

BOEM NEPA Scoping Meetings Construction and Operations Plan Overview April 16-19, 2018



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

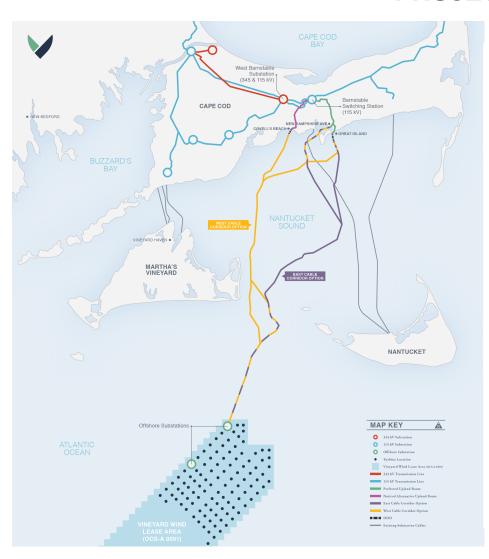


- Local, non-profit partner: mission of more, community oriented renewable energy projects
- Provides real community participation in project:
 - Closely involved in day-to-day development activities
 - Provides guidance regarding important local issues
 - Identifies opportunities to benefit local communities



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PROJECT OVERVIEW



- Generation Capacity: 800 MW
 - Enough energy for over 400,000 homes and businesses
 - Could be built in phases
- Turbine area: 14 miles from Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket
 - 106 positions being permitted, all with scour protection
- Turbines: Between 8 10 MW
- · Construction, staging and deployment base: New Bedford
 - Support from other nearby ports
- · Operations & Maintenance: Routine from Martha's Vineyard
 - Long-term from New Bedford or other nearby port
- Electrical interconnection: Barnstable Switch Substation
 - · Cable landfall in Barnstable or Yarmouth
 - Up to 3 cables, in one corridor

ENVELOPE APPROACH TO PROJECT PERMITTING

Enhanced flexibility of "envelope approach" benefits all stakeholders

- Ability to better respond to stakeholder input: Stakeholder input during permitting process can be more readily adopted into project plans
- Benefit from most recent experience: Ability to incorporate latest technological improvements up until start of construction
- Less expensive energy: By not being locked into certain manufacturers early in the permitting process, the project can offer more competitive pricing



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SCHEDULE AND CONSTRUCTION



- Construction stages: May occur in ~200 MW, ~400 MW, and ~800 MW increments
- On-shore construction scheduled start: Late 2019
- Construction finished ("COD"): End of 2021
 first 400MW
 - Construction of the remaining 400 MW may occur concurrently or after a gap of up to five years
- Minimize anchoring: Installation primarily with dynamic positioning and/or jack-up barges



