Dear Mr. Allen:

This letter informs you that the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has approved the Construction and Operations Plan (COP) that South Fork Wind, LLC initially submitted on June 29, 2018, and last updated on May 7, 2021, for the South Fork Wind Farm Project (Project) on commercial lease OCS-A 0517 offshore Rhode Island. BOEM’s approval is subject to the enclosed terms and conditions, pursuant to 30 C.F.R. § 585.628(f)(1).

As provided in Section 1.1 of the enclosed terms and conditions, please note that South Fork Wind, LLC must conduct all activities as proposed in its approved COP and in compliance with all applicable requirements (including those in commercial lease OCS-A 0517), applicable statutes and regulations, and all permits, authorizations, and consultations issued by Federal and state agencies for the Project (including, e.g., requirements for compensatory mitigation). To maintain compliance with the approved COP, South Fork Wind, LLC must submit annual reports certifying compliance with the enclosed conditions of approval, pursuant to 30 C.F.R. § 585.633(b). These reports are due annually starting on December 31, 2022.

In conjunction with this COP approval, and pursuant to both 30 C.F.R. § 585.200(b) and Section 6 of lease OCS-A 0517, BOEM hereby grants the project easement South Fork Wind, LLC requested on October 18, 2021. Please find enclosed updated copies of Addenda A and D, which describe and depict the project easement for commercial lease OCS-A 0517.

The first year’s rent payment of $10,645 for the project easement is due within 45 days of your receipt of this letter. For the next year and for each subsequent year, annual rent for both the lease area and the project easement area is due on each lease anniversary. Accordingly, the next annual rent payment is due on October 1, 2022.

This letter constitutes a final BOEM decision that may be appealed pursuant to 30 C.F.R. § 585.118.
If you have any questions, please contact Jeff Browning, Project Coordinator, Office of Renewable Energy Programs, at Jeffrey.Browning@boem.gov or (703) 787-1577.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures