

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF FEDERAL CLEAN AIR ACT PERMIT
AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 1, AIR & RADIATION DIVISION**

For

**Park City Wind, LLC
125 High Street, 6th Floor
Boston, MA 02110**

The United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 1 office (EPA) is proposing to issue a Clean Air Act (CAA) permit to Park City Wind, LLC (PCW or the applicant) for the construction and operation of two Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) sources that include an offshore wind farm and export cables: New England Wind 1 Offshore Wind Farm (NEW1) and New England Wind 2 Offshore Wind Farm (NEW2).

NEW1 has the potential to generate an estimated maximum production capacity of 804 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy. The proposed wind development area (WDA) will be located in federal waters in the OCS Lease Area 0501. At its nearest points, the WDA will be approximately 15 nautical miles (nm) from the nearest Massachusetts shoreline. The EPA is proposing to issue the OCS air permit pursuant to section 328 of the CAA and the applicable rules and regulations promulgated under 40 C.F.R. part 55, including applicable regulations by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection that were incorporated by reference into part 55. We are soliciting comments related to the air emission impacts and the substance of the proposed CAA permit for the wind farm.

NEW2 has the potential to generate an estimated maximum production capacity of 1,232 megawatts (MW) of renewable energy. The proposed wind development area (WDA) will be located in federal waters in the OCS Lease Area 0534. At its nearest points, the WDA will be approximately 16 nautical miles (nm) from the nearest Massachusetts shoreline. The EPA is proposing to issue the OCS air permit pursuant to section 328 of the CAA and the applicable rules and regulations promulgated under 40 C.F.R. part 55, including applicable regulations by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection that were incorporated by reference into part 55. We are soliciting comments related to the air emission impacts and the substance of the proposed CAA permit for the wind farm.

Description of the Projects:

PCW submitted a permit application for the proposed construction and operation of NEW1's 804 MW of electricity wind farm in Renewable Energy Lease Area 0501. This wind farm is located in federal waters off the Massachusetts coast about 15 nautical miles (nm) from the nearest Massachusetts shoreline. The WDA facility will consist of up to 62 offshore wind turbine generators (WTGs) and their foundations, two Offshore Substations (OSSs), and inter-array cables. The proposed WDA facility permit includes requirements for the prevention of significant deterioration (PSD) and nonattainment new source review (NNSR) permit programs.

PCW submitted the permit application for the proposed construction and operation of NEW2's 1,232 MW of electricity wind farm in Renewable Energy Lease Area 0534. This wind farm is located in federal waters off the Massachusetts coast about 16 nautical miles (nm) from the nearest Massachusetts shoreline. The WDA facility will consist of up to 88 offshore wind turbine generators (WTGs) and their foundations, two Offshore Substations (OSSs), and inter-array cables. The proposed WDA facility permit includes requirements for the prevention of significant deterioration (PSD) and nonattainment new source review (NNSR) permit programs.

Air Quality Impacts:

The air quality analysis showed that the impacts from the two WDA facility operations will not cause or contribute to a violation of applicable national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) or prevention of significant deterioration (PSD) increments. The analysis also showed that construction phase emissions for the two WDA facilities will not cause significant impacts for the PSD increments at any Class I area (national parks and wilderness areas). The NAAQS are health-based standards that the EPA sets to protect public health with an adequate margin of safety. The PSD increments are designed to ensure that air quality in an area that meets the NAAQS does not significantly deteriorate from baseline levels. In addition, the air quality impact analysis demonstrated that operation of the two WDA facilities will not adversely cause impairment to soils, vegetation, or visibility at Class I areas.

EPA Permit Action:

PCW submitted OCS air permit applications for the wind farms to the EPA on October 7, 2022. The EPA is proposing to issue the federal CAA permits based on the information in PCW's application and subsequent application updates and the applicable air permitting regulations. The proposed permit number for the NEW 1 action is OCS-R1-07. The proposed permit number for the NEW 2 action is OCS-R1-08.

Public Comment Process:

The EPA is now taking public comments for the proposed action until January 25th, 2024. Any interested person may submit written comments on the proposed OCS air permit during the public comment period. The EPA will consider all submitted significant comments in its final decision-making process.

All data submitted by the applicant is available as part of the administrative record. Members of the public may review a copy of the draft permits prepared by the EPA, the fact sheets for the draft permits, the applications, and all supporting materials, at the U.S. EPA Region 1 office, at 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100, Boston, MA 02109. All documents will be available for review Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 4:00 p.m. To obtain information, please contact Morgan M. McGrath at 617-918-1541.

