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nm nautical mile

NY PSC New York Public Service Commission

WTGs wind turbine generators

8.3 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN

6.2.8.3 The Stakeholder Engagement Plan should describe all stakeholder engagement activities and commitments during the planning, construction, operation, and decommissioning phases of the Project and associated investments. The Stakeholder engagement Plan must also address the Project's visibility from shore and mitigation measures to address affected communities. All letters of support for the Project should be attached to the Stakeholder Engagement Plan, with a cover page summarizing how many letters of support and from whom. The Stakeholder Engagement Plan should detail, to the extent practical, specific measures the Proposer will take to foster collaborative relationships with New York stakeholders including but not limited to local community members directly affected by the Project, local, state and federal elected officials representing communities directed affected by the Project, institutions, local businesses, and nonprofit organizations. Where specific measures are not yet known for certain stakeholder groups at the time of proposing, the Stakeholder Engagement Plan must describe how the Proposer will acquire the data needed to work collaboratively with respective stakeholder groups, including an expected stakeholder engagement schedule, communication approach, and methodology to incorporate adaptive, inclusive thinking throughout the lifecycle of a Project. The Stakeholder Engagement Plan shall describe investments associated with stakeholder engagement efforts. The Stakeholder Engagement Plan should provide a degree of certainty that the Proposer is committed to working collaboratively with stakeholders and reporting engagement activities and progress during regular monthly (or more frequent) updates to NYSERDA and in the Quarterly Reports.

Overview of Stakeholder Engagement Plan

As described in the Stakeholder Engagement Plan (Attachment 8.3-1), Long Island Wind will be led by a combination of existing and new team members that includes locals with deep roots in each stakeholder group and extensive backgrounds in outreach—with support from subject matter experts and the best available communication tools.

Within a highly abbreviated solicitation window for new projects, we have also included dozens of Let	ters
of Support (Attachment 8.3-2) for our Project collected in just the past few weeks.	

To help showcase our outreach and media success, we have also included examples of Ørsted's work for South Fork Wind and Sunrise Wind, including Examples of Outreach and Branding Campaigns (Attachment 8.3-3), South Fork Wind Media Highlights (Attachment 8.3-4), and Sunrise Wind Media Highlights (Attachment 8.3-5).

The remainder of this section provides additional context for the attachments.

Background on Ørsted in New York: the Local Developer

Long Island Wind is local; the Project team lives and works in the New York communities it serves and is here to stay. The team has already built one offshore wind farm in New York (South Fork Wind), is currently building our second (Sunrise Wind), and we care deeply about how our members go about doing business. Successfully developing and building our projects means building strong, open, and genuine relationships with community stakeholders.

We are mature market participants in New York State.
Nearly all of our New York staff routinely engage directly with government and

other external stakeholders for our projects through venues that span community meetings, press events, technical working groups, supplier forums, workforce partnerships, environmental initiatives, and research and development projects.

Industry-Leading Stakeholder Engagement

Ørsted has achieved more success with U.S. offshore wind stakeholder engagement than any other developer, including through the success of South Fork Wind and Sunrise Wind. We are the first and only developer to have successfully completed a commercial-scale offshore wind farm in the U.S. (South Fork Wind), in addition to building 28 other offshore wind projects around the globe.

Locally, the Long Island Wind team has been on the ground, working to successfully bring offshore wind to New York for years. Furthermore, we are the first and only developer, thus far, to have received two transmission line approvals by the New York Public Service Commission (NY PSC) (for Sunrise Wind and South Fork Wind). Notably, the Sunrise Wind Joint Proposal was unopposed by any party and was received expeditiously in November 2022.¹

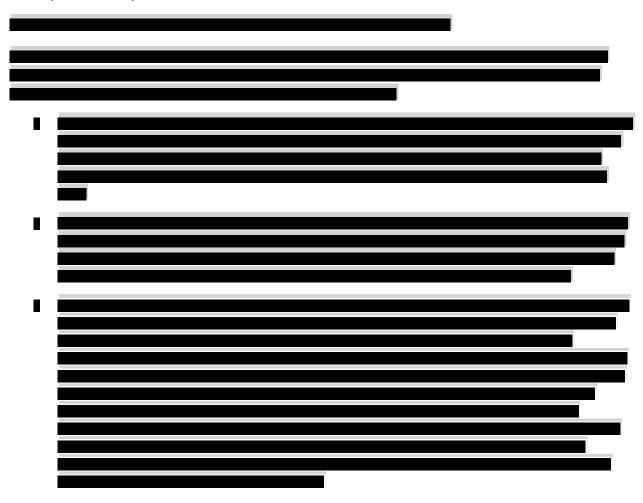
A History of Being Responsive to Stakeholder Feedback

A key ingredient to our success in stakeholder engagement is that when it comes to decisions both large and small, we listen and we find ways to improve the project—whether it's the layout of our wind turbine generators (WTGs) and onshore footprint or the location and setup of our community meetings.

- For the South Fork Wind project, we changed the spacing of the WTGs and the proposed route of the submarine transmission cable based on feedback from the fishing community, and we based the overland route design and work constraints on input from residents and local officials.
- For the Sunrise Wind project, we reconfigured the WTG layout (subject to regulatory approval) to create consistent 1 nautical mile (nm) x 1 nm spacing between turbines across our Lease Area, a major change based on input from the fisheries industry as well as the marine transportation and navigation community. Additionally, we conducted extensive consultations with community members, government staff, and elected officials at every level of government to refine the proposed onshore routing, work windows, and mitigation measures.
- For Long Island Wind, we have already changed our Project design in response to stakeholder feedback
- Elsewhere in the U.S., on Block Island, Rhode Island, we changed the location of WTGs based on feedback from the fishing community. Working together with leading environmental groups, protocols were developed to protect whales and other marine life during construction.

¹ Sunrise Wind received 769 unique comments in response to its Draft Environmental Impact Statement: Sunrise Wind | Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (boem.gov)

Our team deeply understands the impacts of our projects and values stakeholder feedback, and we will work closely with stakeholders for Long Island Wind, in close consultation with NYSERDA, to incorporate their input wherever possible.



A Project Approach to be Comprehensive and Inclusive

For Long Island Wind, over the course of the Project, we will "inform, listen and learn, and collaborate," similar to the approach taken for our existing projects in New York.

Ørsted is already working to *inform* New Yorkers about who we are and the opportunities in offshore wind that our projects can bring through past and ongoing multi-media campaigns, including those shown in Attachments 8.3-3, 8.3-4, and 8.3-5.

Further, we will increasingly *collaborate* with our stakeholders to design and deliver an inclusive Project that utilizes local expertise intended to maximize community benefits, environmental justice, and a *just transition*—not just a transition. Methods of collaboration will be tailored to individual stakeholders to meet them where they are,

Throughout the Project, we will also be prepared to respond to misinformation, which the team has experienced in connection with all offshore wind projects in the U.S. and New York, and to which we have developed effective response strategies. The team will combat misinformation by supplying the facts; responding to misinformation when it's released through social media, print, and radio; mobilizing allies to write letters to the editors; attending public meetings; and engaging stakeholders and decision makers proactively and consistently over the course of the Project. We will also work with the media to help clarify issues, as we have many times before.

Ultimately, the Stakeholder Engagement Plan will be a living document that will be adapted and improved upon based on stakeholder feedback and experience as the Project develops.

8.3.2 Differences Among Proposals

The Stakeholder Engagement Plan must address any variance among Proposals. The Submission must include both Confidential and Public Versions of the Stakeholder Engagement Plan.

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Attachment 8.3-1

Stakeholder Engagement Plan



Proposed Stakeholder Engagement Plan for

Long Island Wind Offshore Wind Project Version 1.0

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[website, social media, etc. to be created with award; for illustrative examples, see sunrisewindny.com and twitter.com/SunriseWindNY]

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1.0 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN SUMMARY

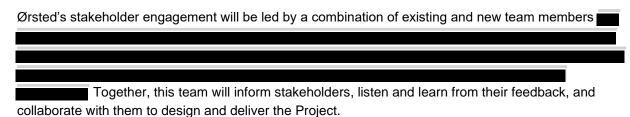
1.1 OVERALL PRINCIPLES AND GOALS

This section should describe the overall principles and goals Proposers will follow to understand, incorporate, and respond to the diverse perspectives, needs, and concerns of stakeholders at every stage of development. Proposers are encouraged to consider a mission statement that drives their engagement and supports accountability.

Ørsted is committed to pursuing robust, inclusive, and transparent public involvement to understand, incorporate and respond to the diverse perspectives, needs and concerns of stakeholders at every stage of development.

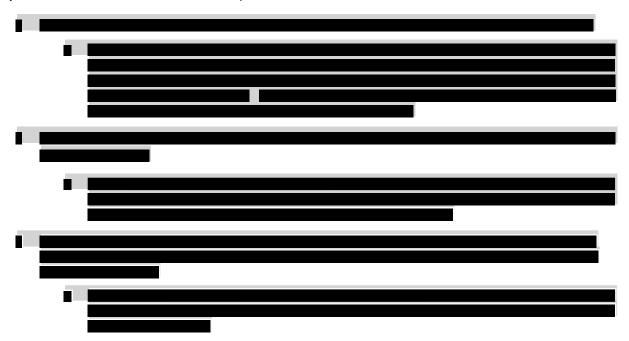
As part of the Project, for its Stakeholder Engagement Plan, Ørsted seeks to:

- 1. Disseminate information, opportunities, and progress to the public;
- 2. Advance the public's understanding and support for the Project, offshore wind industry, and clean energy transition through knowledge-building;
- 3. Identify and engage with key stakeholders of the Project by informing, listening and learning, and collaborating, with an orientation toward inclusive decision-making;
- 4. Encourage and collect stakeholder input (with an eye toward creating space for and elevating voices of those with less power, resources, and privilege);
- 5. Use stakeholder input to improve the Project and avoid, minimize, or mitigate potential conflicts before they arise;
- 6. Obtain federal and state approvals for construction of the Project;
- 7. Obtain local real estate rights for the onshore transmission route; and
- 8. Collaboratively design and deliver the Project on-time, with widespread support and in alignment with the goals of the *Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act* (CLCPA).



In conducting its stakeholder engagement, Ørsted will aim to utilize a diverse collection of methods that include both broad-based communication and engagement as well as targeted outreach methods tailored to specific stakeholders throughout the lifecycle of the Project to ensure robust engagement with a wide range of diverse and representative stakeholders.

Key stakeholder outreach methods are expected to include:



Ørsted will aim to align its stakeholder engagement activities with expert guidance and best practices, including, as applicable, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority's (NYSERDA's) 10 Guiding Principles for Offshore Wind Stakeholder Engagement, the Climate Action Council's Just Transition Principles, and the fifth and seventh foundational principles of environmental justice, which dictate the importance of self-determination and participation in any decision-making process.

1.2 OVERALL APPROACH TO INCORPORATING DATA AND STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

This section should describe how the Proposer will use research, data, and stakeholder feedback to update the SEP and support decision-making throughout the life cycle of the Project (preconstruction, surveys, site design, construction, operations, and decommissioning). The Proposer shall address progress toward the following elements of a comprehensive approach to stakeholder engagement:

