Equinor Charts a Course of Progress with Beacon Wind

Stamford, CT, 06/02/2020 – Today, Equinor announced the official name of its wind project off the coast of New England, Beacon Wind. When complete, Beacon Wind will provide reliable, renewable power to more than a million households in the Northeast.

“Beacon conveys a sense of hope and guidance, qualities that we value very highly at Equinor, especially now,” said Siri Espedal Kindem, President of Equinor Wind U.S. “Equinor is making substantial progress, even during these challenging times, in strengthening our ability to deliver renewable energy and further advancing our ambitions in the U.S.”

Kindem added “We are at a pivotal moment in the offshore wind industry and this project builds on the region’s momentum to bring renewable energy to Northeast households. I look forward to advancing Equinor’s leadership in the U.S. offshore wind industry through the development of Beacon Wind.”

Equinor is pursuing the development of offshore wind projects on the east and west coasts of the United States and is a leader in the country’s growing offshore wind industry. Beacon Wind will be a key contributor to Equinor’s strategic position in the U.S. alongside its 816 MW project in New York, Empire Wind.

Beacon Wind is located approximately 20 miles south of Massachusetts and 70 miles east of New York. The project initiated wildlife surveys in 2019 and this summer will undertake survey work to characterize conditions of the lease area including geologic conditions, benthic habitat, and presence of obstructions and sensitive resources that will be considered during the development of the Project.

To ensure that the development of Beacon Wind coexists successfully with traditional Northeast maritime industries, Equinor Wind’s Boston-based team is actively engaged with commercial fishermen and their representatives. Insights and feedback from the fishing industry are critical to the collaborative development of Beacon Wind. Equinor is committed to similar engagement with all regional communities and industries with an interest in the project.

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About Equinor

Equinor is developing into a broad energy company, building a material position in renewable energy. Equinor now powers more than one million European homes with renewable offshore wind from four projects in the United Kingdom and Germany. Equinor commissioned the world’s first floating offshore wind farm in 2017 off the coast of Scotland. In the U.S., Equinor’s Empire Wind is an 816 MW offshore wind project in New York state approximately 20 miles south of Long Island. In addition, Equinor is developing Beacon Wind, a 128,000-acre lease area in federal waters off New England.

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