Electronic copies of the draft permits, fact sheets, and all supporting materials are also available for review on EPA's website at: <https://www.epa.gov/caa-permitting/caa-permitting-epas-new-england-region>.

The public comment period for the proposed permit actions will begin upon publication of this notice and will end on **January 25th, 2024**. EPA prefers that all comments be submitted via email to Morgan M. McGrath at mcgrath.morgan@epa.gov. If email submittal of comments is not feasible, hard copy comments may be submitted to the address below.

Morgan M. McGrath
Air and Radiation Division (Mailcode: 5-MO)
U.S. EPA Region 1
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100
Boston, MA 02109.

Comments may also be submitted electronically through <https://www.regulations.gov> (NEW1 Docket ID #EPA-R01-OAR-2023-0526; NEW2 Docket ID #EPA-R01-OAR-2023-0527).

All significant comments received at or before the end of the public comment period will be considered in arriving at a final decision on the permits. The final permits are public records that can be obtained upon request. A statement of reasons for any changes made to the draft permits and responses to all significant comments received will be sent to all persons who submitted comments (and contact information) on the draft permits, or who requested notice of the final permit decisions.

If you believe any conditions in the draft permits are inappropriate, or that our initial decision to prepare either of the permits is inappropriate, you must raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably ascertainable arguments supporting your position by the end of the public comment period. Any supporting materials that you submit must be included in full and may not be incorporated by reference, unless they are already part of the administrative docket for the permit proceeding or consist of State, Tribal, or Federal statutes and regulations, EPA documents of general availability, or other generally available referenced materials.

All comments received will be included in the public docket without change and will be available to the public, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Information that is considered to be CBI or otherwise protected should be clearly identified as such and should not be submitted through email. If a commenter sends email directly to the EPA, the email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the public comment. Please note that an email or postal address must be provided with comments if the commenter wishes to receive direct notification of the EPA's final decision regarding the draft permits.

In addition, the EPA will hold a public hearing for the OCS air permit at 6:00 p.m. EST on January 25th, 2024. The hearing will be held virtually via Zoom.gov (<https://usepa.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIscuurzkqHpQrMKvQj4NkP-MBCWaAaA>). The hearing will be conducted in the English language. If you need a reasonable accommodation or have translation/interpretation needs, please contact Vivian Mai mai.vivian@epa.gov or (617) 918-1081 by no later than January 9th, 2024. The hearing will end when all attendees wishing to speak have spoken, or at 8:00 p.m., whichever is sooner. If no parties join the hearing by 7:00 p.m. EST, EPA will close the hearing. Depending on the number of attendees that wish to speak, the Presiding Officer may set reasonable limits on the time allowed for oral statements. We

request, if possible, that you provide a written copy of any testimony you intend to present during the hearing. A written transcript of the public hearing will be made available afterwards. The public hearing will be conducted according to the rules and procedures of 40 C.F.R. § 124.12. More information regarding the public hearing and registration instructions are included on EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/caa-permitting/caa-public-comment-opportunities-region-1>.

The EPA will proceed with issuance of the final permits consistent with the regulations at 40 C.F.R. part 55 and administrative procedural requirements at 40 C.F.R. part 124. Following the close of the public comment period, and after the public hearing, the EPA will issue a Final Permit decision and forward a copy of the final decision to the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments, provided comments at the hearing, or requested notice. Within 30 days following notice of the permit decisions, any interested parties may submit a petition for review of either of the permits to the EPA's Environmental Appeals Board consistent with 40 C.F.R. § 124.19.

In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 124.15, the final permits become effective 30 days after permit issuance, unless: (1) a later effective date is specified in the permits; or (2) either of the permit decisions are appealed to the EPA's Environmental Appeals Board pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 124.19; or (3) no comments resulted in a change to the draft permits or a denial of the permits, in which case the EPA may make the final permits effective immediately upon issuance.

The EPA will add the OCS air permits to the EPA Region 1 website at <https://www.epa.gov/caa-permitting/caa-permitting-epas-new-england-region>. Anyone may request a copy of the final OCS air permit at any time by contacting Morgan M. McGrath at mcgrath.morgan@epa.gov or (617) 918-1541.

If you would like to be added to our mailing list to be informed of future actions on this or other CAA permits issued by EPA Region 1, please send your name and address to Air Permits Team, Air and Radiation Division (Mailcode 5-MO), U.S. EPA Region 1, 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100, Boston, MA 02109, or sign up to receive notifications on our website at: <https://www.epa.gov/caa-permitting/caa-permitting-epas-new-england-region>.