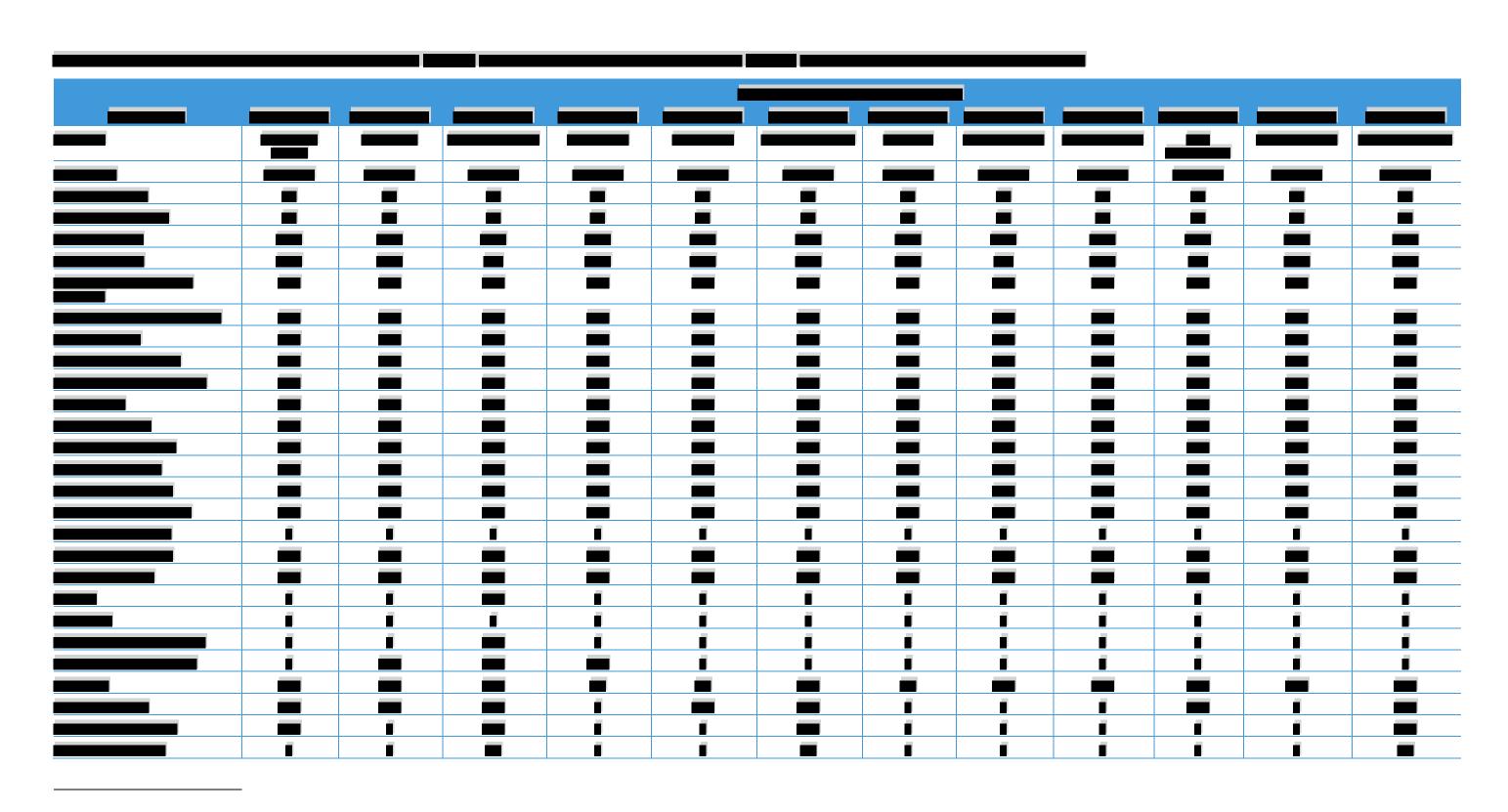
- Perform a stakeholder mapping exercise to obtain population, cultural, and economic statistics and information on communities or interest groups relevant to the Project.
- Seek input from stakeholders; receive and review feedback related to potential positive, neutral, or negative effects resulting from the Project; incorporate stakeholder feedback into decision-making; report back to stakeholders how feedback was addressed; and revise stakeholder communication methods and engagement strategies based on feedback received.

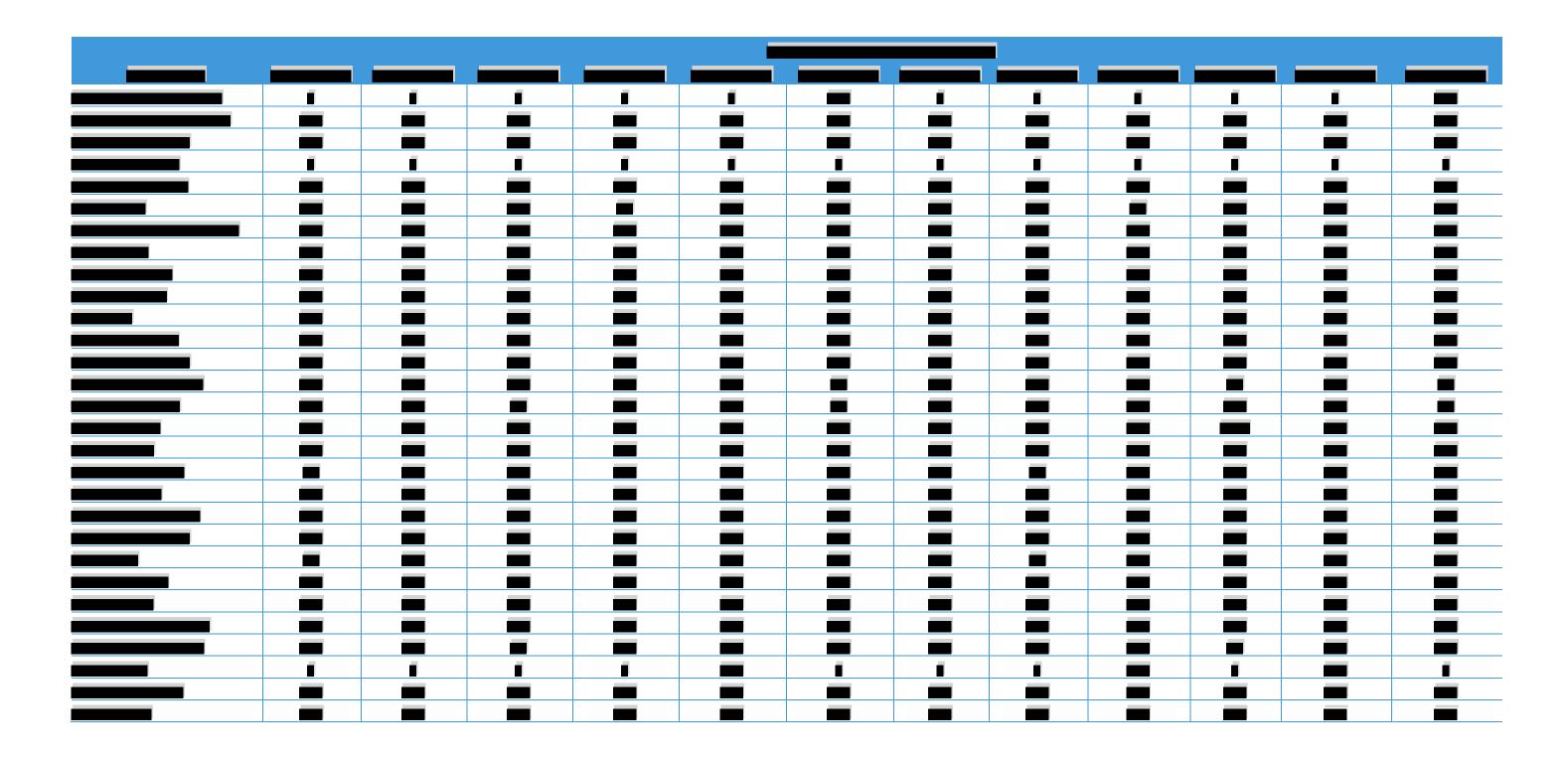
Ørsted will use research, data, and stakeholder feedback to update the Stakeholder Engagement Plan from time to time in consultation with NYSERDA as a living document, and support decision-making throughout the life cycle of the Project (preconstruction, surveys, site design, construction, operations, and decommissioning).

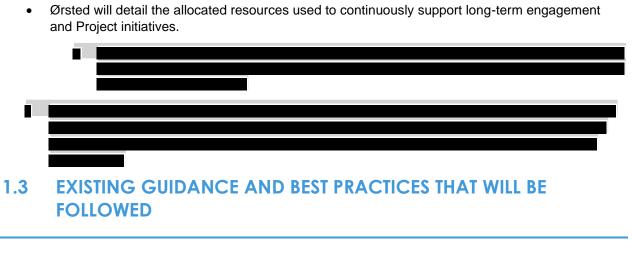
Ørsted will seek to change techniques that are not effective and scale up those that are most effective and further needed, while also seeking to engage with groups in formats that are conducive to their participation.

In addition, Ørsted will perform a stakeholder mapping exercise to obtain population, cultural, and economic statistics and information on communities or interest groups relevant to the Project.









This section should present a list of existing guidance documents, publications, tools, and/or plans that will be followed to support the Stakeholder Engagement Plan. Include links, if available, for all references.

The following list of documents, publications, tools, and/or plans will be referenced and used for guidance by Ørsted to support the Stakeholder Engagement Plan:



2.0 STAKEHOLDER IDENTIFICATION AND STAKEHOLDER LIST

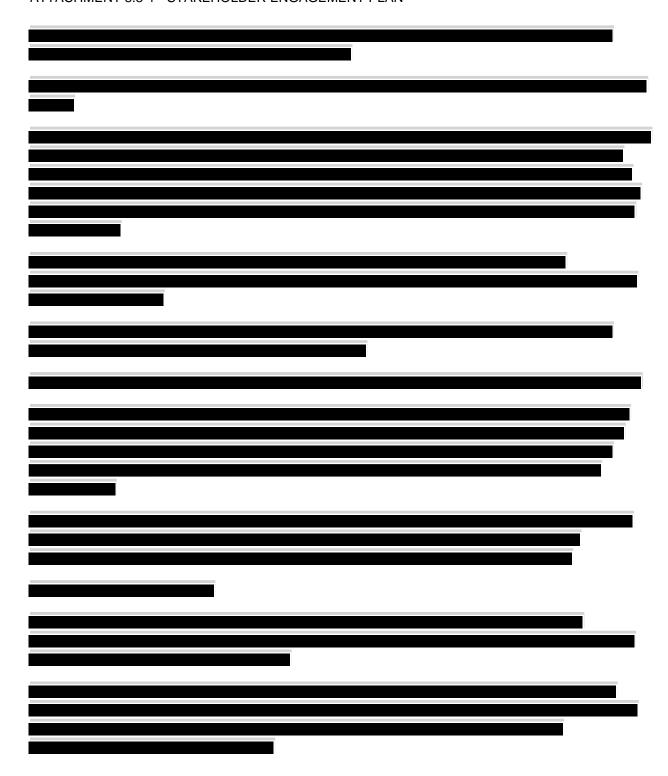
2.1 OVERVIEW AND STAKEHOLDER IDENTIFICATION OBJECTIVES

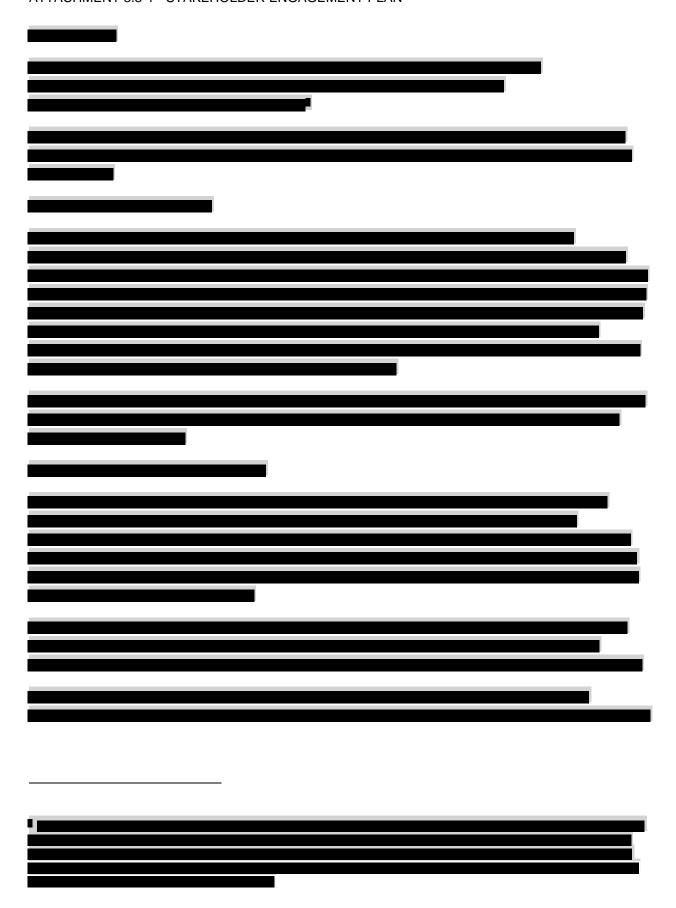
This section should provide an overview of the stakeholder identification and relationship management methods, including:

