ensure the concerns as well as expertise of agencies and management entities are incorporated throughout the project lifecycle.

This Plan acknowledges that a similar communication burden exists for agencies as for stakeholders given the pace of offshore leasing activities, and is committed to working with other developers to coordinate and streamline these efforts whenever possible. As noted previously, the fisheries team will also coordinate efforts with the Project's Agency Communications Plan. The objective is to develop an appropriate frequency and method of communication with state and federal agencies, fisheries management entities, and other partners that will promote future collaborative opportunities (see Section 6) and support agency climate resiliency initiatives.

### 5.3.1 Federal Agencies

The Plan will coordinate engagement with GARFO, Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC), and the NMFS HMS Division to ensure that Project survey activities are appropriately communicated and scheduled to avoid impacts to important agency biological surveys, such as: the NEFSC Spring and Fall Bottom Trawl Surveys; Northeast Area Monitoring and Assessment Program (NEAMAP) Survey; Ecosystem Monitoring Surveys; North Atlantic Right Whale Aerial Surveys; Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Aerial Surveys; Marine Mammal, Sea Turtle, and Seabird Ship-based Surveys; Seal Aerial Abundance Surveys; Coastal Shark Bottom Longline Surveys; and the Cooperative Atlantic States Shark Popping and Longline/Gillnet Survey. The Liaisons will also work with federal agencies and the managers of industry collaborative resource surveys (e.g., School of Marine Science and Technology (SMAST) at University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth, Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) and Coonamessett Farm Foundation (CFF) scallop surveys, NOAA/surflam industry resource surveys) to align Project survey schedules with these activities. The Plan recognizes the impacts that construction and operations of offshore wind facilities will have on these critical surveys. An objective of this engagement is to explore opportunities to develop future project monitoring activities that are compatible with existing surveys and can contribute to the management of fisheries resources, consistent with the Draft NOAA Fisheries and BOEM Federal Survey Mitigation Strategy.

### 5.3.2 State Agencies

Although the Lease Area is closest to New York and New Jersey, the Liaisons will coordinate engagement with state marine fisheries agencies from North Carolina through Maine due to the regional nature of the fisheries operating in and transiting through the Lease. Project leadership proactively contacted NJDEP and NYSDEC, as well as the New York State Environmental Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), and other state agencies, to begin building these important relationships. Since then, the fisheries team has conducted targeted outreach with fisheries division staff from several state agencies to explore and discuss the proposed communication strategies. Further engagement with the NYSERDA Fisheries Technical Working Group (F-TWG), of which RWE is a member, and the NJDEP Offshore Wind (OSW) Working Group is anticipated. The Liaisons will provide an overview of the Plan to state agency staff for feedback and suggestions, and to determine the appropriate communication methods, outlets, and tempo for agency engagement. The Liaisons will also explore leveraging agency communication portals with staff to expand stakeholder engagement and awareness of the Project, and to promote inclusion of all interested and affected constituencies. As noted, objectives of the Plan include coordination of Project survey operations so as to avoid impacts to state biological resource surveys, and incorporation of agency expertise.

### 5.3.3 Regional Fishery Management Entities

The regional fishery management councils and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) are important stewards of marine fisheries resources, working in partnership with each other and NMFS to develop and implement regulations that promote sustainable future fishing opportunities. The MAFMC and NEFMC have extensive communication and stakeholder engagement networks, and the Liaisons will work with both councils to provide project updates as appropriate (e.g., an introductory presentation to the MAFMC at its August 2022 meeting) and to determine acceptable methods and frequency of communications. This may include working with staff to provide survey notices and fact sheets for the Joint NEFMC/MAFMC Offshore Wind webpage and/or for distribution via email and social media postings. Similarly, the ASMFC is responsible for fishery management plans in state waters along the entire east coast. Therefore, they too have an extensive stakeholder network including commercial, recreational, and other interested parties. The team will also explore coordination of information “open houses” with other developers to provide opportunities for stakeholder feedback in conjunction with Council and/or Commission meetings.

## 5.4 Other Partners

Multiple organizations are active participants in the conversations surrounding development of offshore wind in the U.S., including the Responsible Offshore Development Alliance (RODA), the Responsible Offshore Science Alliance (ROSA), the Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative for Offshore Wind (RWSC), academic institutions, and several environmental nongovernmental organizations. Community Offshore Wind recognizes the contributions and continuing efforts of RODA, ROSA, RWSC, scientists, and others to improving the dialogue between fishing communities and the offshore wind industry, developing recommendations regarding impact fees and mitigation, hosting workshops and other collaborations, and conducting research and monitoring to promote a shared understanding of the state of the science and future scientific needs. The Project’s fisheries communications team is committed to participating in and contributing to these efforts and future initiatives, and providing efficient and productive settings for early engagement and dialogue.

## 5.5 Communications Tracking

The Plan includes a stakeholder management system to record efforts across all Project communications plans and track stakeholder concerns and requests. Every engagement opportunity will be documented by engagement type, stakeholder category, relevance and specific input provided. The team will detail how that input has been communicated and integrated into the overall planning of the Project. This will improve transparency and illustrate the variety of engagement strategies planned. This information will be included in the semi-annual progress reports, which are a BOEM lease condition, and will be posted on the Project website. Reports will note when and how each concern has been addressed or integrated into the design, development, or operation of the project.

## 6 Collaborative Opportunities

A major focus of the Plan is to engage fishing communities in the development of collaborative opportunities for monitoring and research, as well as safety and training enhancements, that are informed by their local knowledge of historic and current fishing activities and resources. The objective is a robust research, monitoring, enhancement, and data sharing program that addresses relevant needs identified by fishing community stakeholders, state and federal agencies, and other partners. Coordination with other developers will be explored whenever feasible to maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of these efforts.

### 6.1 Monitoring

Pre-, during, and post-construction monitoring is an important component of avoiding and addressing fisheries impacts, providing for the continuity of existing data streams, and piloting the application of new technologies and survey designs. Community Offshore Wind envisions a collaborative monitoring program that is adaptive to fisheries management, stakeholder, and Project needs, and provides opportunities for coordination across leaseholders. The following is a non-exhaustive list of potential collaborative monitoring initiatives:

- Provide opportunities for commercial and for-hire vessels to participate in pre- and post-construction resource, mapping, and benthic surveys.
- Piloting integration/transition from NOAA vessels to industry vessels in fishery independent survey areas impacted by turbine construction.
- Development and testing of consistent monitoring methods and survey designs in coordination with other leaseholders to facilitate integration with long-term resource surveys.
- Join ROSA Advisory Council, pending membership approval, and participate in the organization's efforts to advance collaborative and consistent regional approaches to monitoring.
- Support and participate in the development of the American Clean Power Recreational Fisheries Engagement initiative, and explore opportunities for recreational participation in innovative monitoring approaches.
- Support for socio-economic monitoring of fishing communities to document Project impacts and benefits.

### 6.2 Research

State and federal agencies, regional fishery management bodies, and other partners have contributed significant resources to identifying research needs regarding impacts of offshore wind development on fisheries resources and management. Community Offshore Wind is committed to active participation and

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coordination with other leaseholders in addressing and supporting these needs, recognizing the strain that rapid expansion of offshore wind has placed on the region's research community. The following is a non-exhaustive list of potential opportunities that will be expanded as the Project's fisheries communications team engages in existing conversations on development of research needs:

- Engagement with academic institutions and research collaboratives (e.g., VIMS, Rutgers, SMAST, CFF, State University of New York (SUNY), Science Center for Marine Fisheries (SCMFIS), etc.) regarding research needs for fisheries occurring in the Lease Area.
- Explore potential sponsorship/support opportunities for workshops and research activities focused on scallop and/or surf clam resources.
- Coordinate with regional fishery management councils, NMFS, ROSA, RWSC, and academic partners to identify and develop collaborative research projects for affected species that are suitable for commercial and headboat platforms.
- Provide support for exploratory research to improve compatibility and/or efficiency of dredge gear within offshore wind arrays.
- Support research to address potential impacts of wind energy areas on federal surveys and resource assessments (e.g., collaborate on relevant resource assessment modeling efforts, potential calibration of various survey techniques, etc.)
- Support habitat research relevant to species occurring within lease area.
- Explore potential research opportunities for private anglers through the American Clean Power Association's Recreational Fisheries Engagement initiative.
- Support for internship opportunities.

### 6.3 Information and Data Sharing

A tremendous amount of data and information will be generated during site characterization and assessment, construction and post-construction monitoring, and collaborative opportunities described above. The project is committed to providing timely access to fisheries data and information to the extent practicable to improve management of ocean resources. Anticipated activities to support this objective include:

- Explore utility of project data to ecosystem and other resource assessments.
- Collaborate with researchers and/or educators to distill research and monitoring results into formats suitable for general public audiences (e.g., ArcGIS Story Maps) and students.
- Provide public access to research and monitoring data within the bounds of federal confidentiality requirements necessary to protect individual fishing entities.
- Develop a data sharing/confidentiality policy that clearly outlines the Project's expectations of contracted entities (e.g., academic researchers) with respect to pre-, during, and post-construction data collection funded by the Project.

### 6.4 Safety and Training

Safety of fishermen, communities, and Project crews is a core principle of the Plan that is aligned with the overall philosophy of avoidance of fisheries impacts whenever possible. The Project is committed to promoting the safe and sustainable coexistence of fishing activities and offshore wind through initiatives such as:

- Engage local fishermen to serve as scout vessels during survey operations and as guard vessels during project construction.



- Incorporate the ability for fishermen to provide real-time updates regarding changes in fishing operations via innovative digital approaches (see Section 4. 2).
- Provide marine simulator training for commercial and recreational vessels to experience navigation through different potential project design configurations under a variety of weather conditions.
- Support the American Clean Power Association’s Recreational Fishing Industry Engagement initiative as a venue to identify and address the unique safety concerns of for-hire and private anglers.
- Provide support for vessel radar upgrades and/or testing of new equipment for commercial and for-hire fishing vessels.
- Collaborate with NOAA, the USCG, and chart plotting companies to develop an efficient process for providing updated chart information at appropriate timeframes, based on site assessment activities and continuing throughout project construction and operation.

## 7 Conflict Prevention and Resolution

The philosophy of Community Offshore Wind is that integration of curated, local fisheries knowledge into the Project design will prevent conflicts by avoiding fisheries impacts to the greatest extent practicable. The intent of the FCP is for Liaisons to work with FRs and fishing communities to develop this knowledge, collaboratively identify potential impacts from the Project, and where those impacts cannot be avoided, engage in a bottom-up process to develop approaches to minimize, rehabilitate, and mitigate those impacts. Approaches to prevent conflicts that might arise include but are not limited to the following:

- Engage fishing communities early in discussions of options for export and inter-array cable layouts, as well as installation/burial techniques, that minimize impacts to fishing activities and habitats.
- Coordinate with fishing communities and adjacent developers to identify options that could avoid or reduce impacts on fishing activities.
- Engage fishing communities to develop seasonal and geographic awareness of fisheries operations so they can be considered in the scheduling of site assessment and construction activities.

Our fisheries team will focus on constructive, proactive engagement with the fishing industry in order to avoid and minimize project conflicts with marine fisheries. In recognition that it may not be possible to avoid all conflicts, the Project will implement a stepwise approach to address disputes. This process will begin with the fisheries team working to address differences within a reasonable timeframe (e.g., 30 days), followed by an intermediate step allowing for external consultations as needed, and a final step of engaging a professional facilitator to assist in the identification of potential solutions or resolutions. The intent is to provide members of the fishing community a clear process to address disagreements, as well as opportunities to notify the Project of previously unknown conflicts and concerns via multiple tools (e.g., website, mobile app, contact with FRs and Liaisons), and suggestions for resolution. We are committed to successful, long-term coexistence with the fisheries, and will be proactive in our efforts to identify and work through any potential conflicts.

## 8 Coordination Across Leases

Coordination with other developers is a theme that is integrated throughout the Plan, and the Project is committed to advancing these efforts. Project leadership currently participates in the American Clean

Power Fisheries Subcommittee, as well as the NYSERDA F-TWG and E-TWG to collaborate on issues of common interest among leaseholders, including:

- Collaborating with other leaseholders to develop consistent monitoring practices that are informed by state and federal resource needs, and fisheries stakeholder concerns.
- Development of consistent protocols for compensation for gear loss and damage as well as potential lost fishing income.
- Coordinated stakeholder engagement efforts (e.g., joint topic workshops, port hours, curating local knowledge, identifying communication preferences and opportunities to improve communications efficiency and reduce the burden on fishermen, etc.)
- Agency communication and engagement.

## 9 Indicators and Metrics

This plan will include specific metrics and indicators to measure the success and efficacy of the Plan. The team will collaborate with stakeholders to seek early feedback on candidate qualitative and quantitative metrics. Once defined these performance metrics will be described in future versions of the Plan and updates included in progress reports. This is an important step in identifying clear ways to evaluate and continuously improve the Plan. Some candidate metrics include:

- Target meeting frequencies for state and federal agencies and their offshore wind working groups, as well as fisheries management entities, to convey updates on project status and solicit feedback.
- Number of interviews with participants and representatives of various fisheries sectors.
- Number of open houses and/or port meetings hosted (in-person and virtual) to develop collaborative research and monitoring opportunities.
- Achievement of team development goals (e.g., number of FRs representing different fisheries and sectors)
- Number of fishery and/or sector specific fact sheets developed.

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## Appendix 2 – Example Engagement Tracking Template

The following is an example of a potential stakeholder engagement tracking template and the types of information the fisheries team anticipates collecting to describe and document how input from fisheries participants and stakeholders is being integrated into the Project, and how feedback is being provided. As noted in Section 5.5, a Project-wide stakeholder management system is being developed to comprehensively track all stakeholder input and feedback mechanisms across all required Project communications plans.

Date of Engagement	Engagement Type	Fisheries Team member(s)	Stakeholder Category	Stakeholder Name(s)	Organization (if applicable)	Location	Phone	Email	Summary of Issues Discussed	Project-Specific Input Provided	Actions in Response to Feedback

## Appendix 3 – Gear Loss Claim Form



### Fishing Gear Avoidance and Claims Process

Community Offshore Wind, LLC and our contractors are committed to avoiding interactions with commercial fishing gear. Our fisheries team—including our Fisheries Liaisons in coordination with our Fisheries Technical Advisors/Fisheries Representatives—conduct risk assessments in consultation with the local fishing industry to assess the spatial and seasonal distribution of fixed fishing gear in the project area. Effective communication and close coordination are key to avoiding negative fisheries interactions and our team is committed to proactive communication through fisheries notices, notices to mariners, and direct outreach to local fishermen to notify the fleet of the project’s offshore operations. Our survey operations also use onboard fisheries liaisons and scout vessels, as indicated by the risk assessments, in order to reduce the risk of interacting with fixed fishing gear.

In the event of an interaction with commercial fishing gear, Community Offshore Wind, LLC has a gear loss claims procedure in place to provide a process for fishermen to file a claim for their gear damage or loss.

#### Claim Filing Process

If a fisherman believes or has information that they experienced gear damage or loss as a result of Community Offshore Wind’s operations, they should review and complete the Gear Loss Claim Application, together with the appropriate supporting documentation.

The completed application and supporting documentation must be submitted by email to our Fisheries Liaison, [DeirdreB@communityoffshorewind.com](mailto:DeirdreB@communityoffshorewind.com) with an electronic copy to our Marine Affairs Manager at [RickR@communityoffshorewind.com](mailto:RickR@communityoffshorewind.com).

