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January 16, 2024

Kenneth Kimmell
Chief Development Officer
Avangrid
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RE: Commonwealth Wind Project

Dear Mr. Kimmell,

Please accept this letter as the Town of Barnstable's request to cease all activities related to the Commonwealth Wind Project as the Town does not support this proposed project. Two recent actions by the Town of Barnstable that support this request are as follows:

- (1) On October 5, 2023 the Town Council passed a Resolve (2024-047) that **revoked its previous authorization**, as previously approved by the Town Council on November 3, 2022, in Town Council Item # 2023-054, for the Town Manager to commence negotiations with Commonwealth Wind LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Avangrid Renewables LLC, for a new Host Community Agreement ("HCA 3"), which authorization was based on Commonwealth Wind LLC securing a lease from the United States of America for submerged lands associated with the project, having in place a valid Power Purchase Agreement for the project, and demonstrating its project permitting; and
- (2) On October 3, 2023, the Town submitted comments in response to Commonwealth Wind's Draft Environmental Impact Report. In those comments the Town states, "the Town does not offer its support at this time for the current project. The Project has a proposed landfall location and route not chosen or supported by the Town. The Town remains concerned about impacts, not satisfactorily addressed in the DEIR, that could adversely affect protected open space and environmental resources, utility systems, water supply resources, small business, transportation, and tourism. The Town has concerns with the Proponent's present proposals and believes these require further review and analysis."

Given your continuous efforts to permit this project, it is important that Commonwealth Wind acknowledge the position of the Town on this proposed project and cease all actions and cease all actions to the contrary.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark S. Wils', written in a cursive style.

Mark S. Wils
Barnstable Town Manager

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cc: Lieutenant Governor Driscoll
Senator Julian Cyr
Representative Kippy Diggs
Felicia Penn, Town Council President
Karen Nober, Town Attorney