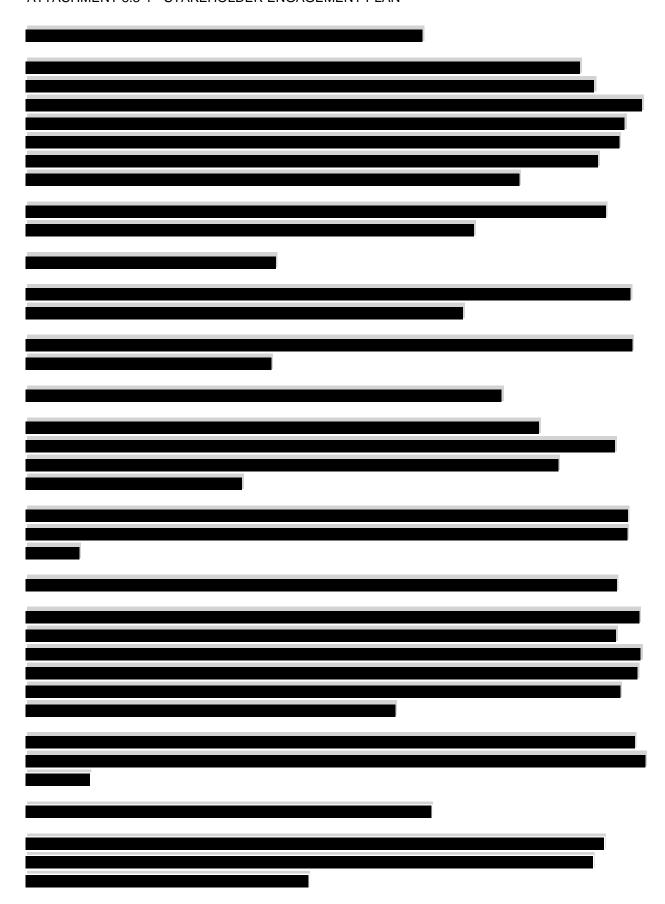
- The Proposer shall identify a working list of diverse stakeholders and describe methods to update the list. Stakeholders may include, but are not limited to, environmental organizations, commercial and recreational fishermen, navigational safety committees, economic and workforce development organizations, elected officials, federal and state government agencies, labor leaders and organizations, maritime professionals, port owners and operators, supply chain businesses including small and medium-sized enterprises, MWBEs and SDVOBs, tourism operators, training and research institutions, academia, coastal residents and business owners, and local communities including environmental justice communities or proximate Disadvantaged Communities, including Tribal Nations, in accordance with criteria defined by the Climate Justice Working Group. The SEP must also address engagement with the U.S. steel industry.
- The Proposer shall include explanations as to why the stakeholders identified are important for overall Project success.
- The Proposer shall identify and list Disadvantaged Communities potentially impacted by the project using the New York State Disadvantaged Communities Map.
- The Proposer shall identify and list Tribal Nations potentially impacted by the Project.
- The Proposer shall identify what departments within their organization will own the relationships with the stakeholders and Tribal Nations listed.
- The Proposer shall hire community and tribal liaison officers. Proposers with community and/or tribal liaison officers on staff should provide, to the best extent possible, details as to why the liaison officer is a trustworthy messenger known by a significant portion of the community or Tribal Nation they represent. Proposers that have yet to hire liaisons shall indicate when they plan to do so and the communities and Tribal Nations which the liaison would represent.
- The Proposer shall describe planned efforts to establish a local presence in areas most affected by Project development. Examples could include establishment of permanent or temporary office space, reserving public spaces for regular engagement opportunities with Project staff, or regular participation in specific public meetings in affected communities.

Ørsted is working on a list of stakeholders to ensure that it reflects diverse community members, local and state elected officials, state and federal agencies, institutions, local businesses, EJ communities, and nonprofit organizations associated with the Project.

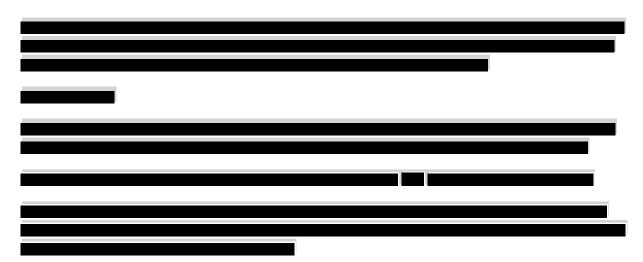
The following is a preliminary, non-exhaustive list of prospective individuals and groups who have been identified as possible key stakeholders who are either directly impacted by our proposed onshore construction cable route and supply chain efforts or have been identified as having a regional influence on our Project development. The list below is expected to evolve over the life of the Project.







Community & Tribal Liaisons
Ørsted has in place numerous team members with deep and hyper-local community experience within Suffolk County,
community and stakeholder liaison officers for the purposes of the Project and its stakeholders. These individuals have been instrumental in the success of Ørsted's South Fork Wind and Sunrise Wind project to date, supporting the effort to obtain an extensive list of local/state approvals and real estate rights, executing numerous agreements with stakeholder groups, and establishing and maintaining broad-based support for the Project as shown in the accompanying letters of support as well



2.2 COMMUNICATION OFFICERS/POSITIONS, RESPONSIBILITIES, AND CONTACT INFORMATION

In this section, the Proposer shall provide a list of communication officers with their names, roles, and contact information. The list should provide stakeholders with an understanding of who should be called for a particular issue or question. In addition to this list, the Proposer shall explain how this information will be kept current to reflect organic changes in staff and in responsibilities throughout the Project life cycle and where stakeholders can access this contact information going forward.

For a preliminary list of Ørsted's primary communication officers, including their role, and name and contact information, please see Table 1.1. Ørsted will provide stakeholders with an understanding of who should be called for a particular issue or question. Table 1.1 also lists who reports to certain staff members to illustrate the organizational structure.

Ørsted will make this list available and keep it current to reflect organic changes and turnovers in responsibilities throughout the Project life cycle.

3.0 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT GOALS

3.1 DEFINING GOALS AND DESIRED OUTCOMES

This section should describe goals and desired outcomes developed through a collective understanding of shared interests for each stakeholder group identified in Section 2.1. Specifically,

- The Proposer shall define the issues and/or information prioritized by each stakeholder group and Tribal Nation.
- The Proposer shall list goals set for benefiting Disadvantaged Communities consistent with the Climate Act's focus on building an inclusive, clean energy economy, including education, training, and hiring opportunities.
- The Proposer shall identify opportunities for participation and collaborative decision-making throughout the development process with community members, local elected officials, Tribal Nations, relevant businesses, institutions, environmental justice communities, Disadvantaged Communities, and non-profit organizations. Efforts may include, but are not limited to, MOUs and LOIs.
- The Proposer shall describe investment commitments, including Disadvantaged Community Commitment claims included in Section 6.05 of the Agreement to aid in the pursuit of said goals.

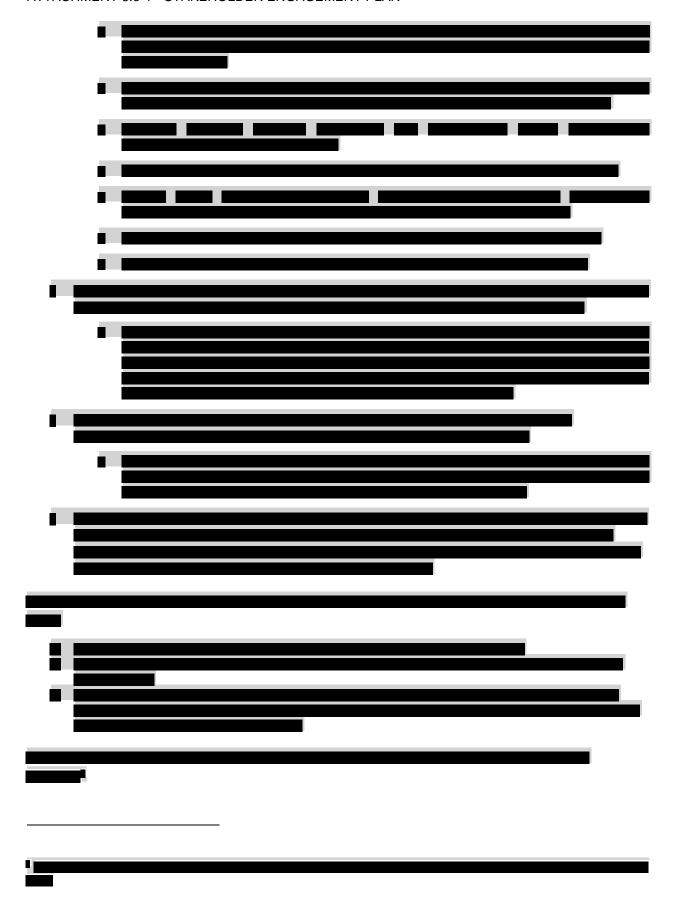
 Proposers are encouraged to allow for flexibility and growth of goals over time while maintaining a clear organizational structure and approach, including success metrics for process and outputs.

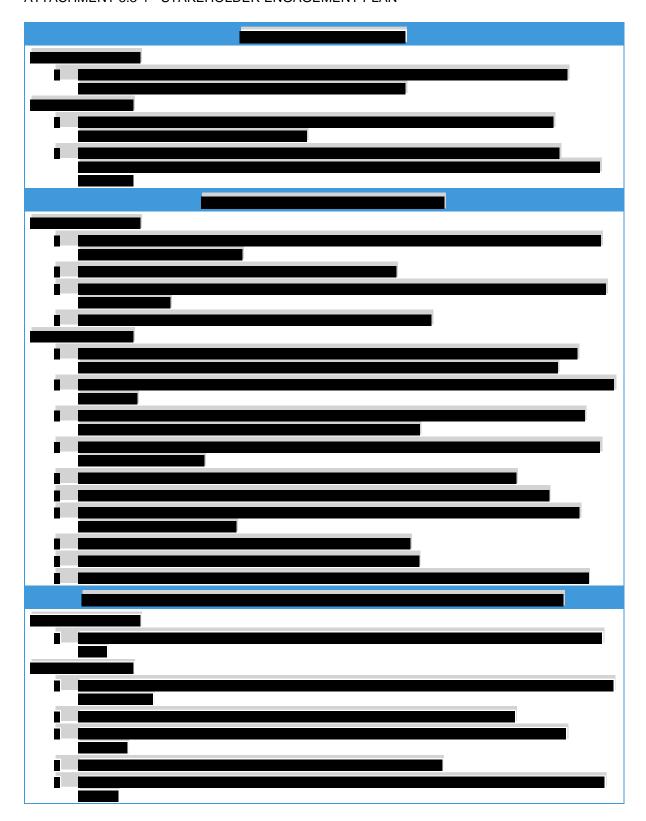
Ørsted will develop goals and desired outcomes through a collective understanding of shared interests for each type of stakeholder group identified in Section 2.1.

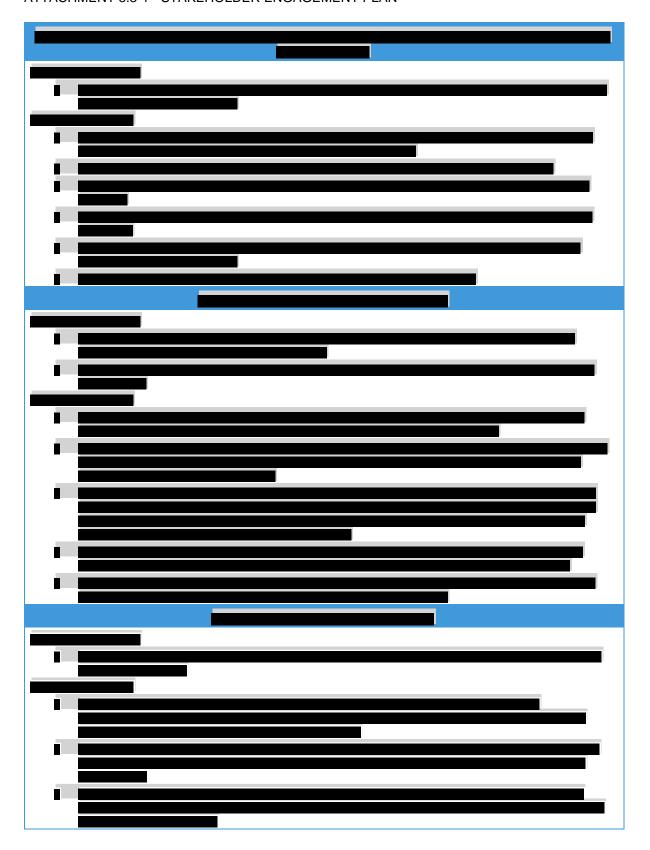


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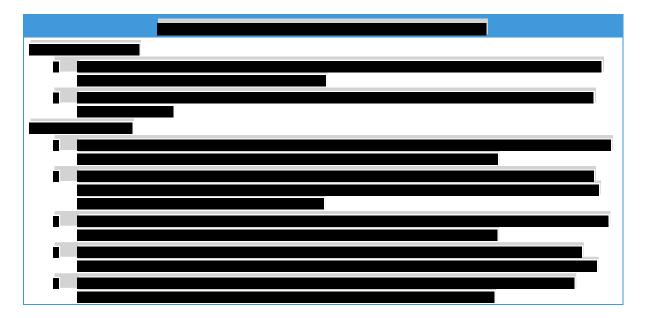
Ørsted will define the issues and/or information prioritized by each stakeholder group in its engagements/collaboration with stakeholders.