#### To have a claim reviewed, applicants must:

1. Contact Deirdre Boelke, Fisheries Liaison, as soon as safely possible following the gear damage or loss event. She should be contacted by phone at 978.518.0638. If she is unavailable by phone, contact Rick Robins, Marine Affairs Manager, at 757.876.3778.
2. Provide a complete, signed application form and supporting documents within 30 days of the gear damage or loss incident.
3. Review and include all documents required in the application Check List.

#### Process for claim review:

- Gear damage or loss claim applications will be reviewed by the Community Offshore Wind Fisheries Liaison and a representative of Community Offshore Wind.

- Applicants will be notified of the result of the review, in writing, within 30 days of receipt of a complete application.
- If the claim is found to be valid, a check will be provided to the Applicant.
- If the claim is denied, a written explanation will be provided to the Applicant.
- Applicants who disagree with the decision may file a written notice of appeal with Community Offshore Wind, LLC, and Community Offshore Wind, LLC may engage or consult with a third party or external reviewers to review the application on appeal. The decision on appeal will be final and not subject to any further right of appeal.
- Applicants may not file multiple claims for gear loss in the same area. Prevention methods should be followed by all parties.
- Community Offshore Wind, LLC reserves the right to request additional information to support review of claim.

## Gear Loss Claim Application Form

Date of application: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Entity type: (LLC, corporation, individual proprietor) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Vessel name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home port: \_\_\_\_\_

Vessel documentation number: \_\_\_\_\_

Federal fishing permit number: \_\_\_\_\_

State fisheries landing permit: \_\_\_\_\_

Gear type: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of incident causing gear damage or loss, and extent of the gear damage or loss, believed attributable to offshore operations associated with the project:

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Date of gear loss incident (specify actual/observed or estimated): \_\_\_\_\_

Time of day and weather conditions (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Location of gear damage or loss (lat/lon or TDs—specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Spatial record of gear damage location (chart plotter, logbook, other—specify, and please provide image, copy):

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Gear description and markings: \_\_\_\_\_

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Description of offshore wind vessels and any other vessels in area of gear damage/loss (specify source—observation, AIS, etc.) :

When was gear last set or hauled: \_\_\_\_\_

Was any gear retrieved, how much, and condition: \_\_\_\_\_

How much gear (pots, traps, high flyers, etc.) was damaged or lost in this specific incident?

Claim amount requested for damaged or lost gear: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide detailed invoice for original gear, if available, and invoice for gear repair or replacement.

Provide completed W-9 form (<https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/fw9.pdf>).

Provide any available photos of undamaged and damaged gear.

**Additional documentation is required if Applicant is claiming lost fishing time and this section only needs to be completed if Applicant is claiming lost fishing time:**

Date of gear damage/loss: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of gear repair/replacement: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of claim for lost fishing time: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of lost fishing time and revenue: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of fish landing history for the 30-day period prior to gear damage/loss, and vessel trip report (VTR) records or state landing records if fishery is not subject to VTR requirements:

Provide documentation of gear tag replacement application/receipt, state and federal if applicable.

By submitting this Application, Applicant authorizes Community Offshore Wind, LLC to make whatever reasonable inquiries and investigations it deems necessary to verify my application and request for compensation.

Applicant understands that submitting this Application does not guaranty payment. Applicant further acknowledges and agrees that if this claim is accepted and paid in its entirety, that acceptance of such payment constitutes full, final, and complete payment for this particular claim and that neither Community Offshore Wind, LLC nor any of its affiliates shall have any further outstanding or ongoing obligation with respect to this specific claim and Applicant shall not, directly or indirectly, assert any claim, or commence, join in, prosecute, participate in, or fund any part of, any suit or other proceeding of any kind against Community Offshore Wind, LLC or its affiliates, based upon this specific claim. If a claim is denied in part, Applicant may accept payment for the undisputed part without waiving Applicant's right to appeal the disputed part of the claim. Applicant recognizes that submission of this Application does not affect Applicant's rights concerning matters other than those specifically identified in this specific Application.

I attest, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of my knowledge the information in this Application is true and correct.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Application Check-list

- Completed and signed application
  - Completed and signed W-9 form
  - Image or copy of documentation (chart plotter, logbook, etc.) of location of gear damage incident
  - Provide any available photos of undamaged and damaged gear
  - Invoices for original gear and replacement gear
  - Any additional information Applicant wishes to have considered in support of application
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### Additional information required for any claims of lost fishing time

- VTRs and state landings reports, as appropriate to the fishery, for the 30-day period prior to the incident
- Documentation of tag replacement applications and receipts, if applicable

Our fisheries liaisons are here to help—please let the liaison know if you have any questions and please return this form and attachments by delivering an electronic copy via email to Deirdre Boelke, Fisheries Liaison for Community Offshore Wind, LLC at [DeirdreB@communityoffshorewind.com](mailto:DeirdreB@communityoffshorewind.com) , with a copy to Rick Robins, Marine Affairs Manager, at [RickR@communityoffshorewind.com](mailto:RickR@communityoffshorewind.com).

Please note that the payment cannot be processed without a signature and completed W-9 form. If applications are deemed to be incomplete, they will be returned to the applicant within 15 business days to complete the application.



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# Business Associations



January 18, 2023

Mr. Gregory Lampman  
NYSERDA Offshore Wind Program Director  
17 Columbus Circle  
Albany, NY 12203

**Re: Community Offshore Wind Letter of Support**

Dear Mr. Lampman,

On behalf of the Association for a Better Long Island, a leading regional economic development organization, I write in support of Community Offshore Wind's, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, application to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) that will deliver clean energy to the state of New York.

Community Offshore Wind (COSW) has a reputation for executing successful large infrastructure and clean energy projects, but also the familiarity with the people that live and work in New York. RWE is one of the world's leading companies in offshore wind and has constructed 18 offshore wind farms. National Grid serves over 20 million people throughout the Northeast, including New York, and has developed large-scale infrastructure projects across the US and UK. Given the joint venture's experience in generation and transmission locally, they appear uniquely qualified to help address the just transition of displaced workers as we move towards the clean energy economy.

In addition to their experience, COSW continues to be present within the Long Island community. They are collaborating with various industries and groups that make up the fabric of Long Island.

Therefore, the Association for a Better Long Island supports Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

Sincerely,

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Kyle Strober, Executive Director  
*Association for a Better Long Island*

January 20, 2023

Mr. Gregory Lampman  
NYSERDA Offshore Wind Program Director  
17 Columbus Circle  
Albany, NY 12203

Dear Mr. Lampman,

The Long Island Association (LIA), which is the leading business organization in the region, supports Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, both LIA members, and their efforts to bring clean energy to Long Island. We look forward to continue partnering with them to make Long Island the offshore wind capital of the world, capitalizing on our region's prime location for offshore wind development off our coast and realize the economic, environmental, climate, and union job creation benefits.

Community Offshore Wind has the potential to deliver clean energy to Long Island efficiently, reliably, and safely, and has experience with executing successful large infrastructure and clean energy projects. RWE is one of the world's leading companies in offshore wind and has constructed 18 offshore wind farms. National Grid serves more than 20 million people throughout the Northeast, including on Long Island, and has developed large-scale infrastructure projects across New York State, the United States, and the United Kingdom. We are confident that this collaboration can advance our clean energy economy.

Community Offshore Wind has already shown a commitment to Long Island-based non-profit organizations and supporting small businesses. The proposed project led by Community Offshore Wind will result in new union jobs for Long Islanders, workforce training programs, manufacturing facilities, and opportunities for local MWBE businesses to foster a regional supply chain. The project will also help New York State meet the goals of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.

Thank you for your consideration of Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

Sincerely,



Matt Cohen  
President & CEO  
Long Island Association



January 10, 2023

Mr. Gregory Lampman  
NYSERDA Offshore Wind Program Director  
17 Columbus Circle  
Albany, NY 12203

Dear Mr. Lampman,

Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, is responding to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) to deliver clean energy to the state of New York. The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce supports the project and believes Community Offshore Wind will deliver clean energy to the Northeast efficiently, reliably, and safely and build strong, sustainable communities.

Community Offshore Wind has the collective experience for executing successful large infrastructure and clean energy projects, but also the familiarity with the people that live and work in New York. RWE is one of the world's leading companies in offshore wind and has constructed 17 wind farms. National Grid serves over 20 million people throughout the Northeast, including New York, and has developed large-scale infrastructure projects across the US and UK.

In the months following the lease sale, the joint venture has reached out to the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. They are collaborating with workforce training facilities on how to build a workforce with local, diverse candidates and provide them with the education and training they need. They are working with local suppliers and minority-owned businesses to create an environmentally conscious, regional supply chain. The team is also committed to serving the underserved by working with local, non-profit organizations to provide educational, economic, and environmental benefits to underserved communities. Over the past few months Community Offshore Wind has partnered with the following Brooklyn groups including: The Brooklyn Botanic Garden, the Red Hook Initiative, and Reaching Out Community Services and most recently becoming a member of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce.

The project will sit on the largest parcel in the New York Bight and has the potential to host 3 GW of capacity, enough to power over one million homes. The project will help New York State meet the goals of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, which has set a target that 70 percent of the state's electricity be produced from renewable resources by 2030.

The Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce expresses our support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

Sincerely,



Randy Peers  
President and CEO



January 24, 2023

NYSERDA and the ORECRFP22-1 Scoring Committee  
17 Columbia Circle  
Albany, New York 12203-6399

The Staten Island Chamber of Commerce (SICC) respectfully provides our support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA's Third Offshore Wind Solicitation.

Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, is responding to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) to deliver clean energy to the state of New York. We believe Community Offshore Wind will deliver clean energy to the Northeast efficiently, reliably, and safely and build strong, sustainable communities.

Community Offshore Wind has the collective experience for executing successful large infrastructure and clean energy projects, but also the familiarity with the people that live and work in New York. RWE is one of the world's leading companies in offshore wind and has constructed 17 wind farms. National Grid serves over 20 million people throughout the Northeast, including New York, and has developed large-scale infrastructure projects across the US and UK.

Founded in 1895, SICC represents the interests and serves as the voice of more than 14,000 businesses of all sizes and sectors throughout all four shores of the borough. Our mission continues to be to improve the economic climate and expand business opportunities on Staten Island while enhancing the local community. We are enthusiastic about the emerging offshore wind industry and the potential benefits it can bring to the State of New York and, in particular, Staten Island. Investment from the offshore wind industry will bring well-paying jobs to our borough and provide opportunities for Staten Island businesses to become part of the offshore wind supply chain..

Community Offshore Wind has already proven to be committed to the communities they will serve. They have engaged with community organizations by donating winter coats on Giving Tuesday, November 29, 2022 to seven non-profit organizations throughout the state, including the Seamen's Society here in Staten Island. They donated fresh and locally sourced seafood to both Catholic Charities in Staten Island and the South Shore Food Pantry. They have also engaged with the Seafarers Union, whose representative lives in Staten Island, to engage those seeking careers in the maritime industry, as well as veterans.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. My contact information is provided below. We thank you for your consideration of our comments and the opportunity to share our experience with, and support for, Community Offshore Wind.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Linda M. Baran'.

Linda M. Baran  
President & CEO, Staten Island Chamber of Commerce  
[lbaran@sichamber.com](mailto:lbaran@sichamber.com) / 718-727-1900

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January 24, 2023

Mr. Gregory Lampman  
NYSERDA Offshore Wind Program Director  
17 Columbus Circle  
Albany, NY 12203

RE: Support for Community Offshore Wind NYSERDA 2022 Request for Proposal

Dear Mr. Lampman,

Vision Long Island tenders this letter in strong support of Community Offshore Wind's submission to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) to deliver clean energy to the state of New York.

Offshore Wind is a growing industry in New York, providing vast economic and environmental benefits. Community Offshore Wind (COSW), a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, not only has collective experience for executing successful large infrastructure and clean energy projects, it also possesses familiarity with the people that live and work in New York.

COSW has been a steady presence throughout communities in New York, collaborating with organized labor, workforce training programs, and manufacturing facilities on how to build a local and diverse workforce and provide individuals with the education and training necessary to have family-supporting careers. COSW works with local suppliers and minority-owned businesses to create a secure and regional supply chain, while also working with local non-profit organizations to provide educational, economic, and environmental benefits to underserved communities.

This project will sit on the largest parcel in the New York Bight and has the potential to host 3 GW of capacity, enough to power over one million homes and will help New York State meet the goals of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.

Vision Long Island lends its support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

Respectfully,

Eric Alexander, Director  
Vision Long Island

Vision Long Island advances more livable, economically sustainable, and environmentally responsible growth on Long Island through Smart Growth. Smart Growth focuses on infill, re-development, and open space preservation. It supports mixed-use, mixed-income communities that are convenient, attractive, pedestrian-friendly, and that make affordable housing and public transportation desirable and realistic.

Over the past 20 years Vision has counseled downtown Villages and Towns, and has been a resource for the County, State, and Federal governments, as well as the business and civic community on downtown revitalization, planning and infrastructure.

Vision has made over 3000 presentations, performed over 30 community visionings and advanced over 150 public and private planning projects towards implementing the goals of Smart Growth. Over 15,000 units of transit-oriented development have been approved in our local municipalities with the support of Vision Long Island.

## Letters from Community-Based Groups

# THE CAPITAL REGION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

*Providing Workforce Solutions for Albany, Rensselaer, and Schenectady*

January 10, 2023



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Mr. Gregory Lampman  
NYSERDA Offshore Wind Program Director  
17 Columbus Circle  
Albany, NY 12203

Dear Mr. Lampman,

Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, is responding to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) to deliver clean energy to the state of New York. The Capital Region Workforce Development Board (CRWDB) enthusiastically supports this project and believe Community Offshore Wind will deliver clean energy to the Northeast efficiently, reliably, and safely and build strong, sustainable communities, supporting our mission of empowerment individuals through workforce development in the Capital Region.

The Capital Region Workforce Development Board (CRWDB) is the business-led entity serving Albany, Rensselaer, and Schenectady counties whose main focus is to conduct strategic planning, create policy, and provide oversight and accountability for workforce development activities in the Capital Region. The CRWDB also sponsors job training program services at the three regional One Stop Career Centers for adult, dislocated workers, and youth.

Community Offshore Wind has the collective experience for executing successful large infrastructure and clean energy projects, but also the familiarity with the people that live and work in New York. RWE is one of the world's leading companies in offshore wind and has constructed 17 wind farms. National Grid serves over 20 million people throughout the Northeast, including New York, and has developed large-scale infrastructure projects across the US and UK.

In the months following the lease sale, the joint venture has reached out to the Capital Region Workforce Development Board. They are collaborating with workforce training facilities on how to build a workforce with local, diverse candidates and provide them with the education and training they need. They are working with local suppliers and minority-owned businesses to create an environmentally-conscious, regional supply chain. The team is also committed to serving the underserved by working with local, non-profit organizations to provide educational, economic, and environmental benefits to underserved communities. Over the past few months Community Offshore Wind has also partnered with the following Capital Region groups including: the Center for Economic Growth, Northern Rivers Family Services and the Capital Regional Food Bank.

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We are committed to supporting Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York and look forward to partnering with them on supporting the creation of family-sustaining careers in the offshore wind industry here in the Capital Region.

Sincerely,

Brian J. Williams  
Executive Director



CATHOLIC  
CHARITIES  
OF STATEN ISLAND

December 22, 2022

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority  
17 Columbia Circle  
Albany, NY 12203-6399

Dear Sir/Madam:

Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, is responding to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) to deliver clean energy to the state of New York. I support the project and believe Community Offshore Wind will deliver clean energy to the Northeast efficiently, reliably, and safely and build strong, sustainable communities.

