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PUBLIC NOTICE EXTENSION

Comment Period Began: October 2, 2012
Comment Period Ends: December 31, 2012
File Number: NAE-2009-789
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The District Engineer has issued a time extension to the original 45 Day Public Notice comment period. The close of this comment period, which began on October 2, 2012, is changed from November 19, 2012 to December 31, 2012.

APPLICANT: Deepwater Wind Block Island, LLC and Deepwater Wind Block Island Transmission System, LLC (collectively “Deepwater Wind”).

ACTIVITY: Deepwater Wind Block Island, LLC proposes to construct and maintain the Block Island Wind Farm (BIWF), a 30-megawatt (MW) offshore wind farm located in Rhode Island state territorial waters. The BIWF will consist of five 6-MW wind turbine generators (WTGs), a submarine cable interconnecting the five WTGs, and a 34.5-kilovolt (kV) submarine transmission cable from the northernmost WTG to an interconnection point on east-central Block Island where the cable will go ashore to a new substation built at the existing Block Island Power Company (BIPCO) property. In connection with the BIWF, Deepwater Wind Block Island Transmission, LLC proposes to construct the Block Island Transmission System (BITS), a 34.5-kV alternating current bi-directional submarine transmission cable from Block Island to the Rhode Island mainland. The original Public Notice for the proposed BIWF and BITS facilities including plans along with a more detailed description of the project is at the Corps website at the following address:

<http://www.nae.usace.army.mil/Regulatory/Public%20Notices/09/2009-00789.pdf>

Deepwater Wind has submitted an Environmental Report as part of their application. This large document is not attached to this public notice time extension. However, Deepwater Wind has made the Environmental Report available on their website at the following address:

www.dwwind.com/block-island/block-island-project-overview

Paper copies of the Environmental Report are also available for public review at the Block Island Town Hall and at the Maury Loontjens Memorial Library in Narragansett.

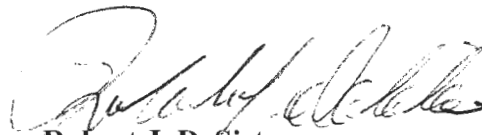
In order to properly evaluate the proposal, we are seeking public comment. Anyone wishing to comment is encouraged to do so. **Comments should be submitted in writing by December 31, 2012.** If you have any questions, please contact Michael Elliott at (978) 318-8131, (800) 343-4789 or (800) 362-4367, if calling from within Massachusetts.

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Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the application. Requests for a public hearing shall specifically state the reasons for holding a public hearing. The Corps holds public hearings for the purpose of obtaining public comments when that is the best means for understanding a wide variety of concerns from a diverse segment of the public.

The initial determinations made herein will be reviewed in light of facts submitted in response to this notice. All comments will be considered a matter of public record. Copies of letters of objection will be forwarded to the applicant who will normally be requested to contact objectors directly in an effort to reach an understanding.

THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN AUTHORIZATION TO DO ANY WORK.



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