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4.0 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES, CONSULTATIONS, AND PARTNERSHIPS

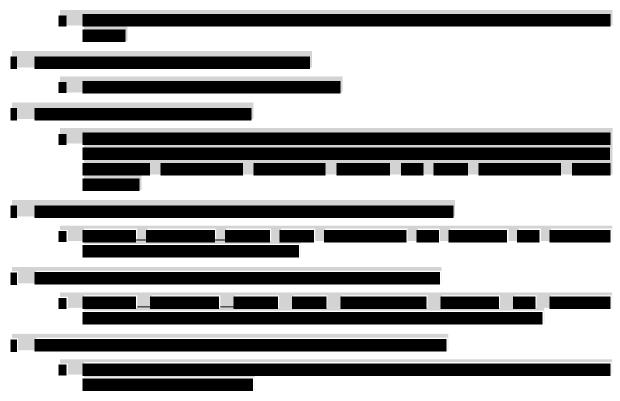
4.1 PLANNED ACTIVITIES AND OUTREACH

In this section, the Proposer shall detail options for engagement activities with stakeholder groups and Tribal Nations.

- The Proposer shall list engagement approaches and activities specific to stakeholder groups defined in Section 2.1, including examples of activities to date or planned activities to incorporate the perspectives of environmental justice, Disadvantaged Communities and Tribal Nations.
- The Proposer shall describe success metrics for each type of engagement activity. Success metrics could include number or cadence of engagements and attendance by targeted participants, quantitative and qualitative effectiveness of public awareness campaigns, collaborative actions that come out of stakeholder engagements, stakeholder input incorporated into Project plans, verbal or written support for the Project, or other measures.
- The Proposer shall detail accessibility factors, especially for Disadvantaged Communities, including Tribal Nations, to be considered in planned activities and outreach. Factors could include convenience of meeting times, accessibility of locations or virtual platforms, childcare needs, language and interpretation needs, and variety of opportunities to participate and ways to provide input.
- The Proposer shall consider appropriate communication methods tailored to different stakeholder groups to maximize both general awareness and participation from those groups. The Proposer shall describe examples of possible communication strategies toward a desired outcome, such as promoting attendance at a public event or participation in a public survey.
- The Proposer shall describe a plan for providing consistent follow-up with the stakeholders they have engaged, especially members of Disadvantaged Communities, including Tribal Nations, to make clear how their input was considered, and/or provide continued learning opportunities.
- The Proposer shall participate in technical working groups related to environment, fisheries, maritime, jobs and supply chain, environmental justice, and other potential technical working groups to ensure industry coordination.

Ørsted will pursue numerous options for engagement activities and follow-up with community members, local elected officials, institutions, local businesses, and nonprofit organizations. As part of this work, Ørsted will seek out a wide range of voices, including the key stakeholder groups illustrated in Section 2.1, while also directing a concerted effort towards engagement with historically marginalized groups traditionally left out of development decisions, such as frontline and DACs.

Ørsted will conduct engagement approaches and activities specific to stakeholder groups defined in Section 2.1,



- Ørsted will detail accessibility factors, especially for DACs, including convenience of meeting times
 and accessibility of locations or virtual platforms, childcare needs, language and interpretation
 needs, and variety of opportunities to participate and ways to provide input are considered in
 planned activity and outreach.
- Ørsted will detail the anticipated outreach and schedule prior to informing stakeholders of planned activities including alerting NYSERDA and posting public events to the Project website's event pages.
- Ørsted will detail the plan for providing consistent follow-up with the stakeholders they have engaged, especially members of DACs, to make clear how their input was considered, and/or provide learning opportunities to raise awareness of and gain support for the Project with the stakeholders.
- Ørsted will participate in technical working groups related to fisheries, marine, jobs and supply chain, and other potential technical working groups to ensure industry coordination.

4.2 PLANNED PARTNERSHIPS

This section should describe proposed or existing partnerships with community organizations, institutions, local businesses, and nonprofit organizations.

[•] The Proposer shall provide details of the nature of these partnerships, desired outcomes, and any associated investments, hiring, training, or educational opportunities in local communities.

[•] The Proposer shall explain where partnerships may foster opportunities for local businesses to participate in and benefit from the growing offshore wind industry.

Ørsted plans to engage in partnerships with community organizations, institutions, local businesses, and nonprofit organizations.

5.0 TRACKING PROGRESS AND COMMUNICATIONS

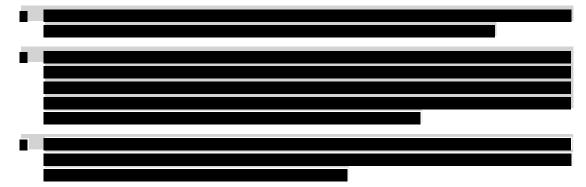
5.1 TRACKING STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

This section should detail the tracking of relationships, activities, and outcomes from engagements.

- The Proposer shall describe how they plan to track progress toward shared goals with stakeholder groups, as identified in Section 3.1, including when and where the goal is supported or achieved through engagement activities.
- The Proposer shall detail how they plan to track relationships and engagements with stakeholders and provide a current example of such a tracker to demonstrate progress in stakeholder engagement efforts. NYSERDA is open to accepting the same report style as the BOEM OCS Lessees are required to submit for the agency's stipulated semi-annual progress report. Proposers are encouraged to use the templates provided in the Quarterly Report (Appendix H, Exhibit K), pasted below for ease of reference.

Ørsted will work to track relationships, activities, and both successful or unsuccessful outcomes from engagements.

- In an effort to require early and regular engagement with stakeholders that may be potentially
 affected by Project activities, NYSERDA is building upon contractual expectations regarding
 progress tracking in Quarterly Reports.
- Ørsted will detail how it plans to track relationship progress with stakeholders and provide a current example of such a tracker.



- Ørsted will include tracking tables for goals defined in Section 3.1 that include when and where the goal is supported or achieved through engagement activities.
- Ørsted will provide a list of engagements along with the data seen in Table 5.1 below. This will be completed over the course of the contract period.

Table 5.1. Tracking Stakeholder Engagement⁵

Engagements with Tribal Nations

Date	Tribal Nation, Representative Name, Representative Title	Engagement Type	Topics Discussed	Response to Information/ Outcomes	Follow-up Scheduled/ Provided	Change in Project Plan?

Engagement with Elected Officials

Date	Elected Official, District/Area Represented	Supporting Staff in Attendance	Engagement Type (e.g., Public/Private, Briefing/Event)	Topics Discussed	Responses to Information/ Outcomes	Follow-up Scheduled/ Provided	Change in Project Plan?

Other Stakeholder Meetings, including Consultation with New York State agencies and participation in Technical Working Groups

Date	Organization/ Stakeholder Group	Engagement Type (e.g., Private/Public, Briefing/Event)	Topics Discussed	Responses to Information/ Outcomes	Follow-up Scheduled/ Provided	Change in Project Plan?

 $^{^{\}rm 5}$ NTD: to be filled out over the course of the contract period.

5.2 TRACKING STAKEHOLDER MARKETING EFFORTS

This section should detail the tracking of general communications or marketing campaigns to raise awareness among communities proximal to activities related to Project development, construction, operation, and decommissioning.

- The Proposer shall describe possible marketing methods that have been or will be employed to:
- o Communicate project development status or potential effects in local communities, and
- o Raise awareness of the project, project benefits, or workforce development opportunities, especially in Disadvantaged Communities.
- The Proposer shall detail how they plan to track marketing efforts or public awareness campaigns and provide a current example of such a tracker. Proposers are encouraged to use the template from the Quarterly Report (Appendix H, Exhibit K), pasted below for ease of reference.

This section details the tracking of general communications or marketing campaigns to raise awareness among communities proximal to activities related to Project development, construction, operation, and decommissioning.

• Ørsted will detail how it plans to track marketing efforts or public awareness campaigns and will provide an example of such a tracker.



 Ørsted will detail its public awareness campaigns leveraged to communicate or advertise Project development status, hiring opportunities, and impacts on local communities. Ørsted aims to keep community members aware of Project developments that may impact them, regardless of their individual support or interest in the activity.



 Ørsted will detail marketing methods for raising awareness of workforce opportunities within DACs.



• Ørsted will provide a list of such public campaigns or marketing efforts along with the data seen in Table 5.2 below. This will be completed over the course of the contract period.

Table 5.2. Tracking Stakeholder Marketing Efforts⁶

Campaign Key Messages	Marketing Campaign Method	Frequency of Communication or Marketing Collateral	Feedback or Inquiries from Campaign	Dates and Duration of Campaign	Location of Campaign

⁶ NTD: to be filled out over the course of the contract period.

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Attachment 8.3-2

Letters of Support



Letters of Support for Long Island Wind

In the span of only a few weeks, Long Island Wind has already collected a total of 46 unique letter of support signatories, comprised within 44 letters of support. These letters represent support from influential elected and government officials along the Project's onshore footprint, vital voices from the local community, environmental protection and justice groups, and key labor, workforce, and non-profit partners, demonstrating a broad and diverse base of support for Long Island Wind.

A complete list of our letters of support received thus far are as follows:

Federal

Congressman Tom Suozzi

State

- 2. Assemblyman John McDonald
- 3. Assemblywoman Patricia Fahy
- 4. Assemblyman Fred Thiele
- 5. Assemblyman Michael Fitzpatrick
- 6. Senator Monica Martinez

County and Local

- 7. Suffolk County Executive Ed Romaine
- 8. Babylon Town Supervisor Rich Schaffer
- 9. Brookhaven Town Supervisor Dan Panico
- 10. Huntington Town Supervisor Edward Smyth
- 11. Riverhead Town Supervisor Tim Hubbard
- 12. Smithtown Supervisor Edward Wehrheim
- 13. Suffolk County Legislator Donnelly
- 14. Suffolk County Legislator Jason Richberg

Environmental Groups

- 15. New York League of Conservation Voters
- 16. Citizens Campaign for the Environment

Organized Labor

- 17. NYC District Council of Carpenters
- 18. Greater Capital Region Building & Construction Trades Council
- 19. Long Island Federation of Labor
- 20. Iron Workers Local Union 361
- 21. ALIGN
- 22. Nassau- Suffolk Building & Construction Trades Council

Business and Community Groups

- 23. Long Island Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- 24. United Way, Long Island
- 25. Erase Racism
- 26. Workforce Development Institute
- 27. Long Island Association
- 28. Capital Region Workforce Development Board

Educational and EJ Groups

- 29. Renewable Energy Long Island
- 30. Capital Region BOCES



ORECRFP24-1 ATTACHMENT 8.3-2 – LETTERS OF SUPPORT

- 31. We Act
- 32. S4CA
- 33. Center for Economic Growth
- 34. LaGuardia Community College

Letters of Intent: Please note, all Letters of Intent also contain support for Long Island Wind.



THOMAS R. SUOZZI

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September 9, 2024

Doreen Harris President & CEO New York State Energy Research and Development Authority 17 Columbia Circle Albany, NY 12203-6399

Dear President and CEO Harris:

As you consider applications for New York's fifth offshore wind solicitation, I ask that you give full and fair consideration to projects that meet NYSERDA's economic and sustainability goals, such as the proposed offshore wind energy project led by Ørsted.

Offshore wind has already brought millions of dollars to New York through investments in the offshore wind supply chain. It has also led to the dedication of funds toward regional fish and wildlife monitoring, as well as environmental justice and community development projects. Furthermore, leading offshore wind developers, such as Orsted and others, have demonstrated a commitment to clean, good paying jobs for New Yorkers by signing labor agreements with leading industry unions.

Offshore wind projects will bolster New York's economy, communities, and people. I applaud NYSERDA's bold vision for deploying more offshore wind in consideration of the State's climate goals, and I urge you to give proposals such as Orsted's your full and fair consideration. Projects like these will accomplish more than providing the clean energy we need to keep New York on pace to meet our sustainability goals - they will bring the material benefits of meeting those goals to New Yorkers across the state.

I look forward to the award and the economic development opportunities this latest offshore wind solicitation will create. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Thomas R. Suozzi Member of Congress

Thomas R. Suozzi



THE ASSEMBLY STATE OF NEW YORK ALBANY



August 27, 2024

Ms. Doreen Harris
President and CEO
New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA)
17 Columbia Circle
Albany, NY 12203

Dear President Harris:

We write in support of the application of a proposal by Ørsted, known as a global leader in offshore wind energy, submitted as part of NYSERDA's fifth solicitation for offshore wind energy. As Assemblymembers from New York's Capital Region, we understand the importance of transitioning to alternative energy sources to meet New York's ambitious climate goals while ensuring we can continue to foster job growth in our region and continue to contribute to its economic development.