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The joint venture has already reached out to communities in New York to make an impact and have proven to be committed to the customers they will serve. They recently made a holiday meal donation to Catholic Charities of Staten Island and eight other food banks across New York of 30,000 meals of wild-caught, locally sourced seafood from fishermen and seafood processors. These meals will feed thousands of residents across New York State who live in underserved communities. Each day our mission of providing necessities, such as food, becomes more challenging. With visits to New York City food pantries and soup kitchens up 69% in 2022, it is imperative that we have strong community partners like Community Offshore Wind to keep our mission going. Community Offshore Wind recognizes the hardships our residents face every day, and we thank them for providing meals to thousands of homes across New York this holiday season.

I express my support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

Sincerely,



Claire Atalla  
Chief Executive Officer





January 11, 2023

Mr. Gregory Lampman  
NYSERDA Offshore Wind Program Director  
17 Columbus Circle  
Albany, NY 12203

Dear Mr. Lampman,

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Prior to the lease sale, the joint venture has reached out to the Center for Economic Growth. They are collaborating with workforce training facilities on how to build a workforce with local, diverse candidates and provide them with the education and training they need. They are working with local suppliers and minority-owned businesses to create an environmentally conscious, regional supply chain. The team is also committed to serving the underserved by working with local, non-profit organizations to provide educational, economic, and environmental benefits to underserved communities. Over the past few months Community Offshore Wind has partnered with the following Capital Region groups including Northern Rivers Family Services and the Capital Regional Food Bank.

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I express my support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

Sincerely,

*Katie Newcombe*

Katie Newcombe  
Chief Economic Development Officer  
Center for Economic Growth



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Brooklyn NY 11232  
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Thursday, December 22, 2022

To Whom it May Concern:

Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, is responding to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) to deliver clean energy to the state of New York. I support the project and believe Community Offshore Wind will deliver clean energy to the Northeast efficiently, reliably, and safely and build strong, sustainable communities.

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In the months following the lease sale, the joint venture has already reached out to the communities in New York to make an impact and have proven to be committed to the communities they will serve following their holiday meal donation to City Harvest and eight other food banks across New York. Through their donation of 30,000 meals of wild-caught, locally sourced seafood from fishermen and seafood processors to food pantries in Albany, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Hudson Valley, Long Island, Staten Island, and Syracuse, they will feed thousands of residents across New York State who live in underserved communities. In total, they distributed more than 2,500 pounds of freshly frozen, Long Island-sourced fish and 10,500 cans of New Jersey-sourced clam chowder. Each day our mission of providing necessities, such as food, becomes more challenging. With visits to New York City food pantries and soup kitchens up 69% in 2022, it is imperative that we have strong community partners like Community Offshore Wind to keep our mission going. Community Offshore Wind recognizes the hardships our residents face every day, and we thank them for providing meals to thousands of homes across New York this holiday season.

I express my support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ellen Granger". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ellen Granger  
Senior Manager, Donor Relations & Supply Chain





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feedmorewny.org

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January 19, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, is responding to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) to deliver clean energy to the state of New York. FeedMore WNY is in support of this project and believes Community Offshore Wind will deliver clean energy to the Northeast efficiently, reliably, and safely and build strong, sustainable communities.

Community Offshore Wind has the collective experience for executing successful large infrastructure and clean energy projects, but also the familiarity with the people that live and work in New York. RWE is one of the world's leading companies in offshore wind and has constructed 17 wind farms. National Grid serves over 20 million people throughout the Northeast, including New York, and has developed large-scale infrastructure projects across the US and UK.

In the months following the lease sale, the joint venture has already reached out to the communities in New York to make an impact and have proven to be committed to the communities they will serve following their holiday meal donation to FeedMore WNY and eight other food banks across New York. Through their donation of 30,000 meals of wild-caught, locally sourced seafood from fishermen and seafood processors to food pantries in Albany, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Hudson Valley, Long Island, Staten Island, and Syracuse, they will feed thousands of residents across New York State who live in underserved communities. In total, they distributed more than 2,500 pounds of freshly frozen, Long Island-sourced fish and 10,500 cans of New Jersey-sourced clam chowder. Each day, it becomes more challenging to fulfill our mission of offering dignity, hope and a brighter future to our Western New York neighbors in need by providing nutritious food, friendship and skills training. In FeedMore WNY's four-county service area of Erie, Niagara, Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties, nearly 165,000 individuals are food insecure, meaning they lack access to enough nutritious food to lead healthy, active lives. Annually, FeedMore WNY distributes enough food to provide more than 12.8 million meals to community members in need. Our efforts to alleviate food insecurity would not be possible were it not for dedicated partners like Community Offshore Wind and National Grid.

On behalf of FeedMore WNY, I express my sincere support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

Sincerely,

Tara A. Ellis

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tara A. Ellis".

President and CEO  
FeedMore WNY

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October 18, 2022

To Whom it May Concern

Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, is responding to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) to deliver clean energy to the state of New York.

Hudson River Community Sailing (HRCS) fully support the project and believe Community Offshore Wind will deliver clean energy to the Northeast efficiently, reliably, and safely and build strong, sustainable communities.

HRCS is much more than a sailing organization. We use sailing and boatbuilding as a medium to fulfill our mission of developing leadership and academic success in NYC youth through partnerships with public schools, and to the entire community with access to sailing recreation and education.

We are in discussion with Community Offshore Wind on how we can involve our students from Sail Academy who come from 13 public middle and high school partners. Our programs include academic enrichment, STEM related content, and workplace and college preparation. We hope to work with Community Offshore Wind to share resources with our students that will enable them to see a pathway into the profession and jobs that will be needed to transform our energy supply to renewables.

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In addition to HRCS, the joint venture has already reached out to other non-profits, community groups, and workforce training facilities. They are committed building a workforce with local, diverse candidates and provide them with the education and training they need.

The project will help New York State meet the goals of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, which has set a target that 70 percent of the state's electricity be produced from renewable resources by 2030. We express our support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

Sincerely,



Robert Burke  
Executive Director



Doreen Harris  
President and CEO  
NYSERDA  
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Albany, NY 12203

Dear Ms. Harris,

Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, is responding to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) to deliver clean energy to the state of New York. In furtherance of New York's growing offshore wind industry, I support Community Offshore Wind in their efforts to bring primary and secondary steel manufacturing to the City of Newburgh and the Town of New Windsor. I am excited for Orange County to take a prime role in helping to build a clean energy future.

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In the months following the lease sale, the joint venture has already reached out to the communities in New York to make an impact. They are collaborating with local stakeholders to build a workforce with local, diverse candidates and provide them with the education and training they need. The team is also committed to uplifting disadvantaged communities by working with local, non-profit organizations to provide educational, economic, and environmental benefits.

This project is located on the largest parcel in the New York Bight that has the potential to host 3 GW of capacity, enough to power over one million homes. Community Offshore Wind will deliver clean energy to the Northeast efficiently, reliably, and safely and build strong, sustainable communities. I am excited that Orange County has the opportunity to lead in the new, green economy and I do not hesitate to lend my support to this important project for our region.

Sincerely,

Mike Oates  
President & CEO  
Hudson Valley Economic Development Corporation



November 16, 2022

**Anthony Montalbano**  
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In the months following the lease sale, Community Offshore Wind reached out to the YMCA to fund swim safety lessons to 100 children from disadvantaged communities throughout NYC and Long Island. 40 of those children were from Long Island and were able to participate a three-week intensive swim safety program. With the success of the program, Community Offshore Wind has developed an MOU with the Alliance of New York State YMCAs to expand the program to over ten thousand K-3 (ages 5-8) children over a 10-year period. Drowning poses a considerable risk for youth and adults, especially those from underserved populations. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), accidental drowning is the number one cause of death for children ages five to nine. This reality is sobering, but drownings are preventable. At the Y, we believe everyone should have the chance to learn how to stay safe in and around water. Community Offshore is helping equip younger generations with the right skills and education, so they can access careers in offshore wind. The ability to swim, safely and confidently, is a seemingly obvious, but overlooked barrier to entry. Expanding this partnership will provide the necessary building blocks for children to learn water safety.

I express my support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

Sincerely,

Anthony Montalbano  
Sr. Executive Director, Huntington YMCA



December 19, 2022

To Whom it May Concern,

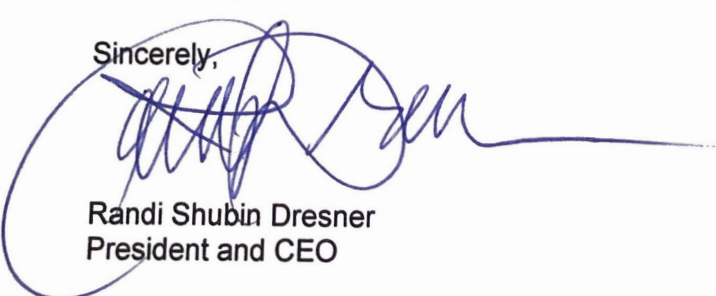
Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, is responding to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) to deliver clean energy to the state of New York. On behalf of Island Harvest Food Bank, I support the project and believe Community Offshore Wind will deliver clean energy to the Northeast efficiently, reliably, and safely and build strong, sustainable communities.

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The joint venture has already reached out to communities in New York to make an impact and have proven to be committed to the customers they will serve. In the months following the lease sale, numerous Community Offshore Wind employees volunteered in our warehouse while they were all together for a meeting. They packed boxes with canned goods and engaged with our staff. They also made a holiday meal donation to **Island Harvest** along with eight other food banks across New York of 30,000 meals of wild-caught, locally sourced seafood from fishermen and seafood processors. These meals will feed thousands of residents across New York State who live in underserved communities. Each day our mission of providing necessities, such as food, becomes more challenging. With visits to New York City food pantries and soup kitchens up 69% in 2022, it is imperative that we have strong community partners like Community Offshore Wind to keep our mission going. Community Offshore Wind recognizes the hardships our residents face every day, and we thank them for providing meals to thousands of homes across New York this holiday season.

Island Harvest expresses our support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

Sincerely,



Randi Shubin Dresner  
President and CEO





**Cedrick Coad**  
*President of Board of Directors*

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January 20, 2023

To Whom it May Concern,

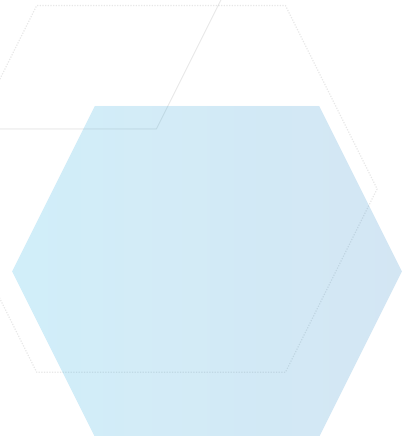
Community Offshore Wind has proven to be committed to the communities they will serve since they won their lease area. This past August, three Community Offshore Wind employees stopped by for a tour and to drop off school supplies to the children that we serve, which numerous families struggle to afford each year. They also included the **Long Beach MLK Center** in their winter coat donation to families throughout New York State. On Giving Tuesday, Community Offshore Wind donated 900 winter coats and 100 pairs of gloves, collectively, to seven non-profit organizations. At a time when thousands of New York State families are struggling to make ends meet, our organization is thankful for strong community partners like Community Offshore Wind.

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I express my support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

Warm Regards,

*Cedrick Coad*  
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*Long Beach Martin Luther King Center*





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January 11, 2023

Daniel J. Lloyd  
Founder & President  
Minority Millennials, Inc

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Community Offshore Wind has proven to be committed to the communities they will serve following their various donations to New York communities and engagement work with various stakeholders. They are sponsoring the **Minority Millennials** *We Are The Future* event which is a one-day live summit at, offering attendees access to groundbreaking sessions and leadership insights from an emerging wave of diverse leaders, speakers, and influencers ready to equip, connect and inspire next-gen New Yorkers.

We have also secured an agreement between both Minority Millennials and Community Offshore Wind, that if a PPA is secured with the state, we will target education and career exploration for Black and Brown both youth (ages 16-18) and millennials (born from 1981 to 1996 across disadvantaged Long Island communities including those identified in small pockets throughout Long Island that tend to be overlooked and underserved based on census reporting. Minority Millennials will also build a database of jobs in OSW.

Community Offshore Wind has begun this work already by sending Minority Millennials job openings in their company. They have already hired an employee to their team that came as a direct referral from Minority Millennials.

I express my support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

Sincerely,

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Daniel J. Lloyd  
Founder & President  
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December 23, 2022

To Whom It May Concern

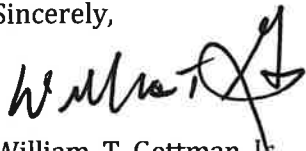
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I express my support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

Sincerely,



William. T. Gettman, Jr.  
Chief Executive Officer  
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In the months following the lease sale, the joint venture has already reached out to the communities in New York to make an impact. They are collaborating with local stakeholders to build a workforce with local, diverse candidates and provide them with the education and training they need. The team is also committed to uplifting disadvantaged communities by working with local, non-profit organizations to provide educational, economic, and environmental benefits.

The mission of the Orange County Partnership is to support and grow the economy of Orange County through strategic job creation and industry recruitment. As such, the Community Offshore Wind project directly aligns with the ethos and mission of the Orange County Partnership. We stand ready to support the efforts to make the City of Newburgh and Town of New Windsor a hub for primary and secondary steel manufacturing – paving the way for good paying jobs, workforce development opportunities, and community partnerships in the new green energy economy.

This project is located on the largest parcel in the New York Bight that has the potential to host 3 GW of capacity, enough to power over one million homes. Community Offshore Wind will deliver clean energy to the Northeast efficiently, reliably, and safely and build strong, sustainable communities. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Orange County Partnership, we wholeheartedly support this important opportunity for Orange County to play a key role in charting a path toward a cleaner, more prosperous future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Maureen Halahan".

Maureen Halahan  
President & CEO



## Reaching-Out Community Services, Inc.

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December 17,2022

The Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, is responding to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) to deliver clean energy to the state of New York. I support the project and believe Community Offshore Wind will deliver clean energy to the Northeast efficiently, reliably, and safely and build strong, sustainable communities.

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The joint venture has already reached out to communities in New York to make an impact and have proven to be committed to the customers they will serve. Just this December, several COSW employees came to **Reaching Out Community Services** in their community van to drop off seafood and coolers to distribute to our community members as part of their statewide distribution effort. These meals will feed thousands of residents across New York State who live in underserved communities. Each day our mission of providing necessities, such as food, becomes more challenging. With visits to New York City food pantries and soup kitchens up 69% in 2022, it is imperative that we have strong community partners like Community Offshore Wind to keep our mission going. Community Offshore Wind recognizes the hardships our residents face every day, and we thank them for providing meals to thousands of homes across New York this holiday season.

I express my support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

*Thomas Neve*

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January 18, 2023

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To Whom It May Concern,

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I express my support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David W. Gaskin".

David Gaskin, President & CEO

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January 20, 2023

NYSERDA

Dear Ms. Harris,

On behalf of the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York, I would like to provide this letter of support for Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, as they respond to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) to deliver clean energy to the state of New York.

We appreciate Community Offshore Wind's efforts to create infrastructure to deliver clean energy to the northeast efficiently, reliably, and safely and build strong, sustainable communities.

Community Offshore Wind's outreach to communities in New York and recent holiday meal donation to the Regional Food Bank and eight other food banks across New York speaks to its commitment to make an impact and serve as strong community partner.

Through their donation of 30,000 meals of wild-caught, locally sourced seafood from fishermen and seafood processors to food banks and food pantries in Albany, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Hudson Valley, Long Island, Staten Island, and Syracuse, they have fed thousands of our neighbors in need across New York State.

In total, they distributed more than 2,500 pounds of freshly frozen, Long Island-sourced fish and 10,500 cans of New Jersey-sourced clam chowder. Each day our mission of providing necessities, such as food, becomes more challenging. In 2022, the Regional Food Bank over 38 million meals to 350,000 neighbors in 23 counties of northeastern New York.

