

June 30, 2021

**Via Electronic Mail**

Hon. Michelle L. Phillips, Secretary  
New York State Public Service Commission  
Three Empire State Plaza  
Albany, NY 12223-1350

**RE: 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, New York**

**Case 21-T-XXXX**

Dear Secretary Phillips:

Empire Offshore Wind LLC (Applicant) hereby transmits electronically, together with seven hard copies, an Application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need to construct, operate, and maintain the New York portion of the transmission facility (Project) required to interconnect the Applicant's proposed 816 MW Empire Wind 1 (EW1) Offshore Wind Generating Facility, to be located within the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) designated Renewable Energy Lease Area OCS-A 0512, to a Point of Interconnection with the New York State Transmission System (POI), to be located at the Gowanus 345-kilovolt (kV) Substation owned by the Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York (Application).

The Applicant's Project includes: (i) two 230-kilovolt 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 (3 nautical miles from shore) to the cable landfall in Brooklyn; and (ii) a 0.2 mile-long onshore cable route and substation including (a) two three-core 230-kV HVAC onshore export cables buried underground from the cable landfall either directly to the cable terminations or to transition vaults within the proposed onshore substation, (b) an onshore substation located at the South Brooklyn Marine Terminal that will increase the voltage to 345 kV for the onshore interconnection cables, and (c) two 345-kV cable circuits, each with three single-core HVAC onshore interconnection cables, that will be buried underground from the onshore substation to the point of interconnection (POI) at the Gowanus 345-kV Substation owned by the Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.

In accordance with 16 NYCRR §§ 3.5, 85-2.2, and 85-2.8, the Applicant respectfully submits the exhibits supporting its Application, the information required by Public Service Law (PSL) § 122 and Parts 86 and 88 of the Commission’s Rules of Procedure, and the testimony comprising the Applicant’s direct case in support of its Application.

In compliance with PSL § 122(2), also included with this filing is an Affidavit of Service, showing the people and agencies who were served by the methods indicated on the Service List, including those required by PSL Article VII and 16 NYCRR § 85-2.10, as well as those being provided courtesy copies.

Pursuant to 16 NYCRR § 85.2.10(c), notice of the Application filing was published in a newspaper of general circulation for two consecutive weeks prior to the filing. As explained in the Application, Applicant has also sent letters to the affected landowners as defined under PSL § 120, informing them of the filing. Copies of the newspaper notices and a sample landowner letter are also being submitted simultaneously with this filing. The affidavits for the publication of the notice will be filed with the Commission when they are received from the newspapers.

Simultaneously with the filing of this Application and materials, the Applicant is also filing a Motion for Waiver from Application Requirements, pursuant to 16 NYCRR § 3.3(c). Also included with this filing is an intervenor fee, in the amount of \$100,000 as required by 16 NYCRR § 85-2.4(a)(3) and PSL § 122(5)(a), under separate cover to the DPS Office of Finance and Budget, in the form of a check made out to NYS Department of Public Service.

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The Applicant respectfully requests that the Commission expedite to the maximum extent practicable its review of the Project in light of the Project’s significant role in achieving the State’s Clean Energy Standard targets, the mandates of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection

Act, and the need to proceed expeditiously in developing the Project, as described more fully in the Matter of Application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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