Although this offshore wind project will be located hundreds of miles south of the Capital Region, we will directly feel its impact through the need to construct the components required for the project's buildout and we are hopeful this will provide opportunities here in the Capital Region. This will further diversify our region's economy and create many new job opportunities, particularly in our region's underserved communities. Additionally, the project aims to power 600,000 homes in less than three years, which will significantly improve air quality, and reduce several tons of carbon emissions across our state.

We welcome the offshore wind industry in the Capital Region and opportunities it affords to its businesses, workforce, and communities. Therefore, we support Ørsted's efforts and urge you to strongly consider all these factors when reviewing their application.

Sincerely,

John T. McDonald III Member of Assembly Patricia Fahy Member of Assembly



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August 15, 2024

Ms. Doreen Harris President & CEO New York State Energy Research and Development Authority 17 Columbia Circle Albany, NY 12203-6399

RE: Support for Ørsted Offshore Wind Farm Proposal

Dear President and CEO Harris:

As the Assemblyman representing New York State's 1st district, I am writing in support of the proposed offshore wind energy project led by Ørsted, consistently rated as the world's most sustainable energy company and the global leader in offshore wind energy.

Ørsted's proposal aligns with our commitment to advancing clean energy solutions and fostering economic growth in New York State. Ørsted's project promises significant supply chain investment, community and economic benefits, environmental justice commitments, and workforce training opportunities.

If selected, Ørsted's proposal will build on the company's demonstrated best-in-class development expertise, proven through the successful execution of South Fork Wind and Sunrise Wind projects. It will also enhance the company's industry-leading approach to community benefits by delivering high-quality, family-sustaining jobs, supply chain opportunities, and environmental justice to communities that most need them.

NYSERDA's bold vision for expanding offshore wind as part of the State's climate goals is laudable, and I urge you to select Ørsted's proposal. This project will not only provide the clean energy necessary to keep New York on track to meet our sustainability objectives but will also deliver tangible benefits to New Yorkers across the state

I look forward to the economic development opportunities Ørsted's new offshore wind farm will bring to New York State. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you,

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Fred W. Thiele, Jr. Member of the Assembly

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August 28, 2024

Doreen Harris
President & CEO
New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
17 Columbia Circle
Albany, NY 12203-6399

RE: Support for Ørsted Offshore Wind Farm Proposal:

Dear President and CEO Harris:

As Assemblyman for the 8th Assembly District of New York, I write in support of the offshore wind energy project proposed by Ørsted in response to the pending NYSERDA request for proposals. Orsted is consistently rated as the world's most sustainable energy company and is the global leader in offshore wind.

I am a strong proponent of alternative energy, and Orsted has enjoyed highly successful partnerships with the Towns of East Hampton and Brookhaven on its South Fork Wind and Sunrise Wind projects. In addition to providing critically needed and reliable clean energy, these projects have injected important economic development and fiscal benefits in the form of good-paying jobs, supply chain investments, workforce training and development, and community benefit packages. They have also produced important new tax revenues to the affected localities.

If selected, Ørsted's proposal will build on the company's demonstrated best-in-class development expertise, which has been proven throughout the development of South Fork Wind and Sunrise Wind, to ensure the successful execution of this new project. It will also expand on the company's industry-leading approach to community benefits.

We applaud NYSERDA's bold vision for deploying more offshore wind in consideration of the State's climate goals, and we urge you to select Ørsted's proposal. This project will accomplish more than providing the clean energy we need to keep New York on pace to meet our sustainability goals. It will bring the material benefits of meeting those goals to my constituents as well as New Yorkers in across the state.

I look forward to the award and the economic development opportunities Ørsted's newest offshore wind farm will create. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

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Sincerely,

Michael J. Fitzpatrick Member of Assembly

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September 3, 2024

Doreen Harris President & CEO New York State Energy Research and Development Authority 17 Columbia Circle Albany, NY 12203-6399

Dear President and CEO Harris:

I write to you today in support of the proposed offshore wind energy project led by Ørsted, consistently rated as the world's most sustainable energy company and the global leader in offshore wind energy.

If selected, Ørsted's proposal will build on the company's demonstrated best-in-class development expertise, which has been proven through the development of South Fork Wind and Sunrise Wind, to ensure the successful execution of this new project. It will expand on the company's industry-leading approach to community benefits by delivering high-quality family-sustaining jobs, supply chain opportunities and environmental justice to communities which need them the most.

I applaud NYSERDA's bold vision for deploying more offshore wind in consideration of the State's climate goals, and I respectfully urge your utmost consideration for Ørsted's proposal. This project will accomplish more than providing clean energy to keep New York on pace to meet our sustainability goals; it will bring the material benefits of meeting those goals to New Yorkers across the state.

I look forward to the award and the economic development opportunities Ørsted's newest offshore wind farm for New York State will create. Thank you for your attention to this important matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at 631-341-7111 or via email at Martinez@nysenate.gov.

Sincerely,

Monica R. Martinez New York State Senator Fourth Senatorial District

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Edward P. Romaine COUNTY EXECUTIVE

August 16, 2024

Doreen Harris President & CEO New York State Energy Research and Development Authority 17 Columbia Circle Albany, NY 12203-6399

RE: Support for Ørsted Offshore Wind Farm Proposal

Dear President and CEO Harris:

On behalf of the County of Suffolk, I write in support of the offshore wind energy project proposed by Ørsted in response to the pending NYSERDA request for proposals. Orsted is consistently rated as the world's most sustainable energy company and is the global leader in offshore wind.

I am a strong proponent of alternative energy, and Suffolk County has enjoyed a highly successful partnership with Orsted on its South Fork Wind and Sunrise Wind projects. In addition to providing critically needed clean energy, these projects have injected important economic development and fiscal benefits in the form of supply chain investments, workforce development, environmental justice commitments, and community benefit packages. They have also produced important new tax revenues to the County and affected localities.

If selected, Ørsted's proposal will build on the company's demonstrated best-in-class development expertise, which has been proven throughout the development of South Fork Wind and Sunrise Wind, to ensure the successful execution of this new project. It will also expand on the company's industry-leading approach to community benefits.

We applaud NYSERDA's bold vision for deploying more offshore wind in consideration of the State's climate goals, and we urge you to select Ørsted's proposal. This project will accomplish more than providing the clean energy we need to keep New York on pace to meet our sustainability goals. It will bring the material benefits of meeting those goals to New Yorkers in Suffolk and across the state.

I look forward to the award and the economic development opportunities Ørsted's newest offshore wind farm for New York State will create. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely, Educard P. Romaine

Edward P. Romaine Suffolk County Executive

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RICH SCHAFFER SUPERVISOR

August 23, 2024

Doreen Harris
President & CEO
New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
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RE: Support for Ørsted Offshore Wind Farm Proposal:

Dear President and CEO Harris:

We are writing on behalf of the Town of Babylon in support of the offshore wind energy project proposed by Ørsted in response to the pending NYSERDA request for proposals. Ørsted is consistently rated as the world's most sustainable energy company and is the global leader in offshore wind.

We are a strong proponent of alternative energy, and Ørsted has enjoyed highly successful partnerships with the Towns of East Hampton and Brookhaven on its South Fork Wind and Sunrise Wind projects. In addition to providing critically needed and reliable clean energy, these projects have injected important economic development and fiscal benefits in the form of good-paying jobs, supply chain investments, workforce training and development, environmental justice commitments, and community benefit packages. They have also produced important new tax revenues to the affected localities.

If selected, Ørsted's proposal will build on the company's demonstrated best-in-class development expertise, which has been proven throughout the development of South Fork Wind and Sunrise Wind, to ensure the successful execution of this new project. It will also expand on the company's industry-leading approach to community benefits.

We applaud NYSERDA's bold vision for deploying more offshore wind in consideration of the State's climate goals, and we urge you to select Ørsted's proposal. This project will accomplish more than providing the clean energy we need to keep New York on pace to meet our sustainability goals. It will bring the material benefits of meeting those goals to my constituents as well as New Yorkers in across the state.

We look forward to the award and the economic development opportunities Ørsted's newest offshore wind farm will create. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rich Schaffer Supervisor Antonio Martinez

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Deputy Supervisor/Councilman



Daniel J. Panico, Supervisor

August 19, 2024

Doreen Harris
President & CEO
New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
17 Columbia Circle
Albany, NY 12203-6399

RE: Support for Ørsted Offshore Wind Farm Proposal

Dear President and CEO Harris,

I write in support of Ørsted's most recent offshore wind energy proposal in response to the pending fifth solicitation for offshore wind energy issued by NYSERDA. Ørsted is consistently rated as the world's most sustainable energy company and is a global leader in offshore wind. I am confident that, if selected, Ørsted will continue to deliver successful offshore wind energy projects to New York State.

I have had the privilege of working with Ørsted during both the development phase and the current construction phase of the Sunrise Wind project. During this time, Ørsted has consistently shown leadership and commitment to our town and continues to remain a strong partner in our community.

In addition to providing critically needed and reliable clean energy, this project will result in numerous development and fiscal benefits in the form of good-paying jobs, supply chain investments, and workforce training and development.

If selected, Ørsted's proposal will build on the company's demonstrated best-in-class development expertise, which has been proven throughout the development of Sunrise Wind. Furthermore, this project will not only provide the clean energy we need to keep New York on pace to meet our sustainability goals but will also deliver tangible benefits to New Yorkers on Long Island and across the state.

I look forward to the award and the economic development opportunities Ørsted's newest offshore wind farm will bring to New York State. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Panico Town Supervisor

Edmund J. Smyth



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Phone: 631-351-3030

Supervisor

August 16, 2024

Doreen Harris
President & CEO
New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
17 Columbia Circle
Albany, NY 12203-6399

RE: Support for Ørsted Offshore Wind Farm Proposal:

Dear President and CEO Harris:

As Supervisor of the Town of Huntington, I write in support of the offshore wind energy project proposed by Ørsted in response to the pending NYSERDA request for proposals. Ørsted is consistently rated as the world's most sustainable energy company and is the global leader in offshore wind.

Ørsted has enjoyed highly successful partnerships with the Towns of East Hampton and Brookhaven on its South Fork Wind and Sunrise Wind projects. In addition to providing critically needed and reliable clean energy, these projects have injected important economic development and fiscal benefits in the form of good-paying jobs, supply chain investments, workforce training and development, and community benefit packages. They have also produced important new tax revenues to the affected localities.

If selected, Ørsted's proposal will build on the company's demonstrated best-in-class development expertise, which has been proven throughout the development of South Fork Wind and Sunrise Wind, to ensure the successful execution of this new project. It will also expand on the company's industry-leading approach to community benefits.

We applaud NYSERDA's bold vision for deploying more offshore wind in consideration of the State's climate goals, and we urge you to select Ørsted's proposal. This project will accomplish more than providing the clean energy we need to keep New York on pace to meet our sustainability goals. It will bring the material benefits of meeting those goals to my constituents, as well as residents across the state.

I look forward to the award and the economic development opportunities Ørsted's newest offshore wind farm will create. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

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Ed Smyth Supervisor

Town of Huntington



TOWN OF RIVERHEAD

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August 20, 2024

Doreen Harris President & CEO New York State Energy Research and Development Authority 17 Columbia Circle Albany, NY 12203-6399

RE: Support for Ørsted Offshore Wind Farm Proposal:

Dear President and CEO Harris:

As Supervisor of the Town of Riverhead, I write in support of the offshore wind energy project proposed by Ørsted in response to the pending NYSERDA request for proposals. Orsted is consistently rated as the world's most sustainable energy company and is the global leader in offshore wind.

I am a strong proponent of alternative energy, and Orsted has enjoyed highly successful partnerships with the Towns of East Hampton and Brookhaven on its South Fork Wind and Sunrise Wind projects. In addition to providing critically needed and reliable clean energy, these projects have injected important economic development and fiscal benefits in the form of good-paying jobs, supply chain investments, workforce training and development, and community benefit packages. They have also produced important new tax revenues to the affected localities.

If selected, Ørsted's proposal will build on the company's demonstrated best-in-class development expertise, which has been proven throughout the development of South Fork Wind and Sunrise Wind, to ensure the successful execution of this new project. It will also expand on the company's industry-leading approach to community benefits.

We applaud NYSERDA's bold vision for deploying more offshore wind in consideration of the State's climate goals, and we urge you to select Ørsted's proposal. This project will accomplish more than providing the clean energy we need to keep New York on pace to meet our sustainability goals. It will bring the material benefits of meeting those goals to my constituents as well as New Yorkers across the state.

