

1 **I. INTRODUCTION**

2 **Q. Please state your name, employer, business address and current position.**

3 A. My name is Chris van Beek, I am the Project Transition Manager for Ørsted U.S.
4 Offshore Wind (Ørsted US) and former President of Deepwater Wind, LLC (Deepwater
5 Wind). My business address is 56 Exchange Terrace, Suite 300, Providence RI, 02903.
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7 **Q. Please describe your professional and educational background.**

8 A. I currently oversee project transition for Ørsted US. Previously, I joined Deepwater Wind
9 as President in 2010, and in that position I supervised the technology, operations, project
10 management, construction and permitting for Deepwater Wind projects, including the
11 Block Island Wind Farm, the first offshore wind farm in the United States. Prior to
12 joining Deepwater Wind, I served as Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice
13 President for Heerema Marine Contractors, a global leader in offshore construction based
14 in The Netherlands. Over a twenty-five year career at Heerema, I was involved in all
15 aspects of offshore oil and gas marine construction, including engineering, operations,
16 procurement, contracting, equipment management, planning, logistics, decommissioning
17 and project management. I am formerly a member of the International Marine
18 Contractors Association, where I served as chairman of the safety and legislation
19 committee.
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21 I earned a BSC in Civil Engineering from Technical College in Zwolle and an Economics
22 degree from Erasmus University in Rotterdam.
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24 **Q. What are your responsibilities as Project Transition Manager?**

25 A. I am responsible for ensuring that the transfer of the project execution to the Ørsted US
26 organization is successful such that the project can be completed while meeting all the
27 project goals like energy production, schedule, budget and safety.
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1 **Q. Have you previously submitted testimony in any other Rhode Island Public Utilities**
2 **Commission proceedings?**

3 A. No.

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5 **Q. Have you previously testified before other regulatory bodies?**

6 A. Yes. In connection with projects that Ørsted U.S. has developed, I have testified before
7 Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council and the Maryland Public Service
8 Commission.

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10 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

11 A. I am testifying in support of approval of the proposed twenty-year Power Purchase
12 Agreement (PPA) between the Narragansett Electric Company d/b/a National Grid
13 (National Grid) and DWW Rev I, LLC (DWW) for the Revolution Wind offshore wind
14 energy facility (Revolution Wind Project).

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16 **II. PROJECT EXECUTION AND SCHEDULE**

17 **Q. What is the Revolution Wind Project's scheduled commercial operations date?**

18 A. The Project is scheduled to go into commercial operations in the fourth quarter of 2023.

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20 **Q. Is that operation date credible?**

21 A. Achieving the scheduled commercial operations date is largely a function of two things:
22 (1) Obtaining permits in a timely fashion; and, (2) installation of the wind farm. Aileen
23 Kenney addressed the permitting schedule in her testimony. With respect to the
24 installation of the wind farm, in my opinion, yes, the commercial operations date is
25 credible. We have already begun the engineering of the Project and are beginning to
26 identify potential suppliers. The schedule allows for almost two years in which to
27 actually install the wind farm. Ørsted is very experienced in executing offshore wind
28 projects as they have successfully completed the construction of numerous offshore wind
29 farms. The combination of that experience, our experiences with the Block Island Wind
30 Farm and current installation methodologies being utilized in Europe, installing and
31 commissioning the Project within that timeframe should not pose a challenge.

1 **Q. Has the Revolution Wind Project’s construction plans been informed by the**
2 **Company’s experience with the Block Island Wind Farm?**

3 A. Yes. Our experience with the Block Island Wind Farm does inform our construction
4 plans and schedule. And, following the merger with Ørsted, we also have their extensive
5 experience in installing and operating offshore wind farms in Europe. Thus, the
6 anticipated operation date is both credible and achievable.

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8 **III. CONCLUSION**

9 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

10 A. Yes.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that on April 5, 2019, 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 by hand delivery.

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