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Section 5 - PUBLIC

Project Schedule and Status



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5.0 PROJECT SCHEDULE AND STATUS

6.2.5 Proposers must demonstrate that the Project can reasonably be permitted, developed, financed, and constructed within a commercially reasonable timeframe consistent with the proposed Project schedule. The Submission must include both Confidential and Public versions of the Project Schedule and Status. The Commercial Operation Date(s) must be clearly stated in this section and consistent across the Submission.

Proposer is required to provide sufficient information and documentation showing that Proposer's resources, process, and schedule are adequate for the acquisition of all rights, permits, and approvals for the financing of the Project consistent with the proposed milestone dates that support the proposed Commercial Operation Date(s).

Proposers must submit reasonable milestones that are achievable, thereby placing the Project on an achievable milestone schedule to support the proposed Commercial Operation Date(s). Proposers are required to provide a complete critical path schedule for the Project from the notice of award to the proposed Commercial Operation Date(s). Provide a detailed Gantt chart equivalent in a Microsoft Project .mpp file or a Microsoft Excel .xlsx file (the required Project Schedule attachment referenced in Section 6.2.5.1)

The schedule for the development and construction of the Project is commercially reasonable and achievable. It is supported by the advanced stage of the Project and Ørsted's history with planning and executing multiple large-scale offshore wind projects globally and the Proposer's knowledge of the local regulatory framework and supply chain dynamics (including the construction of South Fork Wind and the planning for the imminent start of construction of Revolution Wind).

The Proposer's ability to execute the Project is also supported by Ørsted's track record of having 25 offshore wind farms successfully developed, constructed, and in operation in the U.S., Europe, and Asia, and an additional 7 wind farms under construction. Eversource has extensive experience in planning and executing large infrastructure projects in the Northeast, including underground transmission facilities and stations similar to those designed (and, in the case of the onshore converter station, under construction) for the Project. This includes experience specific to New York with South Fork Wind. Technical design and constructability for the scopes are based on decades of experience with engineering, procuring, and constructing offshore wind farms and complex onshore/offshore transmission systems.

Below are highlights of the Proposer's expertise in planning, which demonstrates its ability to execute the Project in a commercially reasonable timeframe.

Some of the tools developed are based on lessons learned from previous projects, including the following:





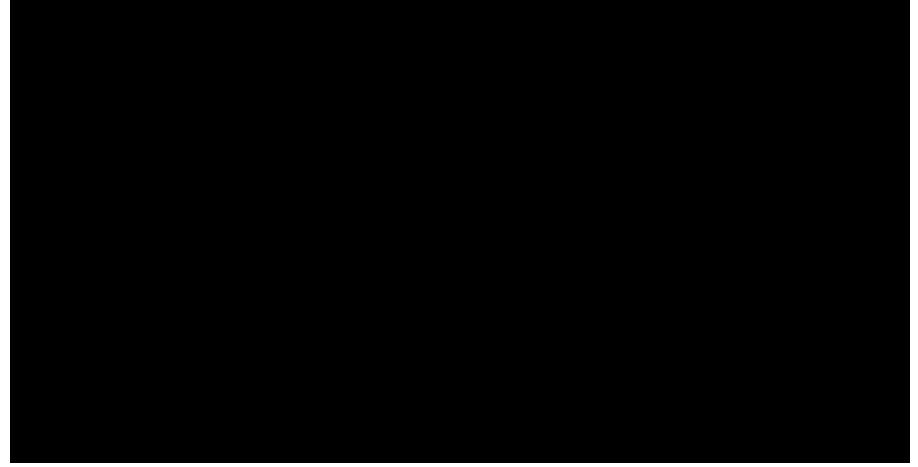


5.1 PROJECT MILESTONES

5.1.1 Critical Path

1. Identify the critical path. The schedule should include, at a minimum, the tasks associated with preliminary engineering, financing, acquisition of real property rights, Federal, state and/or local permits, licenses, environmental assessments and/or environmental impact statements (including anticipated permit submittal and approval dates), completion of interconnection studies and approvals culminating in the execution of the NYISO Interconnection Service Agreement, financial close, procurement of engineer/procure/construct contracts, detailed engineering design, procurement of wind turbine generators, monopile, substation equipment and offshore and onshore cabling, start of construction, offshore and onshore construction, including foundation installation, turbine erection, offshore and onshore substation equipments that could influence the Project schedule.











5.1.2 Permissible Offshore Construction Windows

Describe the anticipated permissible offshore construction windows, and how the construction milestones will be accommodated within these windows.

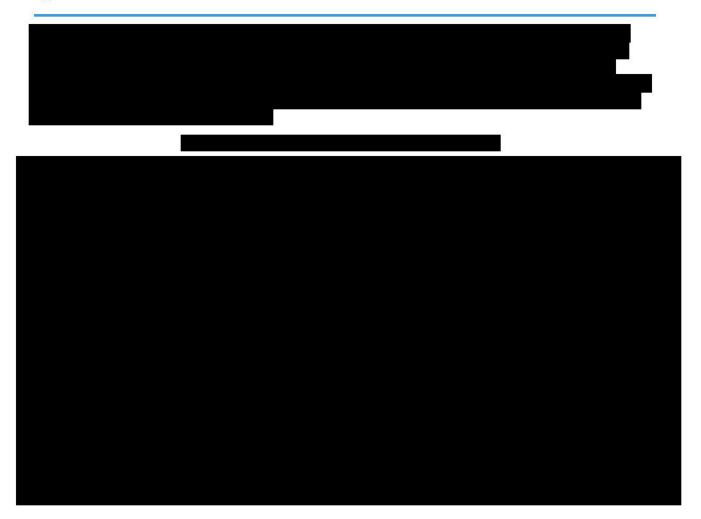


The Proposer aims to utilize the periods of the year with the least amount of expected weather downtime for the offshore campaigns to ensure efficient and timely construction of the wind farm.

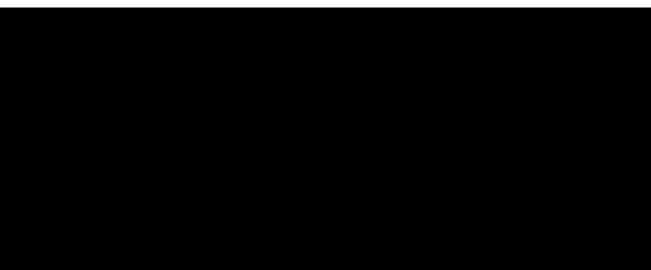
These marine life/tourism and weather constraints are accounted for in the Project schedule provided in Section 5.1 Further details on environmental constraints are provided in Section 8.2 and Attachment 8-2.

5.1.3 Status of All Critical Path Items

Detail the status of all critical path items, such as receipt of all necessary siting, environmental, and NYISO approvals.









5.2 ACQUISITION OF NECESSARY ADDITIONAL RIGHTS

Provide a detailed plan and timeline for the acquisition of any additional rights necessary for interconnection and for the generator lead line right-of-way.

5.3 **PROJECT SCHEDULE FILE**

The Microsoft Project schedule attachment must be included in the Submission in the form of a Gantt chart in an unlocked Microsoft Project .mpp file or Microsoft Excel .xlsx file. If the Project Schedule varies among Proposals, the additional information may be provided in the same file, as long as the variances are clearly labeled for Proposal correspondence, or in separate files. Each task in the schedule should show its start and end dates, its predecessor task (tasks that need to be completed or underway before the task can begin or be competed) and its successor task (other tasks that need the task to begin or be completed). The task start and end dates should not be hard coded, but rather be determined based on the task duration and predecessor tasks status