I express my support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

Sincerely,

Molly Nicol  
CEO

# Letters from Educational Partners



January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Mr. Gregory Lampman  
NYSERDA Offshore Wind Program Director  
17 Columbus Circle  
Albany, NY 12203

Dear Mr. Lampman,

Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, is responding to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) to deliver clean energy to the state of New York. On behalf of the Advanced Energy Center (AEC) located in the Research & Development Park at Stony Brook University, I support the project and believe Community Offshore Wind (COSW) will deliver clean energy to the Northeast efficiently, reliably, and safely while creating good career opportunities for New Yorkers.

COSW has collective experience for executing successful large infrastructure energy projects and has familiarity with the people that live and work in New York. RWE is one of the world's leading companies in offshore wind and has constructed 18 offshore wind farms. National Grid serves over 20 million people throughout the Northeast, including New York, and has developed large-scale infrastructure projects across the US and UK. Given the joint venture's experience in generation and transmission locally, they are uniquely qualified to help address the just transition of displaced workers as we move towards the clean energy economy. They are collaborating with organized labor, workforce training programs, and manufacturing facilities on how to build a local and diverse workforce and provide individuals with the education and training necessary to have family-supporting careers.

The AEC center is a partnership of academic and research institutions, energy providers, industry, and government. The mission of the AEC is to increase the efficiency of current energy systems, while promoting the adoption of alternative and renewable sources to reduce New York's carbon footprint. As New York State's designated Center of Excellence in Energy, the AEC facilitates cross collaborations of researchers and industry throughout the state. AEC and COFW share many common goals and are discussing potential future innovation partnerships and collaboration. Specifically, solving pressing challenges in integrating offshore wind power into the grid, and exploring advanced methods of energy storage. COSW's project has the potential to host 3 GW of capacity, which will help New York State meet the goals of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.

I express my strong support for COSW's proposal to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the State.

Sincerely,



Yacov Shamash, Vice Chair of AEC



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**Robert Wallace**  
**Economic Development, Continuing  
Studies, & Government Relations**

January 12, 2023

Mr. Gregory Lampman  
NYSERDA Offshore Wind Program Director  
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Albany, NY 12203

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In the months following the lease sale, the joint venture has reached out to the College of Staten Island. They are collaborating with workforce training facilities on how to build a workforce with local, diverse candidates and provide them with the education and training they need. They are working with local suppliers and minority-owned businesses to create an environmentally-conscious, regional supply chain. The team is also committed to serving the underserved by working with local, non-profit organizations to provide educational, economic, and environmental benefits to underserved communities. Over the past few months Community Offshore Wind has partnered with the following Staten Island groups including: Southshore Food Pantry and Seamen's Society and most recently becoming a member of the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce.

Importantly, National Grid has been a good partner to the College over the course of several years, providing scholarships to students along with financial support for various college programs. We anticipate this will continue with Community Offshore Wind and, with their support, look forward to creating workforce development and academic programs to develop and sustain the labor needed for this critical endeavor.

The project will sit on the largest parcel in the New York Bight and has the potential to host 3 GW of capacity, enough to power over one million homes. The project will help New York State meet the goals of





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I express my strong support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert A. Wallace". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'R'.

Robert A. Wallace

Interim Vice president for Economic Development, Continuing Studies, and Government Relations  
College of Staten Island, City University of New York



December 21, 2022

**Kerri Mackay**  
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Community Offshore Wind has proven to be fully invested in the communities they serve. Shortly after they secured their lease area, COSW began engagement with Kid Wind to donate Sail Cars, Windmills, and Firefly kits to local schools so that they could create experiential opportunities for students to learn about offshore wind. To further the partnership, they reached out to the **Cradle of Aviation Museum** to assist in bringing back our Kid Wind competitions that stopped post Covid. With this partnership, we plan to impact over 300 students on Long Island, as well as provide professional development opportunities to teachers. We will also translate materials making offshore wind more accessible and inclusive.

Community Offshore Wind also brought their fully electric van to the museum for the Nassau Suffolk School Board Association Manufacturing & Education Expo in November of 2022 to talk about workforce opportunities in Offshore Wind.

I express my support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

Sincerely,

*Kerri Mackay*

Kerri Mackay  
Education Scheduling Coordinator



October 11, 2022

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In the months following the lease sale, the joint venture has already reached out to the communities in New York to make an impact. They are collaborating with workforce training facilities on how to build a workforce with local, diverse candidates and provide them with the education and training they need. They are working with local suppliers and minority-owned businesses to create an environmentally-conscious, regional supply chain. The team is also committed to serving the underserved by working with local, non-profit organizations to provide educational, economic, and environmental benefits to underserved communities.

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I express my support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

Sincerely,

*Marjaneh Issapour*

Marjaneh Issapour

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January 9, 2023

Mr. Gregory Lampman  
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Albany, NY 12203

Dear Mr. Lampman,

Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, is responding to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) to deliver clean energy to the state of New York. On behalf of the Institute for Workforce Advancement (IWA), one of the northeast's leading advanced manufacturing workforce-development training organizations, I support the project and believe Community Offshore Wind will deliver clean energy to the Northeast efficiently, reliably, and safely while creating good union career opportunities for New Yorkers.

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Since February 2022's NY Bight lease sale, the joint venture continues to be present throughout communities in New York and have made an impact. They are collaborating with organized labor, workforce training programs, and manufacturing facilities on how to build a local and diverse workforce and provide individuals with the education and training necessary to have family-supporting careers.

IWA is proud to partner with COSW in expanding career pathways and exploration to in-transition and underemployed workers, youth, and individuals from disadvantaged communities.<sup>1</sup> By utilizing our existing partnerships with advanced manufacturers in the region and with COSW's support, IWA will provide credentialed programming to participants while exposing them to a state-of-the-art virtual reality room and composite laboratory for offshore wind and advanced component manufacturing applications.

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<sup>1</sup> Based on interim criteria and mapped by NYSERDA at <https://www.nyserdera.ny.gov/ny/disadvantaged-communities>.

Community Offshore Wind is working with local suppliers and minority-owned businesses to create a secure and regional supply chain. They are also committed to utilizing union shops while collaborating with local non-profit organizations to provide educational, economic, and environmental benefits to underserved communities.

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Sincerely,

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Philip Rugile

Executive Director

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Dear Mr. Lampman,

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In the months following the lease sale, the joint venture has reached out to SUNY Orange. They are collaborating with workforce training facilities on how to build a workforce with local, diverse candidates and provide them with the education and training they need. They are working with local suppliers and minority-owned businesses to create an environmentally-conscious, regional supply chain. The team is also committed to serving the underserved by working with local, non-profit organizations to provide educational, economic, and environmental benefits to underserved communities. Over the past few months Community Offshore Wind has partnered with the following Mid-Hudson groups including: Newburgh Boys and Girls Club and the Regional Food Bank of Hudson Valley.

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I express my support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kristine Young  
President, Orange County Community College



**THE RESILIENCE, EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND INNOVATION CENTER LIMITED**

January 7, 2023

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RETI Center is a model for how coastal cities can combine environmental justice, social responsibility, and innovative design to adapt to a changing climate. We envision communities working in concert with our built and natural environment towards a future that's sustainable and equitable for all.

Community Offshore Wind has proven to be committed to the communities they will serve in the short time that they have had their lease area. They began engagement with various stakeholder and NGOs in Red Hook including the RETI Center. Our staff was invited to and attended their open house for Environmental NGOs and Environmental Justice organizations in October 2022 and has kept in contact with their staff during the subsequent months. Community Offshore Wind has expressed an interest in our workforce programming and expanding our solar work to offshore wind. They have also expressed an interest in supporting our sugar kelp farms and will be attending our fundraiser in February of 2023. Community Offshore Wind values collaboration and we are confident they will continue their work as being a leader in offshore wind and climate change.

I express my support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

Sincerely,

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Tim Gilman  
Executive Director





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January 18, 2023

Mr. Gregory Lampman  
NYSERDA Offshore Wind Program Director  
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Dear Mr. Lampman,

Community Offshore Wind is responding to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) to deliver clean energy to the state of New York. On behalf of Stony Brook University, I support the project and believe Community Offshore Wind will deliver clean energy to the Northeast efficiently, reliably, and safely while creating economic opportunities for all New Yorkers. Community Offshore Wind has shown a clear commitment to working with local leaders and communities to build a new and inclusive offshore wind (OSW) industry and establish New York as an offshore wind hub.

Stony Brook University (SBU) which has been designated by Gov. Kathy Hochul as only one of two flagship New York State research universities and SBU continues to be an innovation leader in the advanced energy field. SBU leads research and incubation efforts across many critical technologies including energy storage, hydrogen, alternative fuels, electric and combustion vehicles, and smart grid. SBU researchers have completed or are active in 12 projects which tackle key offshore wind (OSW) industry challenges by working with leading OSW developers and other key stakeholders. SBU's has been engaged in applied research which directly supports the objectives important to the offshore wind industry thereby improving the projects LCOE, ensure the reliability and resilience of offshore wind power and mitigate the environmental impact of the OSW projects. SUNY and NYSERDA are leaders of the Offshore Wind Training Institute (OWTI) which is housed in the Advanced Energy Research and Technology Center (AERTC), a NYS Center of Excellence located on SBU campus in the Research and Development Park.

Stony Brook University is very pleased that Community Offshore Wind (a joint venture of National Grid Ventures and RWE) has shown a desire to collaborate in the future on the necessary studies and innovation needed for the optimizing LCOE and reliability for their project. Potential opportunities exist to partner with our School of Atmospheric and Marine Science (SOMAS) to gain a better understanding of the ongoing environmental research taking place within the New York Bight and mitigate the environmental impacts of offshore wind farm construction and maintenance. In addition, opportunities to jointly innovate the technologies to safely and reliability integrate offshore wind power into the New York State and regional electric grid (including energy storage technologies) is something recently discussed with Community Offshore Wind at our New York State funded Advanced Energy Research & Technology Center (AERTC).





Since February's NY Bight lease sale, Community Offshore Wind (COSW) has been highly visible throughout communities in New York and have made an impact. They are collaborating with organized labor, workforce training programs, and manufacturing facilities on how to build a local and diverse workforce and provide individuals with the education and training necessary to have family-supporting careers. COSW and SBU's Office of Career Services have already partnered to promote offshore wind employment opportunities to our highly qualified students and graduates. We look forward to additional workforce training development collaboration through existing programs with NYSERDA, OWTI and others.

Once again, I express my support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. My contact information is provided below.

Sincerely,



**Tom Barracca**

**Assoc. Director for Growth & Industry Partnerships**

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DONALD X. CLAVIN, Jr.  
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December 15, 2022

Mr. Gregory Lampman  
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Dear Community Offshore Wind Team,

Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, is responding to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) to deliver clean energy to the state of New York. The Town of Hempstead Department of Occupational Resources (DOOR) supports the project and believes Community Offshore Wind will deliver clean energy to the Northeast efficiently, reliably, and safely while creating high-road career opportunities for New Yorkers and the residents of Nassau County.

Community Offshore Wind (COSW) has the collective experience for executing successful large infrastructure and clean energy projects, but also the familiarity with the people that live and work in Nassau County. RWE is one of the world's leading companies in offshore wind and has constructed 17 wind farms. National Grid serves over 20 million people throughout the Northeast, including New York, and has developed large-scale infrastructure projects across the US and UK.

Since February's NY Bight lease sale, the joint venture continues to communicate and be present throughout communities in Nassau County and have made an impact. They are collaborating with organized labor, education, and workforce training facilities on how to build a local and diverse workforce and provide individuals with the education and training necessary to have family-supporting careers. Already, the Community Offshore Wind team sponsored a "foundation to blade program" at our very own Farmingdale State College and are frequent participants in local education forums such as the Nassau Suffolk School Boards Association Offshore Wind Manufacturing Expo. In the future, DOOR looks forward to attending and creating awareness of COSW's interactive educational events expected at street fairs, school districts, and other entertainment venues in Nassau County.

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servicing the underserved by working with local, non-profit organizations to provide educational, economic, and environmental benefits to underserved communities.

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I express my support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

Sincerely,



Eric C. Mallette

Commissioner/WDB Director



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January 19, 2023

Dear Ms. Doreen Harris,

Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, is responding to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) to deliver clean energy to the state of New York. I support the project and believe Community Offshore Wind will deliver clean energy to the Northeast efficiently, reliably, and safely and build strong, sustainable communities.

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Community Offshore Wind has proven to be fully invested in the communities it will serve. They began engagement with two well-respected environmental advocacy groups on Long Island, Operation SPLASH and Citizens Campaign for the Environment in order to bring climate and STEM education to our students here at Uniondale.

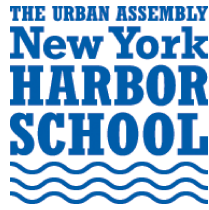
They provided grants to both organizations so that our fourth students could have the opportunity to go on engaging field trips and that our high school students could learn about climate change. Community Offshore Wind values the importance of empowering students to use their creativity to solve complex problems, be a part of the change, and help future generations to come.

I express my support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

Sincerely,

Monique Darrisaw-Akil, Ed. D.  
Superintendent of Schools





Community Offshore Wind  
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January 19th, 2023

Dear Natalie and the Community Offshore Wind team,

We would like to express our gratitude for Community Offshore Wind's kind donation of offshore wind activity kits, sent to coincide with Global Wind Day. The students in our Ocean Engineering program were thrilled to receive the Firefly Kits, the MacGyver Wind and Sail Kits, and particularly the KidWind Advanced Turbine Classroom Set.

Additionally, we're eager to learn more about the Summer program being created in association with SUNY Maritime College, as well as further Workforce Development opportunities.

The mission of the Urban Assembly New York Harbor School is to provide a college preparatory and career-oriented education built upon New York City's maritime experience that instills in students the ethics of environmental stewardship and the skills associated with careers on the water. Located on Governors Island in Manhattan, students have direct access to New York Harbor. Each school year, Harbor School provides 520 high school students from all five boroughs with opportunities to broaden their connection to the world through hands-on programs that use a marine environment as the classroom. With a plan in place to expand the school's footprint with two additional buildings in 2025-2026, enrollment will grow to 800-1000 students per school year.

We look forward to additional opportunities to collaborate, including class speaker visits, field trips, career days, and the possibility of student internships.

Thank you again, and wishing you the best for 2023.

Sincerely,

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Jeffrey Chetirko, Ed.D.  
Principal  
Urban Assembly New York Harbor School



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January 13, 2023

Mr. Gregory Lampman  
NYSERDA Offshore Wind Program Director  
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Albany, NY 12203

Dear Mr. Lampman,

We are pleased to be able to meet with members of the Community Offshore Wind (COSW) team to discuss opportunities around workforce development, minority- and women-owned business development, and critical wraparound services. We appreciate the importance they place on workforce and engage with community stakeholders as part of the proposal development process. We welcome the opportunity to work with COSW in the event their proposal in response to New York's third offshore wind solicitation (ORECRFP22-1) is selected for award.

The Workforce Development Institute (WDI) is a statewide non-profit that works to increase opportunities for all New Yorkers to succeed in the workforce while earning family-sustaining wages. We use our workforce expertise, data analysis, and flexible funding to facilitate projects that help labor unions, employers, educational institutions, and other workforce partners think and act differently regarding hiring, training, educating, and retaining an inclusive and productive workforce.

