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RI Public Utilities Commission
Luly Massaro, Clerk
89 Jefferson Blvd.
Warwick, R.I. 02888

Re: Docket No. 4929

Dear Ms. Massaro:

On behalf of the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce, I write to you to express our support for Ørsted's latest offshore wind proposal, which would bring new clean energy to Rhode Island and create more than 800 construction jobs for Rhode Islanders.

Deepwater Wind set up shop in downtown Providence in 2009 with the lofty goal of building America's first offshore wind farm right here in Rhode Island. Eight years later, they accomplished that goal. They made history, and they put the Ocean State on the map as a national leader in a brand-new industry. All the while, they established themselves as an impactful and supportive Rhode Island company – a true corporate citizen that creates jobs and opportunities for Rhode Islanders.

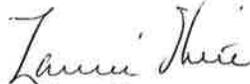
Deepwater Wind ensured its historic wind farm would be made here in Rhode Island. They opened and grew its headquarters in Providence. They hired more than 300 local laborers, and kept our ports busy throughout the project's two-year construction phase. Rather than outsourcing, they trusted local companies like Rhode Island Fast Ferry and Blount Boats to do work that had never before been done in the United States. They committed to following that up with a much larger project that would mean even greater economic benefits for Rhode Island: Revolution Wind.

Our goal at the Chamber is to support and promote Rhode Island's business community. We want the rest of New England and the rest of the country to see what we see: that Rhode Island is a great place to live and work; that we're home to some of the nation's most exciting, most innovative companies. Deepwater Wind has since been acquired by Ørsted, the world leader in offshore wind. It's a tremendous feather in our cap that a global leader now has a headquarters in Rhode Island.

The Block Island Wind Farm placed Rhode Island on a global stage. We did something nobody else had ever done, and the world noticed. By approving Ørsted's Revolution Wind project, we can stay on that global stage. We can continue creating jobs for local workers, and we can continue to shape the national offshore wind industry from here in Rhode Island. It's worth noting that Ørsted is poised to invest more than \$40 million in our port facilities to support buildout of this large wind farm. That's important private investment we should support.

We are proud to have Ørsted as a member of the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce. We hope you will approve their next project and help add a new chapter to a great Rhode Island success story.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laurie White".

Laurie White
President