

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
ENERGY FACILITY SITING BOARD**

IN RE: MAYFLOWER WIND ENERGY LLC'S APPLICATION TO CONSTRUCT MAJOR ENERGY FACILITIES IN PORTSMOUTH, RHODE ISLAND – DOCKET NO. SB-2022-02

**NOTICE OF PRELIMINARY HEARING**

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapters 42-98 and 42-35 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island as amended, in particular, sections 42-98-7 and 42-98-9, and sections 1.8(a) - (d) and 1.9 of its Rules of Practice and Procedure, **the Energy Facility Siting Board (“Board”) will conduct a preliminary hearing on Thursday, August 18, 2022 at 9:30 AM, in Hearing Room A of the Public Utilities Commission office building, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island.** The hearing may continue thereafter from day to day and from time to time as required.

On May 31, 2022, Mayflower Wind Energy LLC (“Mayflower Wind”) filed an application with the Board to construct Rhode Island-jurisdictional transmission facilities necessary to connect Mayflower Wind’s offshore wind generation facility (a facility capable of generating up to 2,400 MW, located in federal waters) to the regional transmission system at Brayton Point in Somerset, Massachusetts. The application seeks Board approval of the following facilities located in Rhode Island: two HVDC 20-mile submarine export cables generally collocated within a single export cable corridor that will run up the Sakonnet River, make intermediate landfall on the northeastern shore of Portsmouth, traverse Portsmouth underground, and transition back to offshore in Mount Hope Bay; two landfall work areas on Aquidneck Island for horizontal directional drilling activities, one on the northeast shore of Portsmouth and one on the northwest shore; two HVDC 2-mile onshore export cables collocated within a single onshore cable route that will traverse Portsmouth underground; and a possible Noticed Variation that would facilitate the future delivery of additional power from the Mayflower Wind offshore generation facility by “right-sizing” certain transmission facilities located in Rhode Island (including trenching and conduits for onshore underground cables) as part of the current construction, thus minimizing future disturbance and environmental impact. The additional onshore land area for the Noticed Variation would be 0.1 acres; the additional offshore, submarine land area for the Noticed Variation would be 1.2 acres. The Project area in Rhode Island consists of 138.9 acres, including 135.4 acres of offshore, undersea land area and 3.5 acres of onshore land area. The applicant is not seeking Board approval for the construction of the offshore wind turbines nor the onshore interconnection facilities at Brayton Point, as they are located outside of the Board’s jurisdiction.

The application is on file and available for public review at the Board office located within the Public Utilities Commission office building at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, Rhode Island. It is also available online at: <http://www.ripuc.ri.gov/efsb/index.html>.

Rule 1.9(a) provides that the Board will “convene a preliminary hearing to determine the issues to be considered by the Board in evaluating [the] application, to designate those agencies which shall act at the direction of the Board for the purpose of rendering advisory opinions, and to identify those licenses required by the facility which are under the direct control of DEM and

CRMC.” The Board will not hear public comment at this preliminary hearing, but will do so at a later, appropriated-noticed public comment hearing.

Parties intending to seek intervenor status are directed to the Energy Facility Board Rules of Practice and Procedure, including but not limited to section 1.10 (Intervention) and section 1.4 (Appearances and Practice Before the Board). Pursuant to Rule 1.10(d)(1), motions to intervene are to be filed with the Coordinator at the address above by 4:00 PM EST on Friday, July 29.

The Public Utilities Commission office building is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Coordinator at 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, 401-780-2173, at least 72 hours in advance of the hearing. The hearing will be streamed live to the public and archived via the internet at: <https://video.ibm.com/channel/WqQyXw296dg>.

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