For more than a decade, WDI has been tracking the offshore wind energy industry in the United States. We have helped our partners better understand the industry and supported projects that seek to capitalize on its workforce and economic development opportunities. Our support for offshore wind energy has been consistently driven by a dual recognition that 1) the climate crisis represents perhaps the biggest threat to New York's workforce and 2) that its current and proposed solutions – renewable energy, environmental remediation, etc. – offer a generational opportunity to bring high-quality, family-sustaining careers to the state while advancing diversity and inclusivity in our economy. WDI looks forward to widening participation in the industry to include manufacturers, unions, and supply chain companies from every region.

Sincerely,

Amy Desjardins  
Executive Director  
Workforce Development Institute  
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## Letters from ENGOs and Environmental Justice groups



January 11, 2023

**RE: Community Offshore Wind**

Citizens Campaign for the Environment (CCE) is a 120,000 member, non-profit, non-partisan organization that empowers communities and advocates solutions to protect public health and our environment. CCE strongly supports advancing well-sited, environmentally responsible renewable energy projects and phasing out the use of antiquated fossil fuels on Long Island and throughout New York State. To combat climate change and reach New York State's energy goal of 70% renewable energy by 2030, offshore wind must play a critical role in our energy mix.

**We are writing to express our support for Community Offshore Wind's Submission in response to New York's third offshore wind solicitation.**

The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act commits NYS to procure 9,000 mw of offshore wind by 2035. New York's first offshore wind farm, South Fork Wind, will be a 130mw project located off the coast of Montauk and is currently under construction. Four additional large-scale projects, Sunrise, Beacon, and Empire Wind 1 & 2, have been selected and are currently going through state and federal regulatory review. Together, they are slated to power over 2 million homes on Long Island and NYC. Although New York is now poised to be a national leader in offshore wind, we need to do more to advance more offshore wind to achieve our climate change objectives. **It is crucial that as we grow our offshore wind energy sector, we do so in a way that is environmentally responsible and engages the community, so they are informed and supportive of this change.**

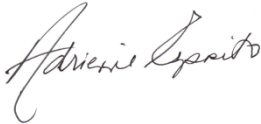
Shortly after Community Offshore Wind won their lease, they reached out to CCE for an introductory meeting and began engaging with nonprofits and labor groups on Long Island. CCE also manages Wind Works Long Island. Wind Works Long Island is a large and growing list serve of over 850 New York stakeholders including labor organizations, environmental groups, civic leaders, chamber of commerce leaders, faith based groups and more. Community Offshore Wind has established a clear path of meaningful communication with CCE and Wind Works Long Island. They have committed to fruitful and substantive outreach.

**CCE supports Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, in their application for NYSERDA's third offshore wind procurement solicitation.**



They expressed an interest in educating students on climate change and we plan to partner with Operation SPLASH to create a unique, hands-on interactive program for underserved high school students and increase student engagement in climate solutions such as offshore wind and the impacts of climate change on the South Shore Estuary Reserve. They have also expressed interest in hosting community and stakeholder meetings through Wind Works listserv to answer questions on their proposal and throughout the regulatory process. We are pleased with Community Offshore Wind's community engagement efforts and, if their project is selected, we look forward to collaborating with the developer on future community outreach and educational opportunities for the public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Adrienne Esposito". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Adrienne Esposito  
Executive Director



January 20, 2023

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RE: Community Offshore Wind Proposal

Dear President and CEO Harris:

On behalf of the New York League of Conservation Voters (NYLCV), I am writing in reference to the proposed offshore wind energy project, Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid.

NYLCV is committed to renewable energy and a clean energy future for New York and offshore wind is one of our top priorities. Offshore wind is critical to meet New York's renewable energy goals, reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and rebuild around a green energy economy, which will provide jobs and improve public health. NYLCV proudly supports the State's goal of achieving 70% clean energy by 2030, and 100% clean energy by 2040, including at least 9 gigawatts of offshore wind by 2035. The proposed projects for the new lease areas will help us to achieve those goals.

Offshore wind projects like Community Offshore Wind, will help New York establish itself as a leader for the offshore wind industry on the east coast. New York will be in a unique position of supporting the supply chain of offshore wind, creating thousands of good union labor jobs and millions of dollars in economic benefits. This effort will lead our state in the direction of a decarbonized grid, while making New York a more sustainable and healthier place to live.

Additionally, Community Offshore Wind is working with local suppliers and minority-owned businesses to create a secure and regional supply chain. They are also committed to utilizing union shops while collaborating with local non-profit organizations to provide educational, economic, and environmental benefits to underserved communities.

We applaud NYSERDA's bold vision for deploying more offshore wind in consideration of the State's climate goals. We look forward to continuing our



support of New York's ambitious energy goals, and to achieving the full environmental and economic benefits of offshore wind for New York State.

Sincerely,  
Julie Tighe

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President, NYLCV





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**Eden Wurmfeld,**

Film & TV Producer

January 9, 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Red Hook Initiative, I am writing to express our support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

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Community Offshore Wind has proven to be committed to the communities they will serve following their winter coat donation to families throughout New York State. On Giving Tuesday, November 29, 2022, Community Offshore Wind donated 900 winter coats and 100 pairs of gloves, collectively, to seven non-profit organizations, including the **Red Hook Initiative** for distribution to families we serve. Essential to the distribution was Buy Supply, a woman-owned, small business based in Brooklyn, who sourced the items. At a time when thousands of New York State families are struggling to make ends meet, our organization is thankful for strong community partners like Community Offshore Wind.

Community Offshore Wind also invited our staff to their Open House for ENGOs and Environmental Justice agencies and met with us to discuss possible workforce partnerships. We discussed their commitment to hiring a local workforce and we plan to continue the conversation. We are confident that they will continue their support of the Red Hook Initiative as their project progresses.

Sincerely,

Yvonne M. Brathwaite  
Interim Executive Director

January 19, 2023

Mr. Gregory Lampman  
NYSERDA Offshore Wind Program Director  
17 Columbus Circle  
Albany, NY 12203

**RE: COMMUNITY OFFSHORE WIND**

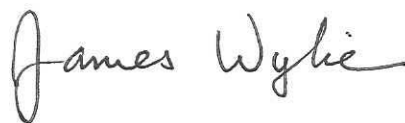
Dear NYSERDA Representative,

The Rotary Club of Huntington is proud to have Community Offshore Wind as an essential sponsor of the Huntington-Northport Oyster Reef Project, a great example of a public-private partnership working to strengthen a weakened environment. Together, we are actively improving water quality, restoring habitat and promoting aquaculture in our local waterbody.

Our environmental restoration, conservation and stewardship project aligns perfectly with Community Offshore Wind's commitment to build strong, sustainable communities. Their familiarity with Long Island and its people has helped to develop strong personal relationships on the local level. That aligns perfectly with the essence of what Rotary is all about, building goodwill and better friendships not only locally, but around the world. We appreciate Community Offshore Wind's financial support, but the can-do attitude and elbow grease of its volunteers makes it truly exceptional. Their commitment to work with us on the docks is a key factor to our continued success. Because of their efforts last year, we were able to plant three new oyster reefs which will filter millions of gallons every day and will provide a vibrant habitat for a wide variety of sea creatures. We are fortunate to have found a partner who shares our goals of restoring and strengthening the marine ecosystem.

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Huntington, I want to express our gratitude and appreciation for Community Offshore Wind sponsorship. I look forward to a long and rewarding relationship.

Truly yours,



James Wylie, President 2022-2023  
Rotary Club of Huntington



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October 11,2022

Operation S.P.L.A.S.H.  
202 Woodcleft Avenue  
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Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, is responding to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) to deliver clean energy to the state of New York. We support the project and believe Community Offshore Wind will deliver clean energy to the Northeast efficiently, reliably, and safely and build strong, sustainable communities while maintaining the highest environmental stewardship, before, during and after the project is completed.

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In the months following the lease sale, the joint venture has already reached out to the communities in New York to make an impact. They are collaborating with workforce training facilities on how to build a workforce with local, diverse candidates and provide them with the education and training they need. They are working with local suppliers and minority-owned businesses to create an environmentally-conscious, regional supply chain. The team is also committed to serving the underserved by working with local, non-profit organizations to provide educational, economic, and environmental benefits to underserved communities.

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We express our support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

Sincerely,

President of Operation SPLASH



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January 7, 2023

To whom it may concern,

Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, is responding to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals to develop offshore wind in New York. Spin the Yard supports this project and believes Community Offshore Wind will deliver clean energy to the Northeast efficiently, reliably, and safely, while maintaining their commitment to building strong, sustainable communities.

Community Offshore Wind has the experience needed for executing successful, large infrastructure and clean energy projects. Most importantly, they uphold relationships and familiarity with the people living and working in New York State. RWE is one of the world's leading companies in offshore wind and has constructed 17 wind farms. National Grid serves over 20 million people throughout New York and the Northeast and has developed large-scale infrastructure projects across the United States and the United Kingdom.

Community Offshore Wind has proven their commitment to our local neighborhoods with various community service efforts and donations. On Giving Tuesday, November 29, 2022, Community Offshore Wind donated 900 winter coats and 100 pairs of gloves to seven non-profit organizations in the regions they serve. Essential to the distribution was Community Offshore's partnership with Buy Supply to source the coats and gloves. Buy Supply is a woman-owned small business based in Brooklyn, and the partnership illustrates Community Offshore's dedication to advancing small businesses at every level of industry. At a time when thousands of New York State families are struggling to make ends meet, Spin the Yard is thankful for strong community partners like Community Offshore Wind.

Community Offshore Wind has expertise in renewable energy and shows a genuine commitment to diversity; they represent exactly what NYSERDA needs to equitably and responsibly build New York State into the nation's hub for offshore wind.

Sincerely,

William and Renita Certain

Founders, Spin the Yard



**THE RESILIENCE, EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND INNOVATION CENTER LIMITED**

January 7, 2023

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RETI Center is a model for how coastal cities can combine environmental justice, social responsibility, and innovative design to adapt to a changing climate. We envision communities working in concert with our built and natural environment towards a future that's sustainable and equitable for all.

Community Offshore Wind has proven to be committed to the communities they will serve in the short time that they have had their lease area. They began engagement with various stakeholder and NGOs in Red Hook including the RETI Center. Our staff was invited to and attended their open house for Environmental NGOs and Environmental Justice organizations in October 2022 and has kept in contact with their staff during the subsequent months. Community Offshore Wind has expressed an interest in our workforce programming and expanding our solar work to offshore wind. They have also expressed an interest in supporting our sugar kelp farms and will be attending our fundraiser in February of 2023. Community Offshore Wind values collaboration and we are confident they will continue their work as being a leader in offshore wind and climate change.

I express my support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

Sincerely,

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Tim Gilman  
Executive Director





# ATLANTIC MARINE CONSERVATION SOCIETY

Promoting Marine Conservation Through Action

January 11, 2023

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To Whom It May Concern:

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In the months following the lease sale, Community Offshore Wind has engaged with Atlantic Marine Conservation Society in multiple ways. Their staff visited our Westhampton Beach office for a meeting and a tour, where they engaged with staff, along with an AMSEAS board member, and learned about our mission and dedication to marine life conservation. Community Offshore Wind also sponsored and attended AMSEAS's Night at the Ocean Fundraiser in September of 2022 at the Jones Beach Energy & Nature Center. Most recently, they were a corporate sponsor of a beach cleanup in November of 2022 at Sunken Meadow State Park in Kings Park, NY. Their team has actively been engaged and supportive of marine conservation and advocacy and we are confident that they will continue to do so in a responsible manner as their project progresses.

I express my support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

Sincerely,

Robert A. DiGiovanni, Jr.  
Founder and Chief Scientist

# Letters from Organized Labor



# Building and Construction Trades Council of Nassau and Suffolk Counties

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January 20, 2023

Mr. Gregory Lampman  
NYSERDA Offshore Wind Program Director  
17 Columbus Circle  
Albany, NY 12203

Dear Mr. Lampman,

Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, is responding to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) to deliver clean energy to the state of New York. On behalf of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Nassau and Suffolk Counties, AFL-CIO, representing over 65,000 members across Long Island, I support the project and believe Community Offshore Wind will deliver clean energy to the Northeast efficiently, reliably, and safely while creating good union career opportunities for Long Islanders.

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In Solidarity,

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Matthew Aracich

President, Building and Construction Trades Council of Nassau and Suffolk Counties

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Oneida N. Alvarez, *Secretary*

Mr. Gregory Lampman  
NYSERDA Offshore Wind Program Director  
17 Columbus Circle  
Albany, NY 12203

January 13, 2023

Dear Mr. Lampman,

Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, is responding to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) to deliver clean energy to the state of New York. On behalf of the Civil Service Employees Association Long Beach Unit #7569, representing over 500 library, housing, lifeguard, and sanitation workers, I support the project and believe Community Offshore Wind will deliver clean energy to the Northeast efficiently, reliably, and safely while creating good union career opportunities for New Yorkers.

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Our members are on the frontlines every day maintaining and operating the City of Long Beach. We understand what it takes to rebuild communities from natural disasters exacerbated by climate change. After Superstorm Sandy and other recent intense storms, it is clear that we need clean energy. Our community has a unique opportunity to be a leading voice in supporting responsible offshore wind development. The Long Beach CSEA unit looks forward to collaborating, attending, and creating awareness of COSW and the good union jobs expected from its development.



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I express my support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

Sincerely,

John Mooney  
President  
CSEA Long Beach Unit #7569



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*Ironworkers Local 417*  
Recording Secretary

January 3, 2023

Mr. Gregory Lampman  
NYSERDA Offshore Wind Program Director  
17 Columbus Circle  
Albany, NY 12203

Dear Mr. Lampman,

Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, is responding to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) to deliver clean energy to the state of New York. On behalf of the Hudson Valley Building and Construction Trades Council, representing over 8,000 members across four counties in New York, I support the project efforts to bring primary and secondary steel manufacturing to the City of Newburgh and the Town of New Windsor while creating good union career opportunities in the Hudson Valley.

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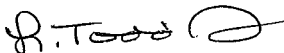
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Community Offshore Wind is working with local suppliers and minority-owned businesses to create an environmentally-conscious, regional supply chain. The team is also committed to utilizing union shops and working with local non-profit organizations to provide educational, economic, and environmental benefits to underserved communities.

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Sincerely,

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Todd Diorio  
President  
Hudson Valley Building and Construction Trades Council



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LOCAL UNION NO. 910

John O'Driscoll  
Business Manager & Financial Secretary

December 20, 2022

Mr. Gregory Lampman  
NYSERDA Offshore Wind Program Director  
17 Columbus Circle  
Albany, NY 12203

Dear Mr. Lampman,

Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, is responding to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) to deliver clean energy to the state of New York. On Behalf of the fourteen IBEW Construction Local Unions, I support the project and believe Community Offshore Wind will deliver clean energy to the Northeast efficiently, reliably, and safely while creating good union career opportunities for New Yorkers.

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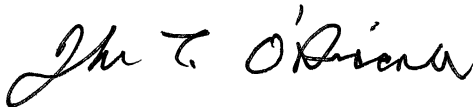
The COSW team has secured a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the NYS Building Trades for a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) on the construction of the project and the related manufacturing facility construction needs. Their labor liaison demonstrates good faith to ensure that there is a holistic approach in crafting PLAs and other labor agreements. Additionally, COSW is intentional in seeking unionization in the operations and maintenance and manufacturing sectors by pursuing a Labor Peace Agreement (LPA) with Climate Jobs NY and appropriate labor organizations. In the future, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) looks forward to collaborating, attending, and creating awareness of COSW and the good union jobs expected from its development for our members.

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I express my support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John T. O'Driscoll". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a distinct "O'Driscoll" ending.