I look forward to the award and the economic development opportunities Ørsted's newest offshore wind farm will create. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Timothy C. Hubbard

Supervisor

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August 26, 2024

Doreen Harris President & CEO New York State Energy Research and Development Authority 17 Columbia Circle Albany, NY 12203-6399

RE: Support for Ørsted Offshore Wind Farm Proposal:

Dear President and CEO Harris:

As Supervisor of the Town of Smithtown, I write in support of the offshore wind energy project proposed by Ørsted in response to the pending NYSERDA request for proposals. Orsted is consistently rated as the world's most sustainable energy company and is the global leader in offshore wind.

I am a strong proponent of alternative energy, and Orsted has enjoyed highly successful partnerships with the Towns of East Hampton and Brookhaven on its South Fork Wind and Sunrise Wind projects. In addition to providing critically needed and reliable clean energy, these projects have injected important economic development and fiscal benefits in the form of good-paying jobs, supply chain investments, workforce training and development, and community benefit packages. They have also produced important new tax revenues to the affected localities.

If selected, Ørsted's proposal will build on the company's demonstrated best-in-class development expertise, which has been proven throughout the development of South Fork Wind and Sunrise Wind, to ensure the successful execution of this new project. It will also expand on the company's industry-leading approach to community benefits.

We applaud NYSERDA's bold vision for deploying more offshore wind in consideration of the State's climate goals, and we urge you to select Ørsted's proposal. This project will accomplish more than providing the clean energy we need to keep New York on pace to meet our sustainability goals. It will bring the material benefits of meeting those goals to my constituents as well as New Yorkers in across the state.

I look forward to the award and the economic development opportunities Ørsted's newest offshore wind farm will create. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Edward R. Wehrheim

Supervisor

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August 23, 2024

Doreen Harris, President & CEO New York State Energy Research and Development Authority 17 Columbia Circle Albany, NY 12203-6399

RE: Support for Ørsted Offshore Wind Farm Proposal

Dear President and CEO Harris:

I fully support Ørsted's recent offshore wind energy proposal for the pending fifth offshore wind energy solicitation issued by NYSERDA. Rated as the world's most sustainable energy company, Ørsted is the global leader in offshore wind. I am confident that, if selected, Ørsted will continue to deliver successful offshore wind energy projects to New York State.

Ørsted's proposal will further the company's success with both the South Fork Wind and Sunrise Wind projects. Also, this proposal will expand the work of Ørsted and its current offshore wind projects by continuing to provide local community and economic benefits, environmental justice and workforce development to the Long Island community.

I applaud NYSERDA's bold vision for deploying more offshore wind in consideration of the State's climate goals, and I urge you to select Ørsted's proposal. This project will provide the clean energy we need to keep New York on pace to meet our sustainability goals and bring the material benefits of meeting these goals to New Yorkers in Suffolk and other counties.

I look forward to the economic development opportunities Ørsted's newest offshore wind farm for New York State will create. Thank you for giving this proposal your fullest consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Tom Donnelly

Sincerely

Suffolk County Legislator 17th Legislative District

SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE



JASON A. RICHBERG, LEGISLATOR 15th DISTRICT

August 29, 2024

Doreen Harris President & CEO New York State Energy Research and Development Authority 17 Columbia Circle Albany, NY 12203-6399

RE: Support for Ørsted Offshore Wind Farm Proposal.

Dear President and CEO Harris,

I am writing to add my voice to the group of supporters behind Ørsted's most recent offshore wind energy proposal in response to the pending fifth solicitation for offshore wind energy issued by NYSERDA. Ørsted is consistently rated as the world's most sustainable energy company and is the global leader in offshore wind. I am confident that if selected, Ørsted will continue to deliver successful offshore wind energy projects to New York State.

Ørsted has had incredible success with both the South Fork Wind and Sunrise Wind projects, and this proposal would expand their current offshore wind projects by continuing to provide local community and economic benefits, environmental justice and workforce development to the Long Island community. If selected, Ørsted's proposal will build on the company's best-in-class expertise, which has been proven throughout the development of both projects, and will expand on the company's industry-leading approach to community benefits.

I applaud NYSERDA's bold vision for deploying more offshore wind in consideration of the State's climate goals, and urge you to select Ørsted's proposal. This project will accomplish more than providing the clean energy we need to keep New York on pace to meet our sustainability goals. It will bring the material benefits of meeting those goals to New Yorkers in Suffolk County and across the state.

I look forward to the award and the economic development opportunities Ørsted's newest offshore wind farm will create. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Jason A. Richberg Minority Leader

Legislator, 15th District Suffolk County Legislature



August 26th, 2024
Doreen Harris, President & CEO
New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
17 Columbia Circle
Albany, NY 12203-6399

RE: Ørsted Offshore Wind Farm Proposal

Dear President & 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 from Ørsted for the fifth offshore wind solicitation.

NYLCV is committed to a renewable energy future for New York. Offshore wind is one of our top priorities, as it is critical to meet New York's renewable energy goals, reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and rebuild around a clean energy economy, which will provide union 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, a goal we believe needs to be raised to 20 gigawatts by 2050 to achieve 85% emissions reductions economy-wide.

We appreciate that Ørsted has engaged with environmental and community organizations during their project development throughout South Fork Wind and Sunrise Wind, and we are confident that they would continue this effort if their proposal is selected for award. We are also thrilled that South Fork is successfully providing clean energy to Long Island and that Sunrise is in construction with local contractors and union labor, demonstrating the viability of offshore wind in New York.

NYLCV is committed to fostering the creation and education of a green workforce to support disadvantaged communities and facilitate a just transition for workers in fossil fuel industries, something we share with Ørsted. The offshore wind industry and its related supply chains offer significant opportunities for in-state port, servicing, and manufacturing jobs while furthering the decarbonization of New York's energy grid.

New York needs clean energy without delay or we will all pay a steep environmental price. Increasingly severe weather and poor air quality impacting New Yorkers is all too real, punctuated by the record-breaking air pollution we were forced to breathe from wildfire smog and the record temperatures worldwide. Now is the time for climate action. That means we need projects like the ones Ørsted is developing and proposing in operation to deliver clean energy to meet the requirements of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA).

We welcome the opportunity to continue the conversation and advance your efforts to develop well-sited offshore wind projects with minimal environmental impact.

Sincerely,

Julie Tighe,

President, New York League of Conservation Voters



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August 26, 2024

Doreen Harris President & CEO New York State Energy Research and Development Authority 17 Columbia Circle Albany, NY 12203-6399

RE: Support for Ørsted Offshore Wind Farm Proposal

Dear President and CEO Harris,

Citizens Campaign for the Environment (CCE) is a 120,000 member, non-profit, nonpartisan 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. Given their proven success with the Sunrise and South Fork Wind Farms, CCE urges NYSERDA to select Ørsted's project proposal in response to New York's fifth offshore wind solicitation.

The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act commits NYS to procure 9,000 mw of offshore wind by 2035. South Fork Wind, is now supplying renewable energy to 70,000 Long Island homes and Sunrise Wind will power 600,000 homes when it comes online in 2026. Along with Empire Wind 1, offshore wind is making NY a national leader on offshore wind, but we must do more to advance more offshore wind to achieve our climate change objectives. As we move forward with additional projects, it makes sense to select a project from a company with experience successfully building offshore wind in NY and one that has established substantive relationships with stakeholders and communities.

Over the past several years, CCE has worked throughout Long Island to educate the public and community leaders on both the Sunrise Offshore Wind Farm and South Fork Wind Farm. During this time, we have developed a productive working relationship with Ørsted and are impressed with the company's commitment to community engagement, transparency and environmental protection.

Ørsted conducted numerous environmental studies, both for the South Fork Wind Farm and Sunrise Wind Farm and their related cable connections, with the goal of minimizing impacts to wildlife, beaches and waterways, and the local community. We were very pleased they selected the cable route through Smiths Point Beach, which was the least impacting connection point.

Ørsted has been responsive to the public and has aggressively worked to keep a dialogue open with CCE and our environmental and labor coalition partners. This is an important example of cooperation and commitment to stakeholder outreach. Public support for offshore wind is a critical component needed to advance New York's clean energy goals. Stakeholder engagement should never be undervalued in the goal to harness New York's vast offshore wind resources.

We expect Ørsted to continue to demonstrate good environmental stewardship practices as they seek to advance their next proposal. In fact, Ørsted has already begun conversations with local environmental experts in advance of this project. New York must accomplish the goal of advancing offshore wind, but it must be done with wind development companies that are willing to collaborate with stakeholders and adjust their projects based on the science of protecting species and our coastal environment.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Esposito

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Executive Director

United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America new york city & vicinity district council of carpenters

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September 3, 2024

Doreen Harris
President & CEO
New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
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RE: Support for Ørsted Offshore Wind Farm Proposal

Dear President and CEO Harris:

I am writing on behalf of the New York City District Council of Carpenters to express our strong support for Long Island Wind, Ørsted's proposal in response to NYSERDA's fifth offshore wind solicitation. We represent 20,000 members, many of whom have worked offshore on Orsted's South Fork Wind. Most of those who have worked offshore on an Orsted project are eager to return to offshore work when Sunrise Wind offers a similar opportunity. That positive experience for our members is a major reason for our support of Orsted's latest proposal for a third Long Island offshore wind farm. Their approach to building South Fork and Sunrise Wind gives us confidence that Orsted will continue to prioritize union partnerships and fair working conditions wherever they are working. We believe their proposal will not only provide our region with clean, affordable, renewable energy, but thousands of good paying, union jobs — just like their first two offshore wind projects.

The offshore wind industry is a key driver for the economic future of Long Island. The Offshore Wind industry also represents a just transition for our workforce, many of whom are regularly and gainfully employed by the fossil fuel energy industry. The trades that have built traditional fossil fuel power plants in the past are the same trades that will continue to build out the current and future offshore wind infrastructure, and Ørsted has built a reputation as a responsible employer among our workers.

While completing South Fork Wind and now building Sunrise Wind, Ørsted has demonstrated to our Long Island workers that offshore wind is an industry where the work is not just union work, it is work that many workers prefer to "traditional" construction. This is not simply because the jobs are good, it is because we and Ørsted have worked in partnership to make this process smooth for workers to work offshore. The National Offshore Wind Training Center, enabled by Ørsted's \$10MM commitment, is now operational and providing essential safety training to workers preparing to go offshore.

Ørsted has been directly supportive of union workers who are interesting in working offshore. We are proud to have worked together with Ørsted to have assessed nearly dozens of our members, shared information about the opportunities and challenges that come with offshore work and ultimately delivered essential offshore safety credentials to – by the time this proposal is submitted – approximately 150 workers from Long Island unions, including our members. Ørsted developed this approach based on lessons learned from South Fork and came to us with offering it as a solution to support our workers. And we trust that Ørsted will continue to invest in construction pre-apprenticeship programming to ensure the labor workforce diversifies as it grows to meet the opportunities associated with the clean energy transition.

Long Island is perfectly positioned to take advantage of this new industry and to become a hub of skilled talent support as more offshore wind farms are built here in the Northeast. We look forward to building upon the investments and momentum we achieved to already for the industry if this project is awarded. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions at 212-366-7400.

Sincerely,

Joseph A. Geiger

Executive Secretary-Treasurer

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Doreen Harris
President & CEO
New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
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Albany, NY 12203-6399

RE: Support for Ørsted Offshore Wind Farm Proposal:

Dear President and CEO Harris:

I write on behalf of the Greater Capital Region Building and Construction Trades Council to express our strong support for Long Island Wind, Ørsted's proposal in response to NYSERDA's fifth offshore wind solicitation. We believe their proposal will not only provide our region with clean, affordable, renewable energy, but hundreds of good paying, union jobs.

The Greater Capital Region Building and Construction Trades Council represents 22,000 members across 14 affiliated local unions, and we have had a track record of successful partnership with Orsted to help advance offshore wind for the benefit of both our workers and for New York State as a whole.

While building Sunrise Wind, Ørsted has demonstrated to our workers that offshore wind is an industry that makes sense for the Capital Region, though our homes may be some distance from the site of the project. Our workers have been instrumental in building Advanced Foundation Components: anode cages, monopile doors, suspended internal platforms and other components. This work and is a positive demonstration to rank and file workers that offshore wind benefits them, their families and their communities.

Ørsted has been both transparent about its experience has engaged in good faith to build under Project Labor Agreements, including with offshore workers. On this front, they are a clear industry leader.

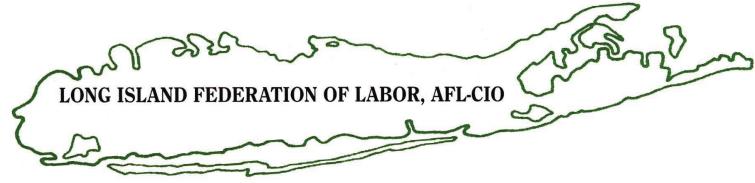
Further, we trust that Ørsted will continue to invest in programming that ensures the labor workforce diversifies as it grows to meet the opportunities associated with the clean energy transition.