PROJECT LAYOUT

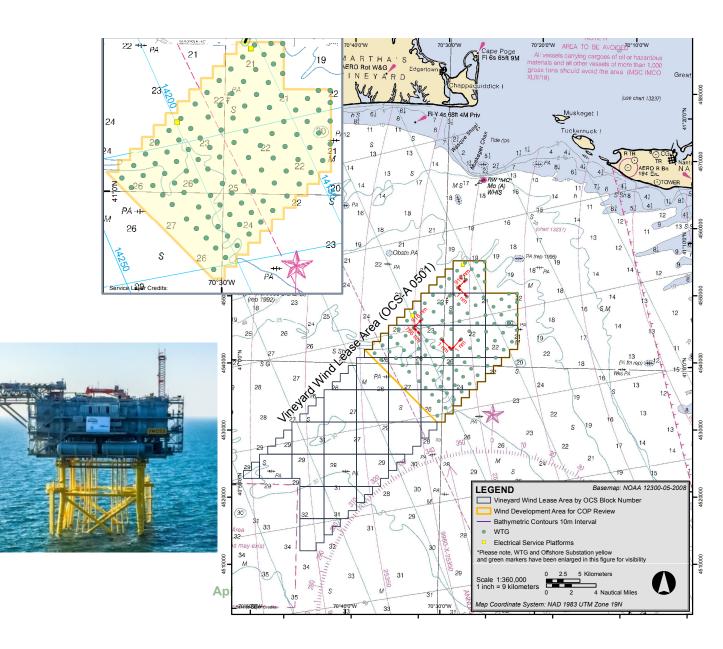
Turbines

- 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



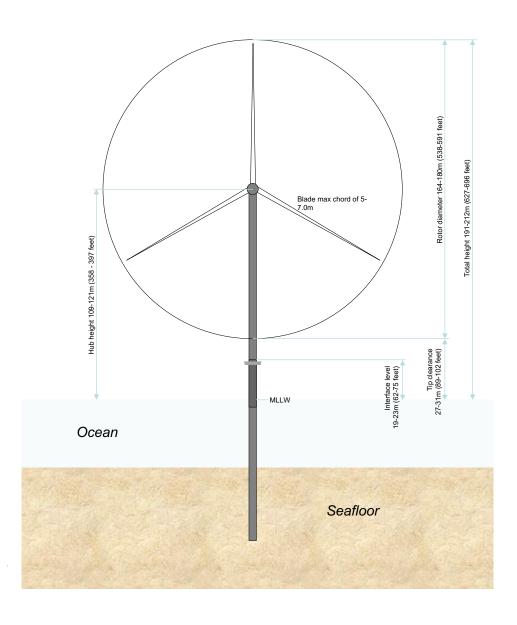


WIND TURBINE GENERATORS

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







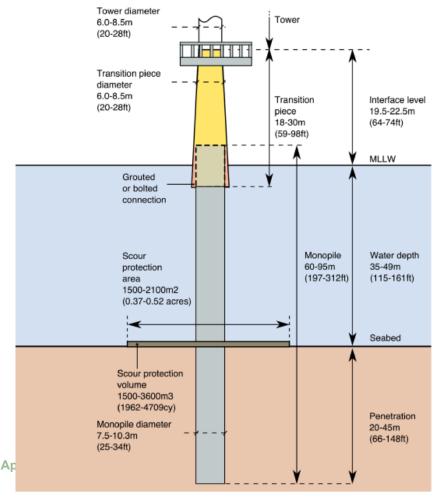


FOUNDATIONS

- 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





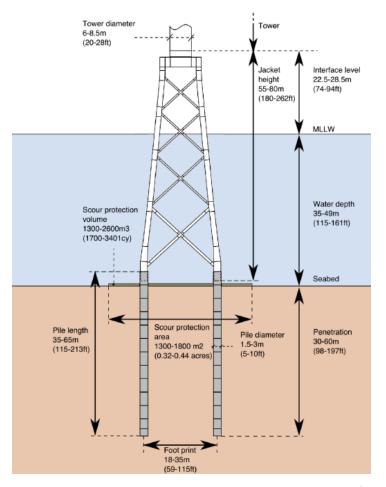


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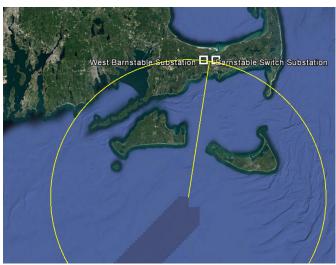