John T. O'Driscoll

Chairman IBEW New York State Construction Business Managers Subcommittee



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*Secretary*



January 19, 2023

Mr. Gregory Lampman  
NYSERDA Offshore Wind Program Director  
17 Columbus Circle  
Albany, NY 12203

Dear Mr. Lampman,

Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, is responding to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) to deliver clean energy to the state of New York. On behalf of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 1049, representing approximately 4000 members on Long Island, I support the project and believe Community Offshore Wind will deliver clean energy to the Northeast efficiently, reliably, and safely while creating good union career opportunities for New Yorkers.

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Currently, IBEW Local 1049 has approximately 1,800 unionized employees that work in National Grid's natural gas and power plant operations and distribution network as well as skilled craft workers employed as contractors and we look forward to collaborating, attending, and creating awareness of COSW and the good union jobs expected from its development.

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Sincerely,

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Pat Guidice  
Business Manager







# Local One

## International Union of Elevator Constructors of New York and New Jersey - (AFL-CIO)



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January 19, 2023

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NYSERDA Offshore Wind Program Director  
17 Columbus Circle  
Albany, NY 12203

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Since February 2022's NY Bight lease sale, the joint venture continues to be present throughout communities in New York and Long Island and have made an impact. They are collaborating with organized labor, education, and workforce training facilities on how to build a local and diverse workforce and provide individuals with the education and training necessary to have family-supporting careers. Already, the COSW team has secured a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the NYS Building Trades for a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) on the construction of the project and the related manufacturing facility construction needs. Additionally, COSW is demonstrating their intentionality of unionization in the manufacturing sector by pursuing labor neutrality with their suppliers. In the future, IUEC Local 1 looks forward to collaborating, attending, and creating awareness of COSW and the good union jobs expected from its development for our members.

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Sincerely,



Lenny Legotte  
President- Business Manager  
International Union of Elevator Constructors (IUEC) Local 1



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January 18, 2023

Mr. Gregory Lampman  
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Dear Mr. Lampman,

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I express my support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

Sincerely,

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Thomas A. Callahan  
President





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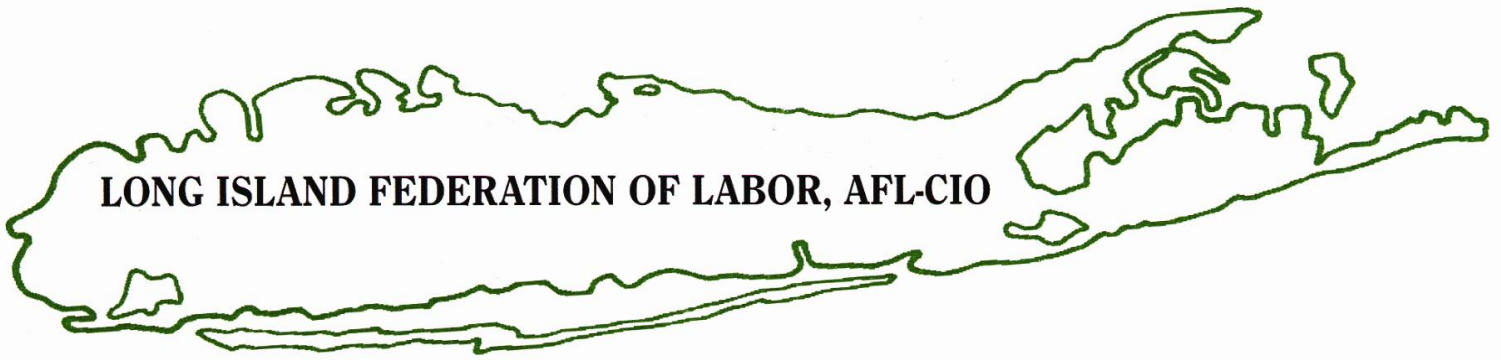
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Ms. Doreen Harris, President and CEO  
New York State Energy Research and Development Authority  
17 Columbus Circle  
Albany, New York 12203

Dear Ms. Harris

On behalf of the Long Island Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, representing over 250,000 union members and their families in Nassau and Suffolk Counties, to express our support for Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, in response to NYSERDA's third offshore wind solicitation. Community Offshore Wind's commitment to deliver clean energy safely, reliably, and efficiently while creating good union jobs for Long Islanders will have a positive impact on our region and build a brighter future for all New Yorker's.

Achieving the goals of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) is vital to the future of our affiliates and their members. Working people are on the frontlines of the climate crisis and bear the brunt of every natural disaster. During Tropical Storm Isaias, Hurricane Sandy, and every other severe weather event that has impacted our region, working people respond in order to power our homes, rebuild our communities, and deliver public services. They do it all while dealing with the devastation inflicted on their own homes. They will once again be called upon to respond when the next severe weather event makes landfall. Therefore, we applaud your commitment to advancing this industry. Our movement firmly believes in an all of the above energy approach that help's New York lead on climate change responsibly.

The Community Offshore Wind (COSW) partners have experience delivering large infrastructure and clean energy projects, as well as a deep understanding of the people who call Long Island home. National Grid serves over 20 million people throughout the Northeast, including millions on Long Island. RWE is one of the world's leading companies in offshore wind. Their collective experience in generation, transmission, and offshore wind coupled with their local footprint makes them well positioned to address the just transition of displaced workers. This makes them an ideal partner to help New York achieve a real just transition.

Furthermore, the Community Offshore Wind team has secured a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the NYS Building & Construction Trades Council for a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) on the construction of the project as well as the construction of related manufacturing facilities as needed. They are committed to the pursuit of a Labor Peace Agreement (LPA) covering operations, maintenance, and manufacturing to ensure workers are able to exercise their rights under the National Labor Relations Act free from employer interference. If successful in their bid, we look forward to collaborating with them and creating awareness of Community Offshore Wind and the good-paying union jobs expected to come from its development.

In order to realize the industries full economic potential, developers must prioritize a regional supply chain as more offshore wind farms are built in the Northeast. Community Offshore Wind has indicated a willingness to work with local suppliers and minority-owned businesses to create an environmentally-conscious, regional supply chain. If they are able to follow through on this commitment, building out the regional supply has the potential to revitalize our aging manufacturing base and would afford our workforce a competitive advantage to develop the unique skills needed to assemble offshore wind projects throughout the Eastern Seaboard.

Finally, the Community Offshore Wind project would sit on the largest parcel in the New York Bight, which has the potential to host 3 GW of capacity, enough to power over one million homes. This would be a significant step in helping New York State meet the goals laid out by the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act.

Please let us know if we can provide any further input for your consideration of the Community Offshore Wind proposal to NYSERDA.

Sincerely,



John R. Durso  
President



Ryan Stanton  
Executive Director

4. The DEVELOPER and the Unions will negotiate labor relations policies that support successful projects, thriving communities, promote stability, safety, security, and work opportunities afforded by this Agreement and any contract awarded by NYSERDA.
5. This Agreement shall be non-binding upon the Developer and its successors and assigns. The Parties intend to work together in good faith to implement the terms of this Agreement and to negotiate definitive agreements, including one or more Project Labor Agreements, that bind the Parties for the duration of the development and construction of the Project(s). Prior to the implementation of such definitive documentation, the Developer agrees that in the event of a successor to the Developer or the Developer's interest in the Project(s), either in whole or in a controlling share, whether direct or indirect, by purchase of assets, common stock, merger, consolidation or otherwise, the Developer shall make best efforts to obtain from the successor a written agreement that shall be referred to as the "Successor Agreement". The Parties to this Agreement intend that this Successor Agreement should expressly state that: i) the Successor shall assume and perform unconditionally the obligations of the Developer under this Agreement and any executed Project Labor Agreement for the Project(s); and ii) the NYS BCTC and its affiliates are third party beneficiaries to the Successor Agreement. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Unions hereby waive any and all recourse against the Assignor for any such claims upon an effective and complete assignment.
6. NYS BCTC and the Unions agree to support the DEVELOPERS'S Project(s) in relevant written and oral public comments, public meetings, and other public forums relating to the development and/or construction of the Project(s).
7. Each of the undersigned individuals represents, warrants, and certifies that s/he is authorized to execute the Agreement in the capacity indicated. The Parties hereby expressly represent and warrant to each other that they have entered into this Agreement voluntarily, with proper authority, and without any reservation. The Parties acknowledge that the only consideration for this Agreement is expressly set forth within this Agreement and no further inducements or representations have been exchanged in connection herewith.

**AGREED TO BY AND BETWEEN:**

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**ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY OFFSHORE WIND, LLC**  
**By: Doug Perkins, President**

28-Oct-22

**Dated**



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LOCAL NO. 33  
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Dear Mr. Lampman,

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SYRACUSE, NY

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LOCAL NO. 576  
BUFFALO, NY

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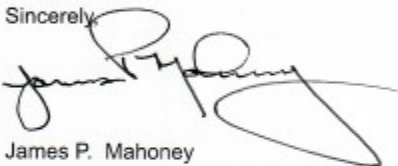
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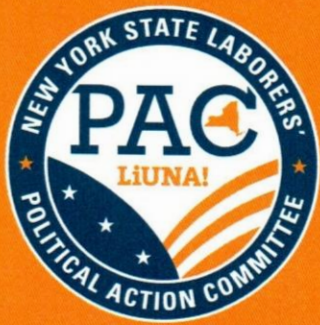
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President

New York State Iron Workers District Council



January 5, 2023

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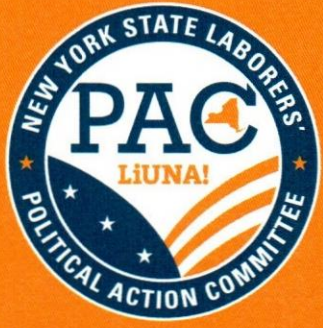
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International Representative, United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry



## NORTH ATLANTIC STATES REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS

# United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America

Joseph Byrne  
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January 9, 2023

Mr. Gregory Lampman  
NYSERDA Offshore Wind Program Director  
17 Columbus Circle  
Albany, NY 12203

Dear Mr. Lampman,

Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, is responding to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) to deliver clean energy to the state of New York. On behalf of the North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters, representing over 30,000 carpenters, pile drivers, shop and millmen, millwrights, and floorcoverers in New York, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont, I support the project and believe Community Offshore Wind will deliver clean energy to the Northeast efficiently, reliably, and safely while creating good union career opportunities for New Yorkers.

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Since February's NY Bight lease sale, the joint venture continues to be present throughout communities in New York and have made an impact. They are collaborating with organized labor, education, and workforce training facilities on how to build a local and diverse workforce and provide individuals with the education and training necessary to have family-supporting careers. Already, the COSW team has secured a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the NYS Building Trades for a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) on the construction of the project and the related manufacturing facility construction needs. Additionally, COSW is demonstrating their intentionality of unionization in the operations and maintenance and manufacturing sectors by pursuing a Labor Peace Agreement (LPA) with Climate Jobs NY and appropriate labor organizations. In the future, the North Atlantic States Regional Council of Carpenters looks forward to collaborating, attending, and creating awareness of COSW and the good union jobs expected from its development.

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January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Mr. Gregory Lampman  
NYSERDA Offshore Wind Program Director  
17 Columbus Circle  
Albany, NY 12203

Dear Mr. Lampman,

Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, is responding to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) to deliver clean energy to the state of New York. On behalf of the New York City District Council of Carpenters, representing over 20,000 members with distinct crafts, including shop and industrial carpenters, dock builders, millwrights, timbermen, high rise concrete, floor coverers, and more, I support the project and believe Community Offshore Wind will deliver clean energy to the Northeast efficiently, reliably, and safely while creating good union career opportunities for New Yorkers.

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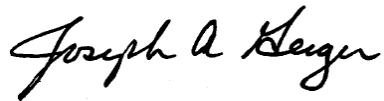
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I express my support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

Sincerely,

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Joseph A. Geiger  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer  
New York City and Vicinity District Council of Carpenters



**Thomas M. Conway**  
International President

January 25, 2023

Mr. Gregory Lampman  
NYSERDA Offshore Wind Program Director  
17 Columbus Circle  
Albany, NY 12203

Dear Mr. Lampman:

I write to you on behalf of the United Steelworkers (USW), representing thousands of members across New York and hundreds of thousands of workers across the United States and Canada, regarding Community Offshore Wind (COSW), a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid. COSW is responding to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) to deliver clean energy to the state of New York. Our union supports the project's efforts to bring steel manufacturing to the Hudson Valley and Western NY region while creating good union career opportunities for New Yorkers.

Community Offshore Wind has the collective experience of its two partners in executing successful large infrastructure and clean energy projects, and also in the familiarity with the people that live and work in New York. RWE is one of the world's leading companies in offshore wind and has constructed 18 wind farms. National Grid serves over 20 million people throughout the Northeast, including New York, and has developed large-scale infrastructure projects across the U.S. and UK.

This project will sit on the largest parcel in the New York Bight and has the potential to host 3 GW of capacity, enough to power over one million homes. Since February 2022's NY Bight lease sale, the joint venture has conducted outreach to labor unions and other organizations on how to build a local and diverse workforce and provide individuals with the education and training necessary to have family-supporting careers.

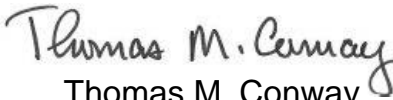
COSW is demonstrating their intentionality of unionization in the operations and maintenance and manufacturing sectors by advancing negotiations on a Labor Peace Agreement (LPA) with the New York State Federation of Labor, representing unions, including USW, across the state. In the future, our union looks forward to coordinating

with COSW to utilize our Veterans and Women of Steel programs and growing union jobs in NY State in the offshore wind supply chain.

In addition, COSW is working with local suppliers and minority-owned businesses to create a secure and high-road regional supply chain. Their stated commitment is to utilize union shops and work with local non-profit organizations to provide educational, economic, and environmental benefits to underserved communities.

Our union supports Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York because it articulates commitments to union labor and local supply chains.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas M. Conway  
International President

  
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Mr. Greogory Lampan  
NYSERDA Offshore Wind Program Director  
17 Columbus Circle  
Albany, NY 12203

January 23, 2023

Dear Mr. Lampman,

Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE renewables and National Grid, is responding to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) to deliver clean energy to the state of New York. On behalf of the Seafarers International Union of North America, we are the largest Maritime union representing US merchant mariners. We represent 500+ members in the New York Metro area. I support the project and believe Community Offshore Wind will deliver clean energy to the Northeast efficiently, reliably, and safely while creating good union career opportunities for New Yorkers.

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NY and appropriate labor organizations. In the future, the Seafarers International Union looks forward to creating awareness of COSW, the good union jobs expected from its development, and collaborating with the team to understand unique standards, certifications, and training needed for mariners in the burgeoning offshore wind industry.

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I express my support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York. If there is any questions I can be reached via email at [rhenderson@seafarers.org](mailto:rhenderson@seafarers.org) or by phone at 201-434-6000 ext.236.

Sincerely,

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Raymond Henderson  
Port Agent NY/NJ



Letters from MWBEs and SVDBEs



2902 West 37<sup>th</sup> Street Brooklyn NY 11224

January 12, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

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Community Offshore Wind is proven to be committed to the communities it serves. Their dedication is evident especially following the GivingTuesday campaign and partnership with Buy Supply, a women-owned small business in Brooklyn, New York, to donate 900 winter coats and 100 pairs of gloves to not-for-profit organizations across New York State, Community Offshore Wind first connected with Buy Supply at the 12th Annual NYS MWBE Forum in October in Albany. The partnership further galvanized while planning, the November 29, 2022, donation. Collectively, seven total non-profit organizations across the state received the winter apparel families in the regions they serve. At a time when thousands of families are struggling this winter, Buy Supply is proud to partner with Community Offshore Wind to bring warmth to families across New York State.