Our region is well-positioned to take advantage of this new industry and to become a hub of skilled talent support as more offshore wind farms are built here in the Northeast. We look forward to building upon the investments and momentum we achieved to already for the industry if this project is awarded. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Best,

President

Greater Capital Region Building and Construction Trades Council



September 3, 2024

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 we are writing to express our support for Ørsted's proposal in response to NYSERDA's fifth offshore wind solicitation. Ørsted has already begun delivering clean energy safely, reliably, and efficiently while creating good union jobs in the process. South Fork Wind and Sunrise Wind are beacons of hope in an industry that has endured the challenges of global conflict, a global pandemic, and public opinion campaigns being waged for corporate and partisan gain. We're confident that if awarded, Ørsted's current proposal will continue to build on their track record of success in our region and, if given the opportunity, will deliver a cleaner brighter future that includes good union jobs.

They have and will deliver unionized construction jobs, with a framework in place to grow the percentage of unionized American workers building the company's portfolio. We remain a willing partner, and are hopeful that Ørsted is equally committed, to executing a labor peace agreement ensuring working people hired for permanent jobs will have their rights safeguarded as well. Over the course of our partnership, we have identified a set of principles around good wages, benefits, and respect for work that Ørsted has lived up to, and our support assumes they will continue to prioritize working people. The offshore wind industry is a key economic driver for the future of Long Island, and is vital to a healthy, thriving, and reliable overall energy sector. We must lift up working people in every facet of the industry to truly realize its full potential.

While completing South Fork Wind, and now in the beginning stages of building Sunrise Wind, Ørsted has and continues to educate workers from across the region on the unique opportunities that the offshore wind industry is providing as well as its historic nature. It is not "traditional" utility or construction work and thus presents different challenges and opportunities for our affiliates and their members. We have worked in partnership with Ørsted, and gained invaluable experience from South Fork Wind, and the beginnings of Sunrise Wind, to make the education

process and identification of workers who are willing and able to participate in the industry as smooth as possible to be part of working offshore.

The National Offshore Wind Training Center, enabled by Ørsted's \$10MM commitment, is operational and providing essential safety training to New York workers preparing to go offshore. Ørsted's initial support has allowed us to advance conversations with Suffolk County, and we are working to move forward with a more permanent, robust facility that will be available for the industry writ-large.

We are proud to have worked together with Ørsted to assess union members who were potential candidates for offshore work. This process ultimately yielded essential offshore safety credentials to the approximately 150 union workers necessary from across the region to continue advancing Sunrise Wind with a US based union workforce. We developed this approach collectively, based on lessons learned from South Fork, in order to deliver a real return on investment strengthening communities across our region, while growing the US workforce's role in the industry.

Further, it's worth highlighting Ørsted's commitment to pre-apprenticeship recruitment and training. Their efforts will ensure we will have the resources necessary to respond and support market demand, which will help build on the Long Island union movement's initiatives to continue diversifying the workforce as the clean energy transition drives economic opportunities.

We have long advocated an all of the above energy approach, which we believe is necessary for New York to lead on climate change responsibly. Working people are on the frontlines of the climate crisis and bear the brunt of every natural disaster. During severe weather events that impact 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. Thus, Long Island must be part of the future of this industry, and is positioned to become a hub of skilled talent to support every aspect of the offshore wind economy; including but not limited to construction, marine work, the supply chain, as well as operations and maintenance.

If Ørsted receives an award, we are committed to building on our partnership, and leveraging the investments and momentum we have already achieved on Long Island. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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September 3, 2024

Doreen Harris President & CEO New York State Energy Research and Development Authority 17 Columbia Circle Albany, NY 12203-6399

RE: Support for Ørsted Offshore Wind Farm Proposal:

Dear President and CEO Harris:

I write on behalf of the Ironworkers Local 361 to express our strong support for Long Island Wind, Ørsted's proposal in response to NYSERDA's fifth offshore wind solicitation. We represent over 1000 members, many of whom have worked offshore on Orsted's South Fork Wind. Most of those who have worked offshore on an Orsted project are eager to return to offshore work when Sunrise Wind offers a similar opportunity. That positive experience for our members is a major reason for our support of Orsted's latest proposal for a 3rd Long Island offshore wind farm. Their approach to building South Fork and Sunrise Wind gives us confidence that Orsted will continue to prioritize union partnerships and fair working conditions wherever they are working. We believe their proposal will not only provide our region with clean, affordable, renewable energy, but thousands of good paying, union jobs – just like their first two offshore wind projects.

The offshore wind industry is a key driver for the economic future of Long Island. The Offshore Wind industry also represents a just transition for our workforce, many of whom are regularly and gainfully employed by the fossil fuel energy industry. The trades that have built traditional fossil fuel power plants in the past are the same trades that will continue to build out the current and future offshore wind infrastructure, and Ørsted has built a reputation as a responsible employer among our workers.

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information about the opportunities and challenges that come with offshore work and ultimately delivered essential offshore safety credentials to – by the time this proposal is submitted – approximately 150 workers from Long Island unions, including our members. Ørsted developed this approach based on lessons learned from South Fork and came to us with offering it as a solution to support our workers. And, we trust that Ørsted will continue to invest in construction preapprenticeship programming to ensure the labor workforce diversifies as it grows to meet the opportunities associated with the clean energy transition.

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Matthew Chartrand Business Manager/FST

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September, 2024

Doreen Harris President & CEO New York State Energy Research and Development Authority 17 Columbia Circle Albany, NY 12203-6399

RE: Support for Ørsted Offshore Wind Farm Proposal:

Dear President and CEO Harris:

On behalf of the Alliance for a Greater New York (ALIGN), I am writing in support of the proposed offshore wind energy project led by Ørsted, consistently rated as the world's most sustainable energy company and the global leader in offshore wind energy.

ALIGN is a longstanding alliance of labor and community organizations united for a just and sustainable New York. We bring together labor, climate, and community organizations for a more just and sustainable New York. ALIGN is supporting Ørsted's proposal because Ørsted has been both transparent about its experience and directly supportive of union workers who are interested in working offshore. Furthermore, Orsted has taken an approach that mirrors ours – not choosing either environmental justice or good jobs or equity, and instead bringing all three together through their prior projects. It is important to move at the speed of trust, and we believe that Orsted has done so.

If selected, Ørsted's proposal will build on the company's demonstrated best-in-class development expertise, which has been proven throughout the development of South Fork Wind and Sunrise Wind, to ensure the successful execution of this new project. It will also expand on the company's industry-leading approach to community benefits by delivering high-quality family-sustaining jobs, supply chain opportunities and environmental justice to the communities that most need them.

We applaud NYSERDA's bold vision for deploying more offshore wind in consideration of the State's climate goals, and we urge you to select Ørsted's proposal. This project will accomplish more than providing the clean energy we need to keep New York on pace to meet our sustainability goals. It will bring the material benefits of meeting those goals to New Yorkers across the state.

I look forward to the award and the economic development opportunities Ørsted's newest offshore wind farm for New York State will create. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely

Theodore A. Moore

Executive Director - ALIGN



Building and Construction Trades Council of Nassau and Suffolk Counties

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September 6, 2024

Doreen Harris
President & CEO
New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
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RE: Support for Ørsted Offshore Wind Farm Proposal

Dear President and CEO Harris:

I write on behalf of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Nassau and Suffolk Counties in response to NYSERDA's fifth offshore wind solicitation to express our staunch support for Ørsted's Long Island Wind proposal.

Ørsted's proposal not only provides our region with clean, affordable, renewable energy, but hundreds of good paying, union jobs just like their first two projects. The Building and Construction Trades Council represents 65,000 members across 36 affiliated local unions. Since all our members are local, we are the financial barometer of Long Island. The success of the offshore wind industry is imperative to the economic future of our council and our region. This emerging industry also represents a just transition for the regional workforce, many of whom are currently employed by various portions within the fossil fuel energy industry. The highly skilled workforce that built our traditional fossil fuel power plants in the past are the same trades that continues to build out the future offshore wind infrastructure, and Ørsted has built a reputation as a responsible employer among our workers.

While completing South Fork Wind and now building Sunrise Wind, Ørsted has demonstrated to our Long Island workforce that offshore wind is an industry where skilled workers offer this type of work over "traditional" construction. This is due to the relationship Ørsted has fostered in partnership with the Building Trades to ensure a smooth process for workers to work offshore.

The National Offshore Wind Training Center, enabled by Ørsted's \$10MM commitment, is now operational and providing essential safety training to workers preparing to go offshore. From the moment Ørsted engaged labor, our collective efforts have allowed us to advance conversations with Suffolk County, and we expect to move forward with a more permanent, robust facility in the coming months.

Further, Ørsted has been both transparent about its experience, directly supporting skilled union workers who are interested in working offshore. We are proud to have worked together with Ørsted to have assessed nearly 400 workers and shared our information about the opportunities and challenges that come with offshore work. By the time this proposal is submitted, Ørsted is expected to deliver essential offshore safety credentials to approximately 150 workers from Long Island unions. Ørsted developed this approach based on lessons learned from South Fork and shared the experience which we used as part of a solution to better support our workers. Furthermore, we trust that Ørsted will continue to invest in construction pre-apprenticeship programming to ensure the labor workforce diversification as it grows to meet the opportunities associated with the clean energy transition.

Long Island is both uniquely and perfectly positioned to continue to take advantage of this new industry becoming a hub of skilled talent support as more offshore wind farms expand in the Northeast. When this project is awarded, we look forward to building upon the investments and industry momentum already achieved. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Aracich

President



August 22, 2024

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Doreen Harris
President & CEO

Dear Ms. Harris:

President

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority

Luis Vazquez LIHCC

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Pilar Delgado Adelante of Suffolk County, Inc RE: Support for Ørsted Offshore Wind Farm Proposal

Treasurer

John Osorno Bethpage Federal Credit Union As the president of the Long Island Hispanic Chamber of Commerce I am writing to express our strong support for the proposed offshore wind energy project led by Orsted. Orsted has been recognized as the world's most sustainable energy company and is a global leader in offshore wind energy – a distinction that speaks volumes about their commitment to environmental stewardship and innovation.

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Our organization is dedicated to advancing the economic development and sustainability of the Hispanic community on Long Island and beyond. The Orsted Offshore Wind Farm proposal aligns with our mission by promising significant economic and environmental benefits, particularly for underserved communities. We have seen firsthand how Orsted's previous projects, like South Fork Wind and Sunrise Wind, have created high-quality jobs and fostered supply chain opportunities that have been accessible to the community. This new project will continue to build upon those successes.

The Long Island Hispanic Chamber of Commerce supports Orsted's proposal because it offers a comprehensive approach to community benefits, including workforce training, supply chain investment and a strong commitment to environmental justice and equity. These aspects are critical in ensuring that the Hispanic and underserved communities are not left behind in the transition to clean energy. We ae particularly encouraged by Orsted's dedication to creating family-sustaining jobs and providing economic opportunities that will uplift our communities.

We urge you to select this project and the many opportunities it will create for our community and all New Yorkers.

Sincerely,

Quis H. Vazquez

Luis A. Vazquez

President, Long Island Hispanic Chamber of Commerce



August 22, 2024

Doreen Harris President & CEO New York State Energy Research and Development Authority 17 Columbia Circle Albany, NY 12203-6399

RE: Support for Ørsted Offshore Wind Farm Proposal:

Dear President and CEO Harris:

On behalf of United Way of Long Island, we write in support of Ørsted's most recent offshore wind energy proposal in response to the pending fifth solicitation for offshore wind energy issued by NYSERDA. Ørsted is consistently rated as the world's most sustainable energy company and is the global leader in offshore wind. I am confident that if selected, Ørsted will continue to deliver successful offshore wind energy projects to New York State.

United Way of Long Island works to advance the common good by creating opportunities for a better life for all by focusing on three key building blocks: health, education and financial stability. It is our priority to create equity across Long Island by investing in partnerships, helping the most vulnerable and at risk through organizations and programs that demonstrate raising the bar for fairness and equal access to services. Our organization provides a united solution and impact, fighting for families across Long Island.

The United way of Long Island is supporting Orsted's newest offshore wind proposal because of their commitment to supporting our constituents and working with us to drive opportunity for the most priority communities on Long Island. Furthermore, Ørsted's proposal will continue the company's success with both the South Fork Wind and Sunrise Wind projects. This proposal will expand the work of Ørsted and their current offshore wind projects by continuing to provide local community and economic benefits, environmental justice and workforce development to the Long Island community.

If selected, Ørsted's proposal will build on the company's demonstrated best-in-class development expertise, which has been proven throughout the development of South Fork Wind. It will also expand on the company's industry-leading approach to community benefits.

