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89 Jefferson Blvd.
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BUILDING TRADES

Re: Docket No. 4929

Dear Ms. Massaro:

On behalf of the Rhode Island Building and Construction Trades Council, I write this letter to respectfully express our strong support for Ørsted's Revolution Wind Farm proposal.

The company's first project, the Block Island Wind Farm, put more than 300 local tradesmen and women to work. From painters and welders to electricians and pipefitters, these were all steady, well-paid jobs for hard-working Rhode Islanders. The major success of the Block Island Wind Farm was the result of eight years of critical development and our members take great pride in being a part of history with the creation of America's first offshore wind farm.

Before Ørsted bought Deepwater Wind, the company promised that their next Rhode Island project would mean even more gainful employment opportunities for our state. Ørsted pledges to fulfill that promise through this proposal by creating over 800 local construction jobs for roughly the next two years, making Revolution Wind one of the biggest job creators in recent history for the Rhode Island Building Trades.

Not only that, but Ørsted has also reaffirmed Deepwater Wind's commitment to invest more than \$40 million in our local ports, providing an important private investment in our infrastructure that will support this growing industry. The cost of offshore wind has significantly decreased thanks to the success of the Block Island Wind Farm and Revolution Wind will save our electric customers millions over the life of the wind farm – roughly 50 cents per month in real savings for all Rhode Islanders.

I am proud to say our working relationship with the larger team at Ørsted has remained strong as the industry's leader continues to operate out of a new headquarters in Providence. The Council has always believed in their vision and they have always exceeded our expectations. In order to remain as the nation's leader in the offshore wind industry, I respectfully urge the Commission to approve Ørsted's Revolution Wind power contract with National Grid.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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