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The purpose of the Vineyard Wind Project is to provide a commercially sustainable wind energy project within its leased area, as described in Lease OCS-A 0501, located in the federally designated Wind Energy Area on the Outer Continental Shelf offshore of Massachusetts to meet New England’s need for clean energy. More specifically, the Project will deliver 800 megawatts (“MW”) of power to the New England energy grid to make a substantial contribution to the region’s electrical reliability and to meet individual state renewable energy requirements, including under long-term contracts entered into with Commonwealth of Massachusetts distribution companies to meet their obligations under Massachusetts law to purchase energy from offshore wind generators.