We applaud NYSERDA's bold vision for deploying more offshore wind in consideration of the State's climate goals, and we urge you to select Ørsted's proposal. This project will accomplish more than providing the clean energy we need to keep New York on pace to meet our sustainability goals. It will bring the material benefits of meeting those goals to New Yorkers in Suffolk and across the state.

I look forward to the award and the economic development opportunities Ørsted's newest offshore wind farm for New York State will create. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

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President & CEO

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August 27, 2024

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President & CEO
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RE: Support for Ørsted Offshore Wind Farm Proposal:

Dear President and CEO Harris:

I am writing on behalf of ERASE Racism to express support for the proposed offshore wind energy project led by Ørsted. Ørsted's consistent rating as the world's most sustainable energy company and the global leader in offshore wind energy would be an exceptional asset to Long Island.

ERASE Racism's mission to expose forms of racial discrimination, advocate for laws and policies that eliminate racial disparities, increase understanding of how structural racism and segregation impact our communities and region, and engage the public in fostering equitable and inclusive communities. ERASE Racism achieves our goals by advocating for fair, affordable and inclusive housing; engaging and empowering communities to build an equitable region for all residents; offering leadership opportunities for high school students to develop their advocacy skills and positively impact their local school districts and the statewide educational system; and publishing groundbreaking research assessing educational equity on Long Island and across New York State.

ERASE Racism's work is in alignment with the opportunities that Ørsted's project will provide for Long Islanders. Accordingly, ERASE Racism is supporting Ørsted's proposal because its impact will be transformational for many Long Islanders who are disparately impacted by structural racism and its resulting ills. The environmental justice commitments, pathways to family sustaining careers through its workforce training commitments, the community and economic benefits, and opportunities for the most marginalized communities make Ørsted's project an important component of Long Island's success.

If selected, Ørsted's proposal will build on the company's demonstrated best-inclass development expertise, which has been proven throughout the development of South Fork Wind and Sunrise Wind, to ensure the successful execution of this new project. It will also expand on the company's industry-leading approach to community benefits by delivering high-quality family-sustaining jobs, supply chain opportunities and environmental justice to the communities that most need them.

We applaud NYSERDA's bold vision for deploying more offshore wind in consideration of the State's climate goals, and we urge you to select Ørsted's

proposal. This project will accomplish more than providing the clean energy we need to keep New York on pace to meet our sustainability goals. It will bring the material benefits of meeting those goals to New Yorkers across the state.

I look forward to the award and the economic development opportunities Ørsted's newest offshore wind farm for New York State will create.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Most sincerely,

Laura N. Harding, Esq.

President



August 29, 2024

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

RE: Support for Orsted's ORECRFP24-1 proposal

Dear President & CEO Harris,

We are pleased to continue our relationship with the Orsted team focused on building offshore wind energy in New York State. In recent years, we've had several opportunities to meet and work with their team around workforce development and inclusive supply chain development. We appreciate the importance they place on workforce development and their engagement with community stakeholders. We welcome the opportunity to work with them in the event their proposal for New York's fifth offshore wind solicitation (ORECRFP24-1) 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 through high-road employment and training. We use a range of tools including regional networks and expertise, strategic research, 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. WDI looks forward to widening participation in the industry across the supply chain and the workforce. We view Orsted as a strong partner equally committed to these goals.

Sincerely,

Amy Desjardins, Executive Director

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RE: Support for Ørsted Offshore Wind Farm Proposal

Dear President & CEO Harris:

On behalf of the Capital Region Workforce Development Board, I am writing in support of the proposed offshore wind energy project led by Ørsted, consistently rated as the world's most sustainable energy company and the global leader in offshore wind energy.

As you know, 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 strives to strengthen the skills of the Capital Region's workforce through partnerships with business, education, and community-based organizations. The CRWDB also sponsors job training program services at the regional One Stop Career Centers (American Job Centers) in Albany, Rensselaer, and Schenectady counties for adult, dislocated workers, and youth. Programs are funded through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) to provide individuals with job training, placement, and the tools to strengthen their skills to achieve a higher quality of life.

The Capital Region Workforce Development Board understands that Ørsted's proposal will be transformative in not only the clean, sustainable energy sector, but most importantly to us, the impact of new job creation that will provide life-changing career opportunities for our communities.

If selected, Ørsted's proposal will build on the company's demonstrated best-in-class development expertise, which has been proven throughout the development of South Fork Wind and Sunrise Wind, to ensure the successful execution of this new project. It will also expand on the company's industry-leading approach to community benefits by delivering high-quality family-sustaining jobs, supply chain opportunities and environmental justice to the communities that most need them.

We applaud NYSERDA's bold vision for deploying more offshore wind in consideration of the State's climate goals, and we urge you to select Ørsted's proposal. This project will accomplish more than providing the clean energy we need to keep New York on pace to meet our sustainability goals. It will bring the material benefits of meeting those goals to New Yorkers across the state.

The CRWDB enthusiastically supports this application that will provide pathways for Capital Region residents through family-sustaining careers. I look forward to the award and the economic and workforce development opportunities Ørsted's newest offshore wind farm for New York State will create. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Brian J. Williams Executive Director



renewable energy Long Island

Clean Energy Safe Environment Healthy Planet

September 9, 2024

Doreen Harris
President & CEO
New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
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Albany, NY 12203-6399

RE: Support for Ørsted Offshore Wind Farm Proposal:

Dear President and CEO Harris:

On behalf of Renewable Energy Long Island, I am writing in support of the proposed offshore wind energy project led by Ørsted, consistently rated as the world's most sustainable energy company and the global leader in offshore wind energy.

Renewable Energy Long Island (reLI), established in 2003, is a membership-based, 501-c-3 not-for-profit organization promoting clean, sustainable energy use and generation on Long Island. reLI is committed to accelerate the transition to a 100% renewable energy economy. We educate the public, work with local governments and partner with community interest groups to bring about the shifts necessary to enable widespread adoption of renewable energy.

New York is in a unique position to champion offshore wind and make renewable energy history. We have our first offshore wind project up and running (Southfork) supplying electricity to parts of the East End of Long Island. We can do this. Projects like Ørsteds need to be approved to meet the CLCPA targets and deadlines, and we would like to help in any way possible.

We applaud NYSERDA's bold vision for deploying more offshore wind in consideration of the State's climate goals, and we urge you to select Ørsted's proposal. This project will accomplish more than providing the clean energy we need to keep New York on pace to meet our sustainability goals. It will bring the material benefits of meeting those goals to New Yorkers across the state.

I look forward to the award and the economic development opportunities Ørsted's newest offshore wind farm for New York State will create.

Thank you,

Melissa Parrott

Deputy Executive Director



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August 28, 2024

Doreen Harris President & CEO New York State Energy Research and Development Authority 17 Columbia Circle Albany, NY 12203-6399

RE: Support for Ørsted Offshore Wind Farm Proposal

Dear President and CEO Harris:

On behalf of the Capital Region Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES), I am writing in support of the proposed offshore wind energy project led by Ørsted, consistently rated as the world's most sustainable energy company and the global leader in offshore wind energy.

As the leading regional workforce training provider, Capital Region BOCES fuels the workforce across a variety of sectors that are critical to New York's sustained economic growth, including the emerging offshore wind industry. Capital Region BOCES is supporting Ørsted's proposal because of their unique history of investing in the Capital Region, and because of their commitment to continuing to make the region a central focus of the US offshore wind industry. Currently, Orsted is a critical partner regarding our existing work with NYSERDA for offshore wind workforce training, and this opportunity will further expand their capacity and commitment to our region by accelerating job creation and countless career opportunities.

If selected, Ørsted's proposal will build on the company's demonstrated best-in-class development expertise, which has been proven throughout the development of South Fork Wind and Sunrise Wind, to ensure the successful execution of this new project. It will also expand on the company's industry-leading approach to community benefits by delivering high-quality family-sustaining jobs, supply chain opportunities and environmental justice to the communities that most need them.

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I look forward to the award and the economic development opportunities Ørsted's newest offshore wind farm for New York State will create. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Joseph P. Dragone, Ph.D.

Director of Special Projects & Strategic Initiatives



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RE: Support for Ørsted Offshore Wind Farm Proposal:

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Dear President and CEO Harris:

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On behalf of WE ACT for Environmental Justice, I am] writing in support of the proposed offshore wind energy project led by Ørsted, consistently rated as the world's most sustainable energy company and the global leader in offshore wind energy.

WE ACT has a 36 year track record, of educating, organizing, and mobilizing our community to ensure environmental protections and economic opportunities for disadvantaged communities in New York City, New York State, and across the country. WE ACT is supporting Ørsted's proposal because we are confident in Ørsted's commitment to advancing New York's clean energy objectives and creating job opportunities for residents of disadvantaged communities.

Executive Director Peggy M. Shepard

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If selected, Ørsted's proposal will build on the company's demonstrated best-in-class development expertise, which has been proven throughout the development of South Fork Wind and Sunrise Wind, to ensure the successful execution of this new project. It will also expand on the company's industry-leading approach to community benefits by delivering high-quality family-sustaining jobs, supply chain opportunities and environmental justice to the communities that most need them.

We applaud NYSERDA's bold vision for deploying more offshore wind in consideration of the State's climate goals, and we urge you to select Ørsted's proposal. This project will accomplish more than providing the clean energy we need to keep New York on pace to meet our

sustainability goals. It will bring the material benefits of meeting those goals to New Yorkers across the state.

I look forward to the award and the economic development opportunities Ørsted's newest offshore wind farm for New York State will create. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Peggy Shepard Executive Director



August 29, 2024

Dorreen Harris
President & CEO
New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
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Albany, NY 12203-6399

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Dear President and CEO Harris:

On behalf of Students for Climate Action, I am writing in support of the proposed offshore wind energy project led by Ørsted, consistently rated as the world's most sustainable energy company and the global leader in offshore wind energy.

Students for Climate Action is a 501(c)(3) non-profit founded in 2017. For the past 7 years, we have worked with hundreds of high school students from across New York State who are eager to move the needle on climate action. We connect these youth with elected officials at all levels of government and from multiple political parties to lobby for common sense climate and renewable energy initiatives. Through education, public acts of engagement, and community involvement, our students truly have made a difference.

We are supporting Ørsted's proposal because of their investment in the greater Long Island community, which prioritizes disadvantaged and youth demographics.

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Sincerely,

Harrison G. Bench

Deputy Executive Director



September 2, 2024

Doreen Harris
President & CEO
New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
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Albany, NY 12203-6399

RE: Support for Ørsted Offshore Wind Farm Proposal:

Dear President and CEO Harris:

On behalf of the Center for Economic Growth, I am writing in support of the proposed offshore wind energy project led by Ørsted, consistently rated as the world's most sustainable energy company and the global leader in offshore wind energy.

The Center for Economic Growth is supporting Ørsted's proposal because of their unique history of investing in the Capital Region, and because of their commitment to continuing to make the region a central focus of the US offshore wind industry. We have been proud to partner with Orsted for many years, and have found them to be a thoughtful, diligent and flexible partner who is aligned with our mission to support the region.

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Katie Newcombe

Katie Newcombe Chief Economic Development Officer



August 30, 2024

Doreen Harris President & CEO New York State Energy Research and Development Authority 17 Columbia Circle Albany, NY 12203-6399

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Dear President and CEO Harris:

On behalf of LaGuardia Community College, I am writing in support of the proposed offshore wind energy project led by Ørsted, consistently rated as the world's most sustainable energy company and the global leader in offshore wind energy.

LaGuardia Community College, founded in 1971 as a two-year, public open access institution that is part of the City University of New York, offers pathways to the middle class for over 24,000 students each year through over 50 associate degree programs as well as over 50 non-credit workforce development, basic skills, and small business services programs. LaGuardia's mission is to "educate and graduate one of the most diverse student populations in the country to become critical thinkers and socially responsible citizens." Serving a student body that is majority lowincome, majority immigrant, and majority first-generation college students, graduates transfer to four-year colleges at triple the national rate, and family income increases an average of 17% upon graduation. LaGuardia was ranked by the Equality of Opportunity Project as one of the top five community colleges nationwide for advancing economic and social mobility.

LaGuardia Community College is supporting Ørsted's proposal because of their consistent and prior commitments to sharing offshore wind information and opportunities with us, as well as our students and alumni. We recognize Orsted's value as a long-term partner for New York, especially to the disadvantaged communities we serve. Through our collaboration with Orsted on offshore wind workforce development initiatives, Orsted has demonstrated their commitment to deep partnerships with community-based institutions to ensure that disadvantaged and environmental justice communities are included in the offshore wind workforce.

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Sincerely,

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President





































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