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Via Electronic Mail:

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Re: Case 21-T-0366 – Application of Empire Offshore Wind LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Construction of Approximately 17.5 Miles of Transmission Lines from the Boundary of New York State Territorial Waters to a Point of Interconnection in Brooklyn, Kings County.

Notice to Proceed with Part 2B Construction

Dear Ms. Senlet:

The Application submitted by the Empire Offshore Wind LLC (Certificate Holder or Empire Wind) to construct two 230-kilvolt (kV) high voltage alternating current (HVAC) submarine export cables within an approximately 15.1 nautical mile-long submarine export cable corridor, extending from the boundary of New York State waters to the cable landfall and two, 0.2 mile-long 230-kV HVAC onshore export cables buried underground from the cable landfall to a new onshore substation at the South Brooklyn Marine Terminal (SBMT), along with two 345-kV HVAC underground cable circuits connecting the new onshore substation at the SBMT to the interconnection at Con Edison's Gowanus 345-kV Substation in Brooklyn, New York, was approved by the New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) on December 18, 2023, pursuant to Article VII of the Public Service Law.¹ On July 23, 2024, the Commission issued an order approving Empire Wind's Environmental Management and Construction Plan for Part 2B of the Project (Part 2B EM&CP).² Ordering Condition 2 of the Part 2B EM&CP Order states:

¹ Case 21-T-0366, Application of Empire Offshore Wind LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Construction of Approximately 17.5 Miles of Transmission Lines from the Boundary of New York State Territorial Waters to a Point of Interconnection in Brooklyn, Kings County. Order Adopting Terms of a Joint Proposal (issued December 18, 2023).

² Id., Order Approving Environmental Management and Construction Plan for Part 2B Subject to Conditions (issued July 23, 2024) (Part 2B EM&CP Order).

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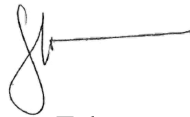
2. *The Certificate Holder shall not commence construction until it has received a "Notice to Proceed with Part 2B Construction" letter sent by the Chief of Environmental Certification and Compliance of the Office of Energy System Planning and Performance, or by a designee.*

Department of Public Service (DPS) Staff have determined that the information provided by Empire Wind, in conjunction with the Commission's approval of the Part 2A EM&CP and required pre-construction notifications, meet the requirements to satisfy a Notice to Proceed with Part 2B Construction.

Empire Wind is hereby authorized to begin Part 2B construction activities within the Project area boundary where all applicable permits/agreements have been received and provided to DPS Staff.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeremy Flaum of the Department's Environmental Compliance Staff, at (518) 486-2219 or by email at jeremy.flaum@dps.ny.gov.

Sincerely,



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