

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
DOCKET NO. 4111
DEEPWATER WIND BLOCK ISLAND, LLC
RESPONSE TO
THE RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION'S DATA REQUESTS
SET 6**

Comm. 6-1: Please provide an updated status of the Transmission Cable Purchase Agreement.

Response: Deepwater Wind has received a draft of the referenced agreement National Grid and has commenced its review of the same.

Response by: William Moore

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Comm. 6-2: Please provide the process which will be followed to complete the transmission cable from Block Island to the mainland, including timelines.

Response: In order to establish a price for the transmission cable, Deepwater Wind must solicit bids from the suppliers and contractors who will build the system. For the purpose of establishing a preliminary price cap, Deepwater Wind has solicited and is currently awaiting bids from a number of prospective vendors. However, to establish a firm price, Deepwater Wind must provide the bidders with an engineered design of sufficient detail to determine the required quantities of materials and labor and to remove unnecessary contingency. Such designs require detailed data which is not available without field studies. Deepwater Wind has engaged a highly qualified engineering team and is currently undertaking the necessary field studies. Deepwater Wind's engineering team is currently coordinating with National Grid on the design development of the transmission system. A preliminary/indicative timeline for the transmission cable is as follows:

- 2010** Upland route surveys completed;
Base maps developed;
Marine route survey completed (weather permitting);
Proposed route finalized and reviewed with jurisdictional agencies;
Right-of-Way applications submitted to owners to federal, state and local agencies owning / controlling land;
ISO-NE System Impact Study completed;
Engineered drawings finalized and sent to contractors for review;
Pre-bid meeting with prospective vendors;
Permit applications filed;
Receive bids from prospective vendors;
ISO-NE Facility Study Completed;
Select vendor short-list;
Engage in negotiations with leading candidates;
Firm price established; and,
Equipment orders issued.
- 2011** Permits received;
Execute ISO-NE Interconnection Service Agreement; and,
Marine excavation for cable installation completed.
- 2012** Horizontal directional drilling completed; and,
Transmission cable installation cable installation complete

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Comm. 6-3: What is the anticipated completion (operational) date of the transmission cable between Block Island and the mainland?

Response: Deepwater Wind anticipates that the transmission cable will achieve commercial operations in the fall of 2012.

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CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that on February 22, 2010, I sent a copy of the within to all parties set forth on the attached Service List by electronic mail and copies to Luly Massaro, Commission Clerk, by electronic mail and regular mail.

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