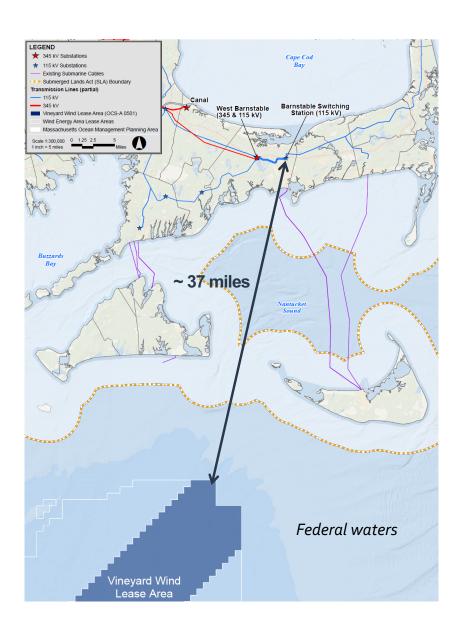


GRID CONNECTION

- 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

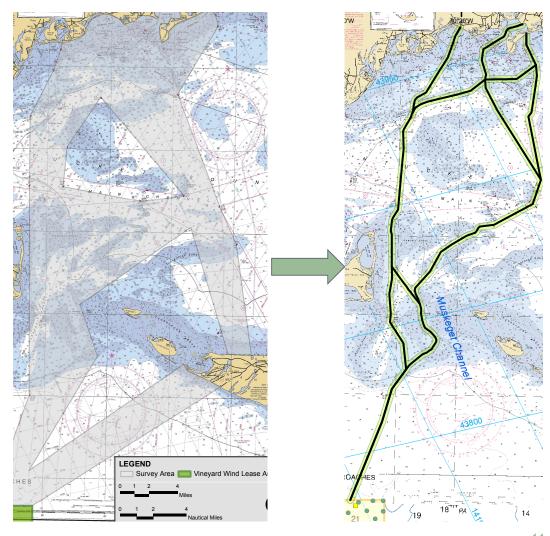






OFFSHORE CABLE CORRIDORS

- 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





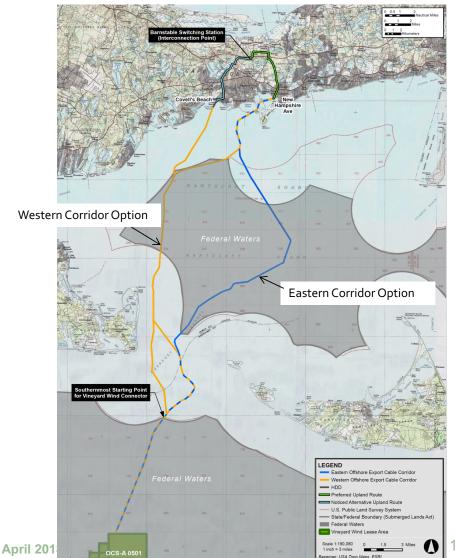
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VINEYARD WIND CONNECTOR

(also under state / local permitting reviews)

- Extensive routing analysis
 - Minimize environment and community impacts
 - Landfall sites
 - Grid interconnection points and substation location
 - Route length
- Offshore export cables
 - 220 kV, solid, no liquids
 - Up to 3 cables, all in one corridor
 - ~35-40 miles (~21 in state waters)
- Onshore export cables
 - 220 kV, solid, no liquids
 - · All underground, installed in concrete duct bank
 - ~6 miles
- Onshore substation
 - Stepdown (220/115 kV) transformers
 - · Located adjacent to existing substation in industrial park
 - Full dielectric fluid containment





ONSHORE CABLE ROUTE OPTIONS

Preferred Route and Good Alternative

Variants also under consideration

· Cables entirely underground

- Installed in concrete duct bank
- Predominantly beneath existing roadways
- Some existing railroad and utility ROW
- No mapped rare species habitat
- Only inland wetland resource areas are Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage and Riverfront Area
- Installed via open trenching
- Possible HDD at cable landfall

Onshore substation:

- Stepdown (220/115 kV) transformers
- Located immediately south of existing substation in industrial park
- No rare species habitat or wetlands
- Full dielectric fluid containment

