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**BUILDING TRADES** 

September 22, 2021

Emma Rodvien Coordinator Energy Facility Siting Board c/o Emma.Rodvien@puc.ri.gov 89 Jefferson Blvd Warwick, RI 02888

RE: Support for the Proposed Revolution Wind Project; Docket No. SB-2021-01

Dear Ms. Rodvien:

On behalf of the 10,000 members and sixteen (16) unions that represent the Rhode Island Building & Construction Trades Council, the undersigned president of this council writes in support of the above referred to docket for the reasons that follow.

Besides turning the tide on global warming, if approved, this wind farm will create hundreds of work opportunities for Rhode Island for many years to come. Additionally, it will enhance development of the offshore wind supply chain industry locally, and that will further create additional jobs for our citizens. Due to the potential enormous environmental and economic impact this would have on our local quality of life, our organization urges the EFSB to approve this application. This is a unique opportunity to craft a new energy and economic infrastructure for the first time since the Second World War.

The proposed 2 onshore 1-mile transmission cable lines; the 23-mile submarine cable; the on onshore substation in Quonset; the expansion of the Davisville substation; the 2 new 519 foot underground transmission lines between the onshore substation and the expanded Davisville substation; and, the reconfiguration of existing overhead transmission lines looped into the Davisville substation are essential to making this once in a lifetime project go forward.

In closing, we have a unique opportunity to build a better and more equitable economy and a better planet, and we should seize it. As president of this council, I believe the Revolution Wind farm project will provide a better future not just for Rhode Island families but for the country and the planet. Therefore, I ask you to approve this docket forthwith so we do not lose this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this matter, and please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Michael F. Sabitoni

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President