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Mr. Shawn MacDonald
Town of Dartmouth
Dartmouth Town Hall
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Dear Chairman MacDonald:

On December 19, 2017, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) received a Construction and Operations Plan (COP) from Vineyard Wind, LLC (Vineyard Wind) proposing development of an up to 800 megawatt (MW) wind energy project within Lease OCS-A 0501 offshore Massachusetts. The COP is a detailed plan for the construction and operation of a wind energy project on the lease. If approved by BOEM, the COP would allow Vineyard Wind to construct and operate wind turbine generators, an export cable to shore, and associated facilities for a specified term. Detailed information about the proposed wind energy facility, including the COP, can be found on BOEM's website at: <https://www.boem.gov/Vineyard-Wind/>.

Vineyard Wind is proposing the construction, operation, and eventual decommissioning of an up to 800 MW facility, potentially constructed in two 400 MW phases over a five year period. Vineyard Wind's COP proposes installing up to 106 wind turbine generators, each with a capacity between 8 and 10 MW. Foundations would likely be monopoles, jackets, or a combination of both. The proposed facility would also include two to four offshore substations or electrical service platforms. The potential export cable landfalls identified by Vineyard Wind include sites near the towns of Yarmouth, Barnstable, and Nantucket in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. At its nearest point, the project area is approximately 14 miles from the southeast corner of Martha's Vineyard and a similar distance from the southwest side of Nantucket.

BOEM has determined that approval, approval with modification, or disapproval of the Vineyard Wind COP constitutes an undertaking subject to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. § 306108) and its implementing regulations (36 CFR 800). BOEM is now reviewing the potential environmental impacts for this project under the National Environmental Policy Act and is initiating review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for the undertaking of approving the Vineyard Wind COP.

As part of the bureau's Section 106 review, BOEM is contacting representatives of local governments, historic preservation groups, and other organizations to determine their interest in participating as a consulting party for the undertaking of approving the Vineyard Wind COP. BOEM requests that you send written notification if you are interested in participating as a consulting party. Email is acceptable and may be forwarded to my attention; my contact information is provided below. If you or your organization has information pertaining to historic

properties that may be affected by the proposed undertaking or has any other comments or concerns regarding historic preservation issues related to this undertaking, BOEM invites you to bring this information to our attention to be considered in the decision making process.

BOEM plans to offer a webinar to allow consulting parties, the State Historic Preservation Offices of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and federally recognized tribes with the proposed project, and offer input regarding effects and historic properties. We will send specific times and dates for the proposed webinar to those groups and governments who identify themselves as consulting parties, but the general time frame is expected to be early July 2018.

In addition, BOEM is now conducting its environmental and technical reviews of the COP and has announced its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act for approval of the plan. We anticipate releasing the draft EIS in the fall of 2018.

We look forward to your participation and input into the decision making process for historic properties aspect of this decision making process. If you have questions or require additional information, you may contact me at (703) 787-1085 or richard.warner@boem.gov. Please send correspondence to the following address:

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Thank you in advance for your timely response and cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Warner", written in a cursive style.

Richard Warner
Cultural Resource Specialist