

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING
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Vineyard Wind LLC (“Vineyard Wind” or “Company”) has filed three related petitions with the Energy Facilities Siting Board (“Siting Board”) and the Department of Public Utilities in connection with the Company’s proposal to construct and operate a new onshore and offshore electric transmission line, a new substation, and other electric equipment necessary to connect its planned offshore wind turbine array to the regional electric grid (together, “Project”). The offshore portion of the transmission line would pass through state waters in the towns of Barnstable, Edgartown, Mashpee, and Nantucket, Massachusetts and make landfall in Barnstable. The onshore portion of the transmission line and the new substation would be located entirely in the Town of Barnstable.

The Siting Board will be reviewing the onshore portion of the transmission line, and the offshore portion of the transmission line in state waters. The Siting Board will not be reviewing the planned offshore wind farm.

The attached legal notice describes the Company’s Primary Route for the transmission line, as well as alternative routes the Company has proposed. The notice also explains the opportunities for public participation in the review process. The attached legal notice is also available in Portuguese on the Siting Board’s website at www.mass.gov/service-details/efsb-siting-calendar and on the Company’s website at <https://www.parkcitywind.com/permitting>. **Please read this notice carefully.**

The Siting Board is a state agency that will determine whether the proposed transmission project can be constructed and whether the Company’s requested zoning exemptions will be approved. **The Siting Board will conduct a public comment hearing using Zoom videoconferencing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 2020. Attendees can join by clicking (or entering) the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/94389141158> from a computer, smartphone, or tablet. No prior software download is required. For audio-only participation, attendees can dial in at 1 (646) 558-8656 (not toll free) and then enter the Meeting ID# 943-8914-1158.** If you anticipate providing comments via Zoom during the hearing, please send an email to geneen.bartley@mass.gov with your name, email address and mailing address by **October 6, 2020**. If you anticipate commenting by telephone, please leave a voicemail message at (617) 305-3529 with your name, telephone number, and mailing address by **October 6, 2020**. Additional commenters may be allowed during the hearing, at the discretion of the Presiding Officer. Anyone with an interest in the Project is encouraged to comment, either orally at the virtual public comment hearing, or by email.

Interpretation services for those with limited English language proficiency are available upon request to Donna.sharkey@mass.gov. Include in your request the language required, and a way to contact you if we need more information. Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are also available upon request. Contact the Department’s ADA coordinator at DPUADACoordinator@mass.gov. Include a description of the accommodation you need, including as much detail as you can. Also include a way we can contact you if we need more information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible for interpretation or ADA accommodations. Last minute requests may not be able to be accommodated.

Persons and groups affected by the Company’s petitions who wish to be involved in the Siting Board’s review process may request to participate as either intervenors or limited participants. Such requests must meet the criteria outlined in the attached Notice. **The deadline to make such a request is 5:00 p.m. on October 28, 2020.** The process for making a request to participate is explained in the Notice. Questions concerning participation will also be answered at the public comment hearing.

Copies of the Company’s petitions are available online at <https://eeaonline.eea.state.ma.us/DPU/Fileroom/dockets/bynumber/EFsb20-01> and at Vineyard Wind’s website at: <https://www.parkcitywind.com/permitting>. If you have any questions about the Siting Board’s review process, please email the Presiding Officer, Donna Sharkey, at Donna.sharkey@mass.gov or leave a message at (617) 305-3525. The Siting Board’s office address is: Energy Facilities Siting Board/DPU, One South Station, Boston, MA 02110.