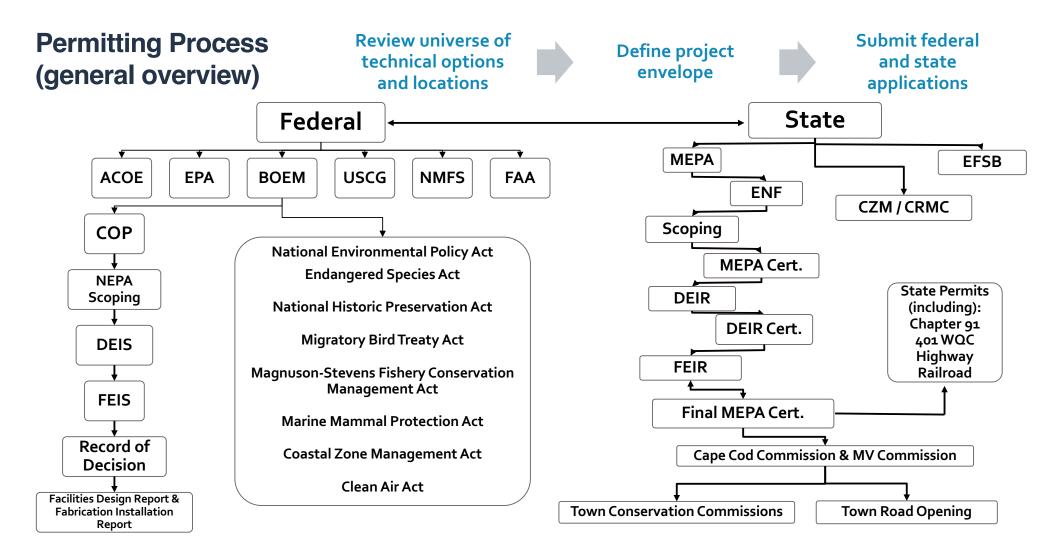




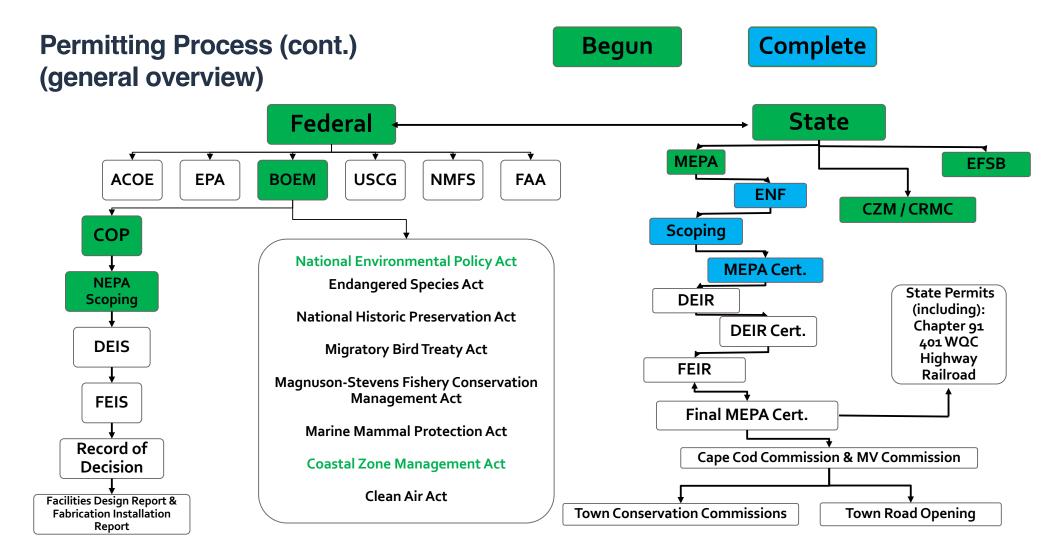
CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATIONS PLAN (COP) CONTENTS

VOLUME I	VOLUME II	VOLUME III
Project Description	Survey Results	Impact Assessment and Analysis
 Overview Location Structures Activities (Installation) Regulatory Framework Agency Contacts and Stakeholder Coordination 	 Site Geology and Environmental Conditions Shallow Hazards Assessment Geological Results Relevant to Siting and Design Results of Biological Surveys Archaeological Resource Report 	 Applicant Purpose & Need Project Summary Project Evolution Benefits, Impacts, & Mitigation Physical Resources Biological Resources Socioeconomic Resources
Appendices	Appendices (Summarized)	Appendices (Summarized)
 Draft Oil Spill Response Plan Draft Safety Management System CVA Statement of Qualifications CVA Scope of Work Hierarchy of Standards 	 Geological Survey Results Benthic Reports Grab Sample and Grain Size Analysis Vibracore Analysis 	 Hydrodynamic / Sediment Dispersion Air Emissions Avian & EFH Benthic Monitoring Plan Fisheries Communication Plan Archaeology and Visual Reports Marine and Air Navigation Reports Scour





VINEYARD WIND



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CONSULTATIONS ON-GOING

- 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 Port Authority;
- New England Aquarium;
- New England Energy and Commerce Association;
- New England Fishery Management Council;
- Northeast Fisheries Sciences Center;

- Northeast Fishery Management Council;
- 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;
- Seafreeze
- Sierra Club;
- Stoveboat Saving Seafood;
- · The Nature Conservancy;
- Town Dock;
- University of Massachusetts (various campuses); and
- Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute.