We ***enthusiastically express our support*** for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

Best Wishes,

Mitch Fine  
VP Business Development  
Buy Supply Corp  
(972)672-9779



January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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17 Columbus Circle  
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In the months following the lease sale, the joint venture has reached out to FuzeHub. They are collaborating with workforce training facilities on how to build a workforce with local, diverse candidates and provide them with the education and training they need. They are working with local suppliers and minority-owned businesses to create an environmentally-conscious, regional supply chain. The team is also committed to serving the underserved by working with local, non-profit organizations to provide educational, economic, and environmental benefits to underserved communities.

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I express my support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

Sincerely,

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Everton H. Henriques  
NY MEP Solutions Director

FuzeHub | 25 Monroe St, Ste 201, Albany, NY 12210 | 518-768-7030





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November 1, 2022

Greetings,

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In the months following the lease sale, Community Offshore Wind reached out to the MRV Group to discuss collaboration and partnership opportunities. Through their sponsorship, they have supported 13 community-based activations within our Offshore Wind + Job Expos platform and will continue to do so in subsequent months. They have presented at Offshore Wind Lunch + Learns: An Economic and Workforce Development Series and have attended various events. Community Offshore Wind has also provided opportunities for our MWBE members and suppliers to participate in conferences and networking events to enhance visibility and business opportunities.

Community Offshore Wind is collaborating with workforce training facilities to build a workforce with local, diverse candidates and provide them with the education and training they need. Additionally, they are collaborating with local suppliers and minority-owned businesses to create an environmentally conscious, regional supply chain. Their team is committed to serving the underserved by volunteering and funding various, non-profit organizations throughout New York State.

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I have seen firsthand how committed the Community Offshore Wind team is to ensuring a just transition for all and I express my support for their proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

Sincerely,

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Glenn O. Vickers II  
Managing Director + Founder

1/11/2023

Mr. Gregory Lampman  
NYSERDA Offshore Wind Program Director  
17 Columbus Circle  
Albany, NY 12203

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Since February 2022's NY Bight lease sale, the joint venture continues to be present throughout communities in New York and have made an impact. They are collaborating with organized labor, workforce training programs, and manufacturing facilities on how to build a local and diverse workforce and provide individuals with the education and training necessary to have family-supporting careers. RI knows first-hand the challenges in navigating the emerging offshore wind supply chain. Small MWBE steel fabrication firms like us often do not have the staff capacity and flexibility to investigate the offshore wind sector and learn how to tailor facilities to qualify for this future work. While we attend conferences, events, and hearings, others cannot or are not even aware of the sector yet. We seek to bridge that gap by coordinating with COSW to ensure MWBE steel fabricators and Tier 1 and 2 suppliers are actively engaging one another as the industry certifications, hoisting capacities, types of fabrication, and other scopes of work are identified for offshore wind projects.

Community Offshore Wind is working with local suppliers and minority-owned businesses like us to create a secure, regional supply chain. They are also committed to utilizing union shops and working with local non-profit organizations to provide educational, economic, and environmental benefits to underserved communities.



Red Iron Works Inc. 98 Kean St. West Babylon NY 11704. 631.239.6970.

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I express my support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the state of New York.

Sincerely,

Jason Chadee  
Chief Executive Officer  
Red Ironworks Inc.  
347-992-4938

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# Letters from Public officials



## STEVEN M. NEUHAUS

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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December 12, 2022

Mr. Gregory Lampman  
NYSERDA Offshore Wind Program Director  
17 Columbus Circle  
Albany, NY 12203

Dear Mr. Lampman:

Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, is responding to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) to deliver clean energy to the State of New York. In furtherance of New York's growing offshore wind industry, the Orange County Office of Economic Development strongly supports Community Offshore Wind in their efforts to bring primary and secondary steel manufacturing to the City of Newburgh and the Town of New Windsor. Orange County is excited to take a primary role in building a clean energy future.

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In the months following the lease sale, the joint venture has already reached out to the communities in New York to make connections. They are collaborating with local stakeholders to build a workforce with local, diverse candidates and provide them with education and training. The team is also committed to uplifting disadvantaged communities by working with local, non-profit organizations to provide educational, economic, and environmental benefits.

This project is located on the largest parcel in the New York Bight that has the potential to host 3 GW of capacity, enough to power over one million homes. Community Offshore Wind will deliver clean energy to the Northeast efficiently, reliably, and safely, and will build strong, sustainable communities. I am excited that Orange County has the opportunity to lead in the new, green economy and I enthusiastically lend my support to this important project for our region.

Sincerely,

Steven M. Neuhaus  
County Executive



## Orange County Legislator

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4<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

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January 25, 2023

Doreen Harris  
President and CEO  
NYSERDA  
17 Columbia Circle  
Albany, NY 12203

Dear President Harris:

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In the months following the lease sale, the joint venture has already reached out to the communities in New York to make an impact. They are collaborating with local stakeholders to build a workforce with local, diverse candidates and provide them with the education and training they need. The team is also committed to uplifting disadvantaged communities by working with local, non-profit organizations to provide educational, economic, and environmental benefits. Amongst my biggest priorities, when I receive applications from projects, is the impact it will have on local job creation, accessibility, workforce development programs, community benefit packages, and transportation. This project will touch on all of these factors and more.

I am excited to see that this project will create prevailing wage jobs, which will provide our community members the opportunity to achieve generational wealth. This is particularly, important when we consider that the City of Newburgh has amongst the highest unemployment in the Hudson Valley. I am excited to see that this project will work with SUNY Orange and the Newburgh Free Academy on a workforce development program to help future generations connect to trade jobs, this is very much in line with Orange County's dedication to increasing workforce development in the region. I was especially pleased to see that this project recognized

in its earliest stages, the obstacles related to retention and transportation and has pledged to make transportation a top priority, to ensure our city residents are able to get to work.

As mentioned, this project will offer so many benefits to our community from prevailing jobs to workforce development, but I am also very excited about what this project could do for the area specifically surrounding the sites and our Hudson River. I look forward to working with Community Offshore Wind implementing a robust community benefit package that will uplift our community and surrounding region. I believe that investing in our human capital and our environment must be a top priority, which is why I intend to work with them to encourage investment in our Quassaick Creek, creating trails, bike lanes and community spaces such as pavilions and other community focused projects, which will connect the City of Newburgh and New Windsor and provide more accessibility to the community along the Hudson River.

This project is located on the largest parcel in the New York Bight that has the potential to host 3 GW of capacity, enough to power over one million homes. Community Offshore Wind will deliver clean energy to the Northeast efficiently, reliably, and safely and build strong, sustainable communities. I am excited that Orange County has the opportunity to lead in the new, green economy and I do not hesitate to lend my support to this important project for our region.

Sincerely,

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Kevindaryán Luján  
Orange County Legislator  
Newburgh- District 4





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**Steven M. Gross, Director**

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**Steven M. Neuhaus**  
County Executive

December 12, 2022

Mr. Gregory Lampman  
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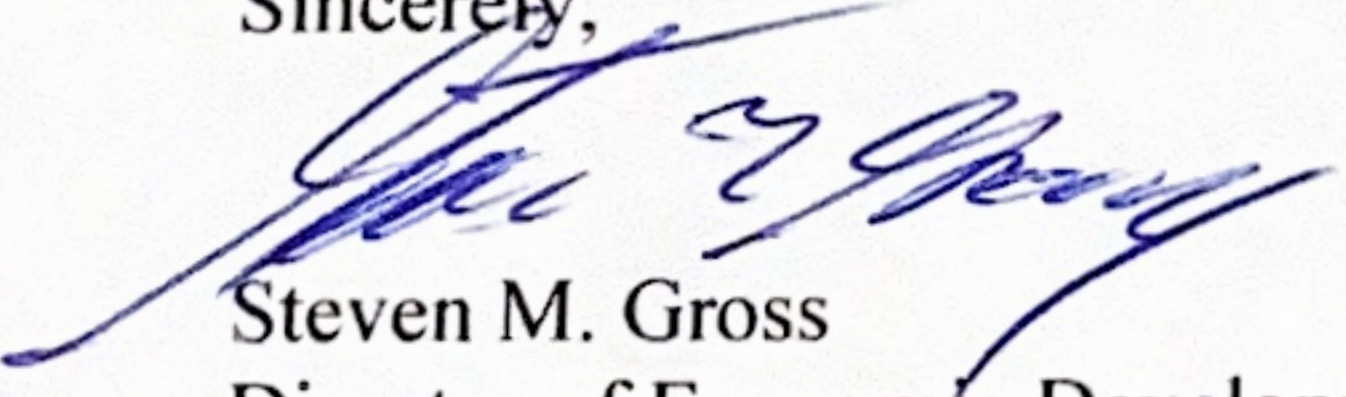
Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, is responding to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) to deliver clean energy to the State of New York. In furtherance of New York's growing offshore wind industry, the Orange County Office of Economic Development strongly supports Community Offshore Wind in their efforts to bring primary and secondary steel manufacturing to the City of Newburgh and the Town of New Windsor. Orange County is excited to take a prime role in helping to build a clean energy future.

Community Offshore Wind has the collective experience for executing successful large infrastructure and clean energy projects, but also the familiarity with the people that live and work in New York. RWE is one of the world's leading companies in offshore wind and has constructed 17 wind farms. National Grid serves over 20 million people throughout the Northeast, including New York, and has developed large-scale infrastructure projects across the US and UK.

In the months following the lease sale, the joint venture has already reached out to the communities in New York to make an impact. They are collaborating with local stakeholders to build a workforce with local, diverse candidates and provide them with the education and training they need. The team is also committed to uplifting disadvantaged communities by working with local, non-profit organizations to provide educational, economic, and environmental benefits.

This project is located on the largest parcel in the New York Bight that has the potential to host 3 GW of capacity, enough to power over one million homes. Community Offshore Wind will deliver clean energy to the Northeast efficiently, reliably, and safely and build strong, sustainable communities. I am excited that Orange County has the opportunity to lead in the new, green economy and I do not hesitate to lend my support to this important project for our region.

Sincerely,

  
Steven M. Gross  
Director of Economic Development

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January 19, 2023

To the NYSERDA Board Members,

Recently Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE and National Grid, began preliminary discussions with the leadership of the Island Park UFSD regarding elements of an offshore wind project they plan to submit to NYSERDA. During their discussions with our leadership team, they disclosed that their proposal will include components of an electric transmission system that would be housed within the boundaries of the Island Park School District, specifically, on several of the parcels at the current location of the EF Barrett Power Plant.

On April 25, 2022, the Nassau County legislature voted to approve a Tax Certiorari Settlement Agreement between the County and the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) with respect to a power generating facility, EF Barrett Power Plant, located within the boundaries of the Island Park UFSD. The settlement agreement went into effect for the 2022-2023 school year, and over the next five-year period, the agreement reduces the amount of property tax LIPA pays by approximately 46.5%. Since nearly 50% of the tax base will be removed from the tax rolls over the next five-year period, the District is concerned that the tax rates could double for our residents. The trustees of the Board of Education understand the financial strain and tax burden that the settlement places on our taxpayers and on the financial viability of our school district. Moreover, as a result of this settlement, we understand the significant impact on our schools, the families, and children of the Island Park UFSD.

As a result, the District has intensified its efforts to work with our local and state elected officials to find solutions for the loss of revenue caused by the Nassau County/LIPA Tax Certiorari Settlement so that we can continue to provide the robust educational experiences that our children deserve and that our community has come to expect.

One of these solutions is to consider how to repurpose the parcels of land that the aging EF Barrett Power Plant currently occupies, to the benefit of both the developer(s) and the taxing jurisdictions. In addition to recouping some of the loss of revenue caused by the Nassau County/LIPA settlement, our residents' voices have been clear about the need for the repurposing of these parcels once the power plant is decommissioned. For decades, our families, residents and a variety of other stakeholder groups within the community have continued to push for a safe environmental cleanup, remediation, and repurposing of the



aging EF Barrett Power Plant. With the knowledge that NYSERDA is the state agency that is primarily responsible for the siting and permitting of new renewable energy facilities in New York State, the School District welcomes these “green” renewable energy projects within the boundaries of the Island Park School District, in particular, the EF Barrett Power Plant parcels.

These parcels are an ideal location for installing electric transmission systems, equipment, and/or connecting to the electrical grid which support the goals of NYSERDA and the state’s green energy initiatives.

It is our hope that NYSERDA recognizes how suitable these parcels are for green electric transmission systems and the ability they have to provide the residents of this community with some relief from the “fiscal cliff” caused by the LIPA/Nassau County Tax Certiorari settlement. It is in this spirit that we look forward to continuing discussions with Community Offshore Wind as more details develop on this potentially promising proposal.

Yours truly,

Island Park Board of Education

Cc: Community Offshore Wind

DONALD X. CLAVIN, JR.  
Supervisor



## OFFICE OF THE SUPERVISOR

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January 24, 2023

NYSERDA  
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To the NYSERDA Board Members,

Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE and National Grid, recently met with Town of Hempstead officials to discuss an offshore wind project they plan to submit to NYSERDA. During the discussions with our leadership team, Community Offshore Wind disclosed that their proposal will include an electric transmission system that would be housed in Island Park at the current location of the EF Barrett Power Plant.

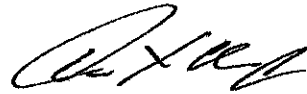
On April 25, 2022, the Nassau County legislature voted to approve a Tax Certiorari Settlement Agreement between the County and the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) with respect to the EF Barrett Power Plant. The settlement agreement provides that over the next five-years the amount of property tax LIPA pays is reduced by 46.5%. In essence, over this same time, the tax rates would almost double for Island Park residents.

In addition to mitigating the tax impact, our residents have been clear about the need for repurposing the EF Barrett parcels once the power plant is decommissioned. For decades, residents of Island Park have continued to push for a safe environmental cleanup, remediation, and repurposing of the aging EF Barrett Power Plant. The Town supports “green” renewable energy projects, such as this one being proposed by Community Offshore Wind for the EF Barrett Power Plant parcels. The Town believes that these parcels are an ideal location for installing electric transmission systems, equipment, and connecting to power from

wind farms to the electrical grid. Since NYSERDA is the state agency primarily responsible for the siting and permitting of renewable energy facilities, we strongly encourage your support of the Barrett facility. We believe this project is consistent with the goals of NYSERDA and the state's green energy initiatives.

We ask that NYSERDA recognizes how suitable these parcels are for green electric transmission systems and the tax relief they will provide to the residents of this community. We look forward to continuing discussions with Community Offshore Wind as more details develop on this promising proposal.

Sincerely,

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Donald X. Clavin, Jr.  
Supervisor

cc: Community Offshore Wind

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January 24, 2023

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To the NYSERDA Board Members,

Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, is responding to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) to deliver clean energy to the state of New York and I enthusiastically support the project repurposing land at the E.F. Barrett Power Station to help deliver clean energy to New York efficiently, reliably, and safely and build strong, sustainable communities.

Community Offshore Wind has the collective experience executing successful large infrastructure and clean energy projects, but also the familiarity with the people that live and work in New York. RWE is one of the world's leading companies in offshore wind and has constructed 18 wind farms, while National Grid serves over 20 million people throughout the Northeast, including New York. National Grid has been serving the Island Park community since 1957. Their 56 full-time employees and turbines provide safe, reliable service to Long Islanders. This gives us confidence that Community Offshore Wind will have a similar dedication to providing jobs and safe, reliable energy to our community.

New York's climate goals point out that existing conventional generating units in New York be retired or repurposed to no-carbon fuels by 2040. Community Offshore Wind's proposal provides a viable pathway for repurposing the Barrett station and enable a Just Transition for the Island Park community. This will bring in valuable, and needed tax base to the school district and will ensure that this property provides that for decades. Barrett has evolved over time from coal to oil to natural gas, and would continue to evolve as a clean energy supplier under Community Offshore Wind's proposal. This is the only offshore wind company who has reached out to the district, and we appreciate their partnership. To our knowledge, this is the only project in the NYSERDA RFP 3 that will offer additional taxable class three assets to offset future real estate tax burdens to the residential taxpayer as a result of the settlement in the Long Island Power Authority tax certiorari case.

