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Dear Ms. Dunn:

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) acknowledges the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) request sent on July 25 for BOEM to assume the lead Federal agency role for compliance with the Endangered Species Act (ESA), 16 U.S.C. § 1531 *et seq.*, the Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA), 16 U.S.C. § 1801 *et seq.*, and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), 54 U.S.C. § 300101 *et seq.* on wind energy development projects on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) off the Atlantic coast. BOEM will accept this designation for wind energy development projects on the Atlantic OCS for the purposes of fulfilling interagency consultations on the above obligations, and will designate the EPA as a co-action agency for all proposed and future ESA, MSA, and NHPA compliance activities associated with wind development projects on the Atlantic OCS. BOEM will formally notify the appropriate authorities under each of the statutes of this arrangement for the Vineyard Wind Project. BOEM will keep the EPA informed on current and future projects, including their associated consultations.

For any questions or concerns, please direct correspondence to:

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Sincerely,

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