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Mr. Timothy Carroll
Town Administrator
Town of Chilmark
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Dear Mr. Carroll:

On June 9, 2018, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) received a Construction and Operations Plan (COP) from Deepwater Wind New England, LLC (Deepwater Wind). The COP is a detailed plan proposing the construction, operation, and decommissioning of a commercial-scale wind energy facility offshore Rhode Island and Massachusetts known as the South Fork Wind Farm. If approved by BOEM, the COP would allow Deepwater 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/South-Fork/>.

The South Fork Wind Farm would include installation of up to 15 wind turbine generators with a nameplate capacity of 6 to 12 megawatts per turbine, submarine inter-array cables connecting the wind turbines, and an offshore substation, all of which would be located on the Outer Continental Shelf in the BOEM Renewable Energy Lease Area OCS-A 0486 located approximately 19 miles (mi, 30.6 kilometers [km]) southeast of Block Island, Rhode Island, and 35 mi (56.3 km) east of Montauk Point, New York. An alternating current electrical cable would extend from the offshore lease area through state waters and connect the wind farm to the existing electrical grid in East Hampton, New York, at landfall locations in either the town of Easthampton, New York or Hither Hills State Park in Montauk, New York. The South Fork Wind Farm also includes an onshore Operations and Maintenance facility that would be located onshore at either Montauk, New York or Quonset Point in North Kingstown, Rhode Island.

BOEM is now conducting its environmental and technical reviews of the COP and has announced its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act. In addition, BOEM has determined that approval, approval with modification, or disapproval of the Deepwater 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).

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 Deepwater 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

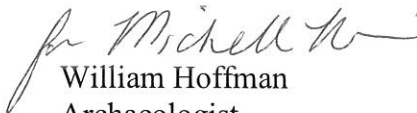
properties that may be affected by the proposed undertaking or has any other comments or concerns regarding historic preservation issues related to this undertaking, BOEM invites you to bring this information to our attention to be considered in the decision making process.

Should you or your representative have any questions or comments, you may contact me directly at (703) 787-1549 or William.Hoffman@boem.gov. We respectfully request any responses within 30 days of receipt of this letter. Any correspondence may be sent to my attention at the following address:

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Thank you in advance for your involvement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William Hoffman".

William Hoffman
Archaeologist
Office of Renewable Energy Programs