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



ON-GOING FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS I: ACTIONS ALREADY TAKEN

- Align turbines (grid pattern) to facilitate transit
 - As opposed to random layout which produces more power
- 1nm transit corridors NW/SE
- Add Loran lines to all project charts (included in COP)
- Include AIS on all turbines
- Provide electronic chart of lease area for plotters
- Pre, during, and post construction studies
 - Agreement with SMAST to decide what to study (using expert/scientist input) and carry out study
 - Collecting recommendations for study (e.g. rock box and squid mops)
 - Make data public

- Input to Fisheries Communication Plan (current version always available on vineyardwind.com)
 - Implement a way to test how the communication is working
 - Plan for additional communication with recreational fishing
 - Communicate more through the Management Councils (and various subgroups)
 - Look for multiple avenues to reach fishermen
 - Ensure we reach both state and federally permitted fisheries
 - Continue to address and refine <u>how</u> each of the goals will be implemented and flexible to address feedback
 - Further development to add in details as communications, permitting, and construction plans evolve

- Input regarding better notification of survey work (also helps for construction communications and learning what works and what doesn't):
 - Fliers
 - Email lists (e.g. DMF, NMFS, RIDEM)
 - Newspaper ads
 - Meetings
 - Notification to fishing organizations (to reach membership)
 - Physical mailings
 - Electronic ads on frequently visited websites (e.g. fisherynation.com)
 - USCG Notice to Mariners
 - Special, continuously updated section of website



ON-GOING FISHERIES CONSULTATIONS II: ACTIONS UNDERWAY OR INVESTIGATION

• Turbine lay-out:

- Remove turbines along 20 fathom line?
- E/W and N/S corridors?
- Active review of adjacent layouts with USCG and other wind project developers

Construction planning:

- Use agreed transit corridors for construction vessels so fixed gear can avoid conflict
- Planning for coordination within port during construction
- On-going notifications and communication avenues

Larger sized rocks for scour protection so as to increase lobster habitat

- Differing requests from among fishing industry
- Negative impacts due to technical limitations of installation of larger sized scour protection

Minimize silting caused by installation

 Ongoing discussions of best installation techniques with cable installers and inclusion of many techniques in the COP

Addressing direct impacts

Ready to discuss options such as central clearinghouse for gear / loss damage and measuring fishing effort



DATA SOURCES FOR FISHING ACTIVITY

(other data sources used for biology and habitat information)

- More data sources on fishing activity are always welcome -
- Socio-Economic Impact of Outer Continental Shelf Wind Energy Development on Fisheries in the U.S. Atlantic (2017) <u>Volume 1</u>, <u>Volume 2</u>
 - http://www.data.boem.gov/PI/PDFImages/ESPIS/5/5580.pdf
 - https://www.boem.gov/ESPIS/5/5581.pdf
- The Northeast Ocean Data Commercial Fishery Datasets: http://www.northeastoceandata.org/data-explorer/
 - http://www.northeastoceandata.org/files/metadata/Themes/CommercialFishing/VMSCommercialFishingD ensity.pdf
- Spatiotemporal and Economic Analysis of Vessel Monitoring System Data Within Wind Energy Areas in the Greater North Atlantic
 - https://epsilon.sharefile.com/d-s3834a6315404a28b
 - This is RI DEM's report based on VMS, trip and dealer reports.
- Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan:
 - https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2016/08/qh/2015-ocean-plan-v1-complete.pdf
 - https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2016/08/pp/2015-ocean-plan-v2-complete.pdf
- Rhode Island Ocean Special Area Management Plan (SAMP):
 - http://seagrant.gso.uri.edu/oceansamp/pdf/samp_crmc_revised/RI_Ocean_SAMP.pdf



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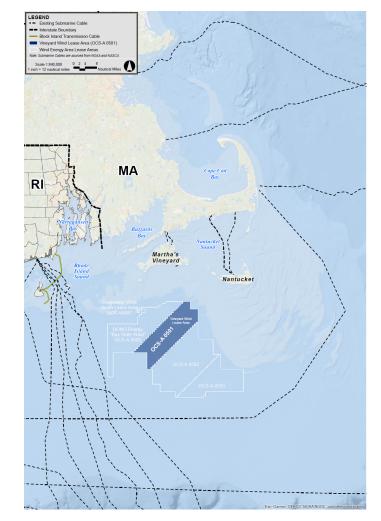
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EXISTING SUBMARINE CABLES

