

# VINEYARD WIND

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# **OWNERS AND PARTNERS**

#### LOCAL EXPERTISE, WORLD WIDE EXPERIENCE, TECHNICAL + FINANCIAL CAPABILITY







- Leading provider of renewable power in the United States
  - More than 6,500 MW of owned and operated facilities in 22 states.
- Part of Iberdrola, the world leader in the renewable energy industry (30+ GW in operation)
  - 10 GW of offshore wind under development, construction, or operations.
- Long-term, clean energy investment focus with 6,000+ MW offshore development portfolio in North America, Europe, Asia and Australia
- Executive team has extensive offshore wind experience: First projects, largest projects, most recent projects
- Local, non-profit partner: mission of more, community oriented renewable energy projects
- **Provides real community participation in project:** 
  - Closely involved in day-to-day development activities
  - Provides guidance regarding important local issues
  - Identifies opportunities to benefit local communities



## **Turbine Site Identified by Multi-Year Stakeholder Process**

#### BOEM – Federal Process

- 2010 BOEM Task Force
  - Local government representatives
  - Multiple stakeholder meetings
  - Habitat and fisheries working groups
- 2011: Request for Interest
- 2012: Environmental Assessment & Call for Information
- 2014: Lease Sale Notices
- 2015: Auction and Lease issuance
- 2015 Present: Task Force & Working Groups on-going guidance and consultation
- Massachusetts Policy
  - Energy Diversity Act of 2016
    - Utilities procure total of 1600MW of offshore wind



#### June 2018

Massachusetts Request for Interest Responses

## **Project Context and Background**

- Vineyard Wind Lease area OCS-A 0501
- ~261 square miles

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- Northern tip of Lease Area is ~35 miles offshore from Cape Cod, and ~14 miles south of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket
- Study and analysis began as soon as lease acquired in 2015
  - Building on earlier consultations by project and Vineyard Power
  - Offshore environmental geological surveys in 2016 and 2017 and summer 2018
  - Meteorological buoy deployed in May 2018



# **GRID CONNECTION**

- Nearest suitable existing substations are in Barnstable
- Minimizes amount of cable installed
- No changes to existing transmission system will be required
- Connection location enhances grid reliability by providing power at edge of grid system







# SCHEDULE AND CONSTRUCTION



- **On-shore construction scheduled start**: Late 2019
- Construction finished ("COD"): End of 2022
  800 MW
- **Minimize anchoring:** Installation primarily with dynamic positioning and/or jack-up barges



# **PROJECT LAYOUT**

### Turbines

- Fixed locations
- Spare locations
- Micro-siting expected
- 106 total (including spares)

### Electric Service Platforms (ESP)

- Per 400 MW:
  - 1 traditional ESP
  - Or two lightweight ESPs
- 2 locations total
- Lightweight ESPs will be co-located





# **OFFSHORE CABLE CORRIDORS**

- Two possible corridors: only one will be used
  - Multiple options through Muskeget Channel
  - Landfall location
  - 2017 & 2018 offshore studies inform selection
- Routing
  - Considerations include water depth, bathymetry, sensitive habitat areas, etc.
  - Avoidance of mapped eelgrass beds
  - Minimization of potential impacts to hard/complex bottom areas
- Installation via jet-plow, plow, or mechanical trenching
  - Up to three cables in single 810m corridor
  - Target burial depth = 5 to 8 feet (1.5 to 2.5 m)
  - 6-foot-wide swath affected by trenching
  - Where sand waves are present, dredging will be used to achieve target burial depth













# WIND TURBINE GENERATORS

- 8 10MW WTG
- Rotor size of 164-180 m (538-591 ft)
- Hub height of 109-121 m (358-397 ft)







# FOUNDATIONS

- 100% Monopiles or 50% Monopiles & 50% Jacket
- Scour protection at each location
  - Total footprint in wind farm area 0.4%
- Noise mitigation during pile driving
- Protected marine species (marine mammals & sea turtles)
  - Clear exclusion zone before initiation of pile driving







# **FOUNDATIONS (continued)**





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# **ACTIVE CONSULTATION WITH FISHERMEN**

### Early and on-going engagement with fishing community

- Most important: On-going participation in working groups and individual/small group meetings
  - Detailed and candid conversations
  - Logistically easier to arrange (more of them, less difficult to participate)
- Construction studies: Agreement with SMAST for pre- and post-construction fishery studies
  - SMAST will consult with fishing industry, regulators and academia on what should be studied
  - Data will be publicly available
- **Transparent plan**: Active and continuously updated fisheries communication plan reviewed by regulators, fishermen and fishing organizations (and on website)
- People facilitate communication: Fishery Liaison (FL) and Fishery Representatives (FR)
  - First Fisheries Representative in the nation for offshore wind (2010)
  - Full-time Fisheries Liaison (May 2018)
  - Always seeking to expand FR network
- Taking communication into action Continuous Improvement:
  - Changes to project design already made, and more under consideration
  - Ready to participate, e.g. central clearinghouses for fisheries information and gear loss/damage compensation



# **Outreach Ongoing**

#### Includes over 100 meetings with fishermen and fishing organizations to date

- Alliance to Protect Nantucket Sound
- Association to Preserve Cape Cod;
- · Cape and Islands Self-Reliance;
- Cape and Vineyard Electrical Cooperative;
- Cape Cod Fishermen's Alliance;
- · Cape Light Compact;
- · Climate Action Business Association;
- · Coalition for Social Justice;
- · Conservation Law Foundation;
- · Coonamessett Farm Foundation;
- · Eastern Fisheries;
- Environment Massachusetts;
- Environmental Business Council of New England;
- Environmental League of Massachusetts;
- Hercules SLR;
- Long Island Commercial Fishing Association;

- · Martha's Vineyard Fishermen Preservation Trust;
- Massachusetts Audubon Society;
- Massachusetts Clean Energy Center;
- Massachusetts Fisheries Institute;
- Massachusetts Fisheries Working Group;
- Massachusetts Fishermen's Partnership and Support Services;
- Massachusetts Habitat Working Group;
- Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association;
- Nantucket Rotary Club;
- National Academies of Sciences, Offshore Renewable
  Energy Development and Fisheries Conference;
- National Wildlife Federation;
- Natural Resources Defense Council;
- New Bedford Harbor Development Commission;
- New England Aquarium;
- New England Energy and Commerce Association;

- New England Fishery Management Council
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- Northeast Fishery Sector Managers X, XI, XIII, VII, VIII;
- Port of New Bedford;
- Recreational Fishing Alliance;
- Rhode Island Fishermen's Advisory Board;
- Rhode Island Habitat Advisory Board;
- Scallop Industry Advisors Meeting;
- Sierra Club;
- Stoveboat Saving Seafood;
- The Nature Conservancy;
- Town Dock;
- · University of Massachusetts (various campuses); and
- · Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute.