



Luly E. Massaro
Commission Clerk
Public Utilities Commission
89 Jefferson Blvd.
Warwick RI 02889

July 22, 2010

Dear Ms. Massaro,

AREVA is a global energy company that helps its customers generate CO₂-free electricity. AREVA is organized into several business groups that focus on nuclear and renewable power generation. AREVA has ongoing activities in offshore wind, solar, energy storage and biomass energy generation. In the offshore wind area, the AREVA M5000 is an industry-leading state of the art 5MW offshore wind turbine that has been installed 45 km off the island of Borkum in Alpha Ventus, Germany. This installation was Germany's first offshore wind park. Subsequently, the M5000 was chosen for Germany's first utility scale offshore wind project – Global Tech 1.

AREVA has wind operations Europe and is developing operations in North America. We are able to offer industry leading offshore wind turbines implemented in association with local industries for the production of energy from renewable resources that are truly competitive when compared to traditional solutions. Our company strategy is to locate manufacturing/assembly in the regions in which we have business. To do so not only requires building and operating an assembly plant, but also developing a fully integrated domestic supply chain. An active and growing offshore wind market will validate this approach and provide the marketplace certainty to makes these investments. This is a model we have implemented in Bremerhaven, Germany to great success.

AREVA is a strong supporter of the Block Island Project. It is important that projects, such as Block Island, are successful and supported in order to prove viability of the industry and to provide suppliers, such as AREVA, the confidence in the market that is necessary to make regional investments.

I urge you to support the offshore wind market and validate the PPA between National Grid and Deepwater Wind.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven J. Cuevas', is written over a horizontal line.

Steven J. Cuevas
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