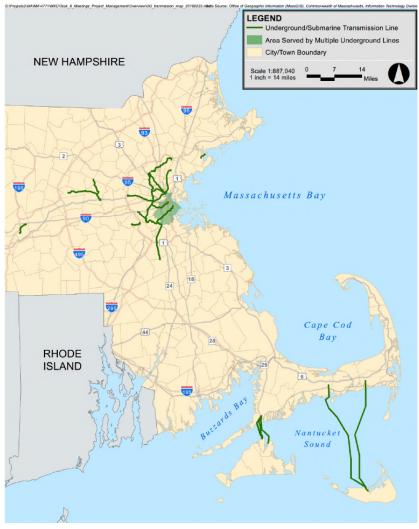
- 2 power cables to Nantucket
 - each ~28 miles long
- 3 power cables to Martha's Vineyard
- Cable to Block Island
 - ~20 miles
- 2 cables between New Haven and Long Island
 - ~25 mi, ~15 years ago
- Sayreville NJ to Long Island
 - 50 miles of submarine cable
 - 15 mile underground on Long Island
- Many communications cables
 - Decades old in many cases





EXISTING BURIED POWER CABLES in Massachusetts

- 125 miles of high-voltage buried cables in Massachusetts today
- Onshore and offshore
- Located in 34 towns
- All of which have operated safely for many years (decades)





EXISTING CABLE LANDING IN BARNSTABLE (Kalmus Beach)

- Cable under Ocean Street
- ~ 5 miles under roads
- Installed 2005
- Serves Nantucket





PREFERRED LANDFALL SITE: New Hampshire Avenue, Yarmouth

- No currently mapped eelgrass near site
- No sensitive habitat / endangered species
- Fully submerged at high tide:
 - Bounded by existing bulkheads
 - Backed by a degraded concrete seawall
- Adjoining residential area with large amount of summer season only occupancy
- Open trench installation proposed
 - Less space used in roadway/parking area
 - Faster installation
 - In-water works about the same
 - Short HDD also being considered



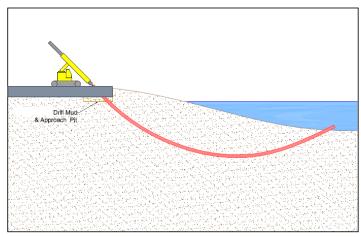




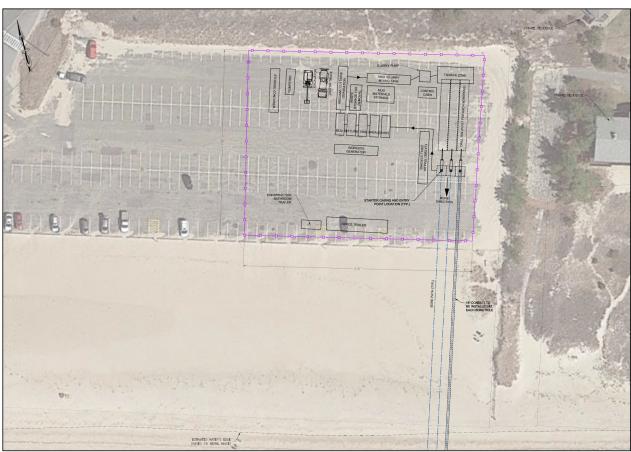


ALTERNATIVE LANDFALL SITE: Covell's Beach, Barnstable

- No mapped eelgrass offshore
- · Horizontal directional drilling
 - No impacts to beach
 - Temporary use of existing parking lot, off-season work
 - Cable deep under beach
- Propose to repave entire parking lot



Schematic of typical land-based HDD setup and trajectory Not to scale



Schematic of HDD Layout



LEWIS BAY

- No eel grass beds
- Cable won't impact Bay's main ecological challenges: Nutrient pollution from on-site septic, increased fine sediment, vessel traffic
- Consideration of local fisheries:
 - Seasonal Bay Scallop fishery
 - Four active aquaculture grants
 - Recreational and commercial quahog resources
- · Bathymetric study of Bay ongoing
- Working with Town of Yarmouth on mitigation measures for any short-term impacts
- Fisherman access considered in traffic plan
- Additional safeguards for fisheries under discussion
- Avoid beach landings with sensitive habitat or need to HDD