The project will sit on the largest parcel in the New York Bight and has the potential to host 3 GW of capacity, enough to power over one million homes. The project will help New York State meet the goals of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, which has set a target that 70 percent of the state's electricity be produced from renewable resources by 2030.

I express my support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to repurpose the Barret Power Station. Additionally, I urge NYSERDA to award their proposal so that Island Park plays an integral part in the clean energy future. I look forward to a longstanding partnership with Community Offshore Wind.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael G. McGinty". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

Michael G. McGinty  
Mayor





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January 23, 2023

Doreen Harris  
President & CEO NYSERDA  
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Albany, NY 12203

Dear President and CEO Harris,

I support the project of the Community Offshore Wind and believe that it will deliver clean energy to New York reliably, and safely and build strong, sustainable communities. I believe that the Community Offshore Wind as a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid is responding to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) to deliver clean energy to the state of New York.

Community Offshore Wind has the collective experience for executing successful large infrastructure and clean energy projects, but also the familiarity with the people that live and work in New York. RWE is one of the world's leading companies in offshore wind and has constructed 21 wind farms. National Grid serves over 20 million people throughout the Northeast, including New York, and has developed large-scale infrastructure projects across the US and UK.

In the months following the lease sale, the joint venture has already reached out to the communities in New York to make an impact. They are collaborating with workforce training facilities on how to build a workforce with local, diverse candidates and provide them with the education and training they need. They are working with local suppliers to create a regional supply chain. The team is also committed to working with local, non-profit organizations to provide educational, economic, and environmental benefits to underserved communities.

The project will sit on the largest parcel in the New York Bight and has the potential to host 3 GW of capacity, enough to power over one million homes. The project will help New York State become leader in the offshore wind industry.

I express my support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the State of New York.

Sincerely,

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Kevan Abrahams  
Nassau County Legislature Minority Leader  
Legislator District #1

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-3204**

January 24, 2023

NYSERDA  
17 Columbia Circle  
Albany, NY 12203-6399

Dear NYSERDA Board Members,

I write today in lockstep with the Island Park UFSD regarding Community Offshore Wind's proposal to include components of an electric transmission system within Island Park School District at the current location of the EF Barrett Power Plant.

As you know, a Tax Certiorari Settlement Agreement between Nassau County and the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) was approved on April 25, 2022. This agreement reduced the amount of property tax LIPA pays by 46.5%, thus removing a nearly 50% of the tax base over the next 5 years, increasing the burden on local residents and limiting potential revenue for Island Park UDSD.

All levels of government must work together to find a sustainable solution that allows Island Park UFSD to provide a quality education to our children and shelters local taxpayers from picking up the dramatic revenue shortfall. That is why I support Community Offshore Wind's proposal to repurpose the EG Barrett Power Plant as an ideal solution that helps achieve these objectives and is in line with the community's push for a safe environmental cleanup, remediation and repurposing of the power plant.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to working with you on this important issue.

Sincerely,

  
Anthony D'Esposito  
Member of Congress

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January 6, 2023

Dear Ms. Harris:

Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, is responding to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) to deliver clean energy to the state of New York. I support the project and believe Community Offshore Wind will deliver clean energy to Staten Islanders efficiently, reliably, and safely and build strong, sustainable communities.

Community Offshore Wind has the collective experience for executing successful large infrastructure and clean energy projects, but also the familiarity with the people that live and work in New York. RWE is one of the world's leading companies in offshore wind and has constructed 21 wind farms. National Grid serves over 20 million people throughout the Northeast, including New York, and has developed large-scale infrastructure projects across the US and UK.

In the months following the lease sale, the joint venture has already reached out to the communities in New York to make an impact. They are collaborating with workforce training facilities on how to build a workforce with local, diverse candidates and provide them with the education and training they need. They are working with local suppliers to create a regional supply chain. The team is also committed to working with local, non-profit organizations to provide educational, economic, and environmental benefits to underserved communities. In December, Community Offshore Wind worked with my office to identify three food banks in my district and then facilitated a very large delivery of canned clam chowder and fresh fish to these food banks, along with helping with the distribution.

The project will sit on the largest parcel in the New York Bight and has the potential to host 3 GW of capacity, enough to power over one million homes. The project will help New York State become a leader in the offshore wind industry.

I express my support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the State of New York.

Sincerely,



Nicole Malliotakis  
Member of Congress, NY-11



**PATRICK K. RYAN**

**Congress of the United States**

**House of Representatives**

**Washington, DC 20515**

January 17, 2023

Doreen M. Harris  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
New York State Energy Research and Development Authority  
17 Columbia Circle  
Albany, NY 12203-6399

Dear President Harris:

I write regarding the application from Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates to deliver clean energy to the state of New York. Community Offshore Wind's lease from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management is on the largest parcel in the New York Bight and has the potential to power over one million homes.

It is critical that we invest in our children and grandchildren by moving towards a greener future. This includes bringing good paying, green careers to New York. Community Offshore Wind's proposal to bring primary and secondary steel manufacturing to the City of Newburgh and the Town of New Windsor aims to uplift disadvantaged communities and provide them with the education and training they need to succeed.

I share your commitment to advancing clean energy that can power New York while protecting the environment and ensuring communities and their residents' benefit. Your full and fair consideration of this request, consistent with current laws, rules, regulations, and agency policy, is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Patrick K. Ryan  
Member of Congress





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**PAUL D. TONKO**

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
20<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT, NEW YORK

January 25, 2023

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SUBCOMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY

**Doreen Harris**  
**President & CEO**  
**New York State Energy Research and Development Authority**  
**17 Columbia Circle**  
**Albany, NY 12203**

Dear President Harris:

As you consider proposals for New York’s third request for offshore wind projects (“NY3”), I strongly encourage you to select proposals with a significant Supply Chain Investment Plan for the Capital Region and its state-leading manufacturing workforce.

As you know, I wholeheartedly support New York State’s ambitious targets for delivering clean energy while prioritizing in-state economic benefits and environmental justice. New York’s goal of developing 9,000 megawatts of offshore wind energy by 2035 is a critical component to achieving President Biden’s national goal of 30 gigawatts of offshore wind by 2030, which will create tens of thousands of good-paying jobs, power more than 10 million homes, and avoid 78 million metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions.

I firmly believe that the Capital Region is well-positioned to play a leading role in supporting offshore wind development by becoming a manufacturing hub for the industry’s emerging domestic supply chain. It is my understanding that several NY3 proposals have included a Supply Chain Investment Plan with commitments to the Capital Region. I hope you will fully consider this economic opportunity to bring hundreds of millions of dollars in investment and hundreds of jobs accessible to people who live in New York’s 20th Congressional District.

For example, Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, would advance our national and state goals with the potential capacity of 3 gigawatts within its lease area in the New York Bight, while also reducing hazardous co-pollutants by displacing electricity from highly polluting fossil fuel power plants. It is my understanding that Community Offshore Wind’s Supply Chain Investment Plan could include significant commitments to the Capital Region. If selected, these investments would offer an opportunity to support job creation and workforce development in some of the region’s historically disadvantaged communities.

As you consider proposals for NY3, I hope you will maximize the Capital Region’s potential for becoming an offshore wind manufacturing hub. Projects like Community Offshore Wind can play an important role in achieving this vision. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate

to reach out to my staff. Your full and fair consideration of this request, consistent with current laws, rules, regulations, and policies, is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Paul D. Tonko  
Member of Congress

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January 25, 2023

Doreen Harris  
President & CEO  
New York State Energy Research and Development Authority  
17 Columbia Circle  
Albany, NY 12203

**Re: Community Offshore Wind**

Dear Ms. Harris,

Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, is responding to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) to deliver clean energy to the state of New York. I believe Community Offshore Wind will deliver clean energy to New York reliably, and safely and build strong, sustainable communities.

Community Offshore Wind has the collective experience for executing successful large infrastructure and clean energy projects, but also the familiarity with the people that live and work in New York. RWE is one of the world's leading companies in offshore wind and has constructed 21 wind farms. National Grid serves over 20 million people throughout the Northeast, including New York, and has developed large-scale infrastructure projects across the US and UK.

In the months following the lease sale, the joint venture has already reached out to the communities in New York to make an impact. They are collaborating with workforce training facilities on how to build a workforce with local, diverse candidates and provide them with the education and training they need. They are working with local suppliers to create a regional

supply chain. The team is also committed to working with local, non-profit organizations to provide educational, economic, and environmental benefits to underserved communities.

The project will sit on the largest parcel in the New York Bight and has the potential to host 3 gigawatts of capacity, enough to power over one million homes. The project will help New York State become a leader in the offshore wind industry.

I ask that you please take the above factors into consideration as you review Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the State of New York.

Sincerely,

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Pete Harkcham  
New York State Senator, District 40

NEW YORK  
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SENATOR ROBERT G. ROLISON  
39<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

Doreen Harris  
President and CEO  
New York State Energy Research and Development Authority  
17 Columbia Circle  
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January 20, 2023

Dear Ms. Harris,

I support Community Offshore Wind in their efforts to bring primary and secondary steel manufacturing to the City of Newburgh and the Town of New Windsor. As a state Senator who represents parts of Orange County set to benefit from this project, I am excited for the community to take a lead role in helping to build a clean energy future.

Community Offshore Wind has the collective experience for executing successful large infrastructure and clean energy projects, but also the familiarity with the people that live and work in New York. RWE is one of the world's leading companies in offshore wind and has constructed 17 wind farms. National Grid serves over 20 million people throughout the Northeast, including New York, and has developed large-scale infrastructure projects across the US and UK.

In the months following the lease sale, the joint venture has already reached out to the communities in New York to make an impact. They are collaborating with local stakeholders to build a workforce with local, diverse candidates and provide them with the education and training they need. The team is also committed to uplifting disadvantaged communities by working with local, non-profit organizations to provide educational, economic, and environmental benefits to the City of Newburgh and its school district.

This project is located on the largest parcel in the New York Bight that has the potential to host 3 GW of capacity, enough to power over one million homes. Community Offshore Wind will deliver clean energy to the Northeast efficiently, reliably, and safely and build strong, sustainable communities. I am excited that Orange County has the opportunity to lead in the 21<sup>st</sup> century economy and I do not hesitate to lend my support to this important project for our region.

Sincerely,

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Robert G. Rolison  
New York State Senate  
39<sup>th</sup> District



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January 25, 2023

To Whom It May Concern,

Community Offshore Wind, a joint effort between RWE Renewables and National Grid, is answering NYSERDA's 2022 request to deliver clean energy to the state of New York. Through procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs), Community Offshore Wind is prioritizing the transition to clean energy. I have chosen to support this initiative because I believe that Community Offshore Wind will deliver clean energy to Staten Islanders efficiently, reliably, and safely, and build strong, sustainable communities.

RWE is one of the world's leading companies in offshore wind and has constructed 21 wind farms. National Grid serves over 20 million people throughout the Northeast, including New York, and has developed large-scale infrastructure projects across the US and UK. With the collective experience Community Offshore Wind brings to the table, this joint venture has the capability to execute clean energy infrastructure on a large scale. They also have decades of familiarity with the people that live and work in New York.

In the months following the lease sale, RWE and National Grid's joint venture has already begun to make a positive impact on various communities in New York State. Specifically, Community Offshore Wind has begun a collaboration effort with workforce training facilities, in order to recruit a workforce with local, diverse candidates, while also providing these new employees with the education and training they need. Community Offshore Wind is also working with local suppliers to create a regional supply chain, while staying committed to working with local, non-profit organizations to provide educational, economic, and environmental benefits to underserved communities.

This project will sit on the largest parcel in the New York Bight. It has the potential to host 3 GW of capacity, which is enough to power over one million homes. I believe Community Offshore Winds can and will help New York State become a leader in the offshore wind industry.

I express my support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the State of New York.

Sincerely,

Jessica Scarcella Spanton

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VETERANS, HOMELAND  
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January 25, 2023

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Dear Ms. Harris:

Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, is responding to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) to deliver clean energy to the state of New York. In furtherance of New York's growing offshore wind industry, I support Community Offshore Wind in their efforts to bring primary and secondary steel manufacturing to the City of Newburgh and the Town of New Windsor.

Community Offshore Wind has the collective experience for executing successful large infrastructure and clean energy projects, but also the familiarity with the people that live and work in New York. RWE is one of the world's leading companies in offshore wind and has constructed 17 wind farms. National Grid serves over 20 million people throughout the Northeast, including New York, and has developed large-scale infrastructure projects across the US and UK.

I am delighted that Orange County has the opportunity to lead in the new, green economy. While this letter serves as a demonstration of my support for the project application, it does not serve as a carte blanche endorsement for the applicant as it moves through local municipal and agency considerations, including potential pursuit of a payment-in-lieu-of-taxes, something I would vehemently oppose.

Sincerely,

James Skoufis  
State Senator

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December 19, 2022

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To Whom It May Concern:

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I express my support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the State of New York.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin Thomas', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kevin Thomas  
New York State Senator  
6<sup>th</sup> Senate District



MICHAEL J. CUSICK  
Assemblyman 63rd District  
Richmond County

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December 14, 2022

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Sincerely,

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Michael J. Cusick  
Member of Assembly



TAYLOR DARLING  
Assemblywoman 18<sup>th</sup> District

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January 19, 2023

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I express my support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the State of New York.

All My Best,

Member of Assembly  
District 18



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STEVEN ENGLEBRIGHT  
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Suffolk County

December 19, 2022

Doreen Harris  
President and CEO  
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I express my support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the State of New York.

Sincerely,

Steve Englebright  
Member of Assembly



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Doreen Harris  
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January 10, 2023

Dear President Harris,

Community Offshore Wind, a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid, is responding to NYSERDA's 2022 Request for Proposals for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (ORECs) to deliver clean energy to the state of New York. I support the project and believe Community Offshore Wind will deliver clean energy to Staten Islanders efficiently, reliably, and safely to build strong, sustainable communities.

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I express my support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA to provide clean energy from offshore wind to the State of New York.

Sincerely,

Joseph C. Borelli  
Minority Leader  
New York City Council  
51<sup>ST</sup> District



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**DAVID M. CARR**

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January 20, 2023

The Honorable Doreen Harris  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
NYSERDA  
17 Columbia Circle  
Albany, New York 12203

Re: Letter of Support for Community Offshore Wind's Proposal

Dear President Harris:

I am writing to express my support for Community Offshore Wind's proposal to the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) for procuring Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Certificates (OREC). I believe that Community Offshore Wind's proposal will bring clean energy to Staten Islanders on a safe and reliable basis. The project proposal has the potential to host 3 Gigawatts of capacity, which is enough to power over 1 million homes.

Community Offshore Wind is a joint venture between RWE Renewables and National Grid. It is my belief that this entity has the collective experience and expertise for building successful clean energy infrastructure projects. RWE Renewables is a leader in offshore wind construction and they have built 21 wind farms to date. National Grid currently serves over 20 million people in the New York area and is responsible for many large-scale infrastructure projects throughout the nation.

Community Offshore Wind has already begun making direct impacts in communities throughout the State. They have started working with local suppliers to organize a regional supply chain as well as to create a local workforce with adequate training and education. Community Offshore Wind has also made commitments to working with non-profit organizations to provide educational, environmental, and economic benefits to local communities.

I am happy to support Community Offshore Wind's proposal to NYSERDA because it will help New York State become a leader in the offshore wind industry.

Very truly yours,

David M. Carr  
Council Member, 50<sup>th</sup> District

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