

Letters of Commitment

- State of Maine Department of Transportation
- Town of Searsport, Maine
- Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources
- City of Salem, Massachusetts
- Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management
- Crowley Wind Services, LLC



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March 28, 2024

Dan Burgess, Director
Governor's Energy Office
62 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333

RE: Letter of Commitment for EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG)

Dear Director Burgess:

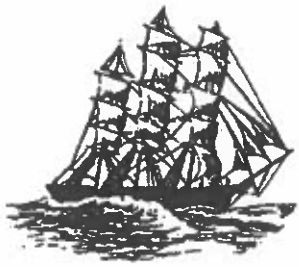
This letter serves as support and, if awarded CPRG funds, a good faith commitment by the Maine Department of Transportation ("MaineDOT") to construct Phase I of the Maine Offshore Wind Port (the "Wind Port") on Sears Island in Searsport, Maine, subject to the availability of other necessary funding and permits, achieving a key milestone in the *Maine Offshore Wind Roadmap*. As described in the CPRG. This site was selected by the Governor as the State's preferred site for a port facility to support the floating offshore wind industry. MaineDOT will be responsible for, and will take the lead in, the permitting, design and construction of Phase I of the Wind Port, which will be approximately 50 acres in size.

MaineDOT is committed to long-term, good faith efforts to deliver Phase I and Phase II of the Wind Port. Work is underway to apply for necessary permits for both Phase I and Phase II that would allow for the full 100-acre Wind Port facility. When funding is available at a later date, the State of Maine intends to complete Phase II, which will involve a commercial-scale Wind Port into a 100-acre facility.

Sincerely,

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Bruce A. Van Note
Commissioner



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March 24, 2024

Director Dan Burgess
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Dear Mr. Burgess:

The Town of Searsport wishes to affirm its support for the development of a floating offshore wind port in Searsport to advance the development of renewable offshore wind energy for the New England region.

Following the extensive work by the Department of Transportation to identify the Port of Searsport as the preferred location for the state's offshore wind port, the state is advancing the permitting and planning efforts for the port. We support the efforts that are being taken by the state to raise funding for port expansion.

The Governor's Energy Office, in close coordination with DOT and Maine Port Authority, is working with Massachusetts on a competitive regional application to support Gulf of Maine port assets and advancement of a regional offshore wind supply chain. They are seeking funding in Tier B which could provide funding to support Searsport, given the importance of it to serve as a hub for the Northeast.

The funding would provide a substantial portion of construction funds needed for Searsport Phase 1. The application will also support next steps on the Salem Port advancement. Together, the states will also advance a regional supply chain planning portion of the application.

The Town of Searsport has been engaged in and supporting the processes that the State of Maine has initiated for over five years and are committed to continuing its support and input to the process as long as necessary to see its completion. We have been working with other interested parties in our region to learn about the industry and its potential impacts, both positive and negative. We have engaged in a robust community engagement effort to bring this additional information to our public.

We give our steadfast support to moving this project forward.

Respectfully,

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James S. Gillway
Town Manager



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March 27, 2024

Mr. Michael S. Regan, Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of the Administrator, 1101A
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Washington, DC 20004

**Re: Letter of Commitment for the Maine/Commonwealth of Massachusetts's CPRG
Implementation Grant Coalition Application**

Dear Administrator Regan:

Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) is committed to partnering with Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC) and the State of Maine's Governor Energy Office on the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant ("CPRG") implementation grant application (the "Coalition Application") to construct and support a network of ports in northern New England that will unlock, accelerate, and catalyze the development of offshore wind in the Gulf of Maine. Commonwealth of Massachusetts is committed to the sustainable and prompt development of a sustainable offshore wind industry to meet our clean energy and emission reduction targets.

DOER and MassCEC are committed to working together and supporting the successful deployment of offshore wind through significant investments new purpose-built ports. In 2023, DOER and MassCEC represented the Commonwealth to join eight East Coast states and four federal agencies in signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to strengthen regional collaboration on offshore wind supply chain development. DOER recently supported MassCEC's Offshore Wind Industry Investment Trust Fund with a \$35 million investment for the commercial development of the offshore wind port in Salem, Massachusetts.

DOER has a significant interest in the success of this Coalition. DOER manages the Commonwealth's offshore wind energy generation solicitations which have resulted in the

development of the first commercial scale offshore wind facility in the nation, Vineyard Wind. The Coalition is key to the development of floating offshore wind in the Northeast which will be eligible for DOER's renewable energy portfolio standard (RPS) and future offshore wind energy procurements. Additionally, DOER is committed to supporting the Coalition through interagency and intergovernmental coordination and working with the offshore industry, workforce organizations, local supply chain business, and many other organizations. DOER is committed to approaching all clean energy policies equitably and through substantial community engagement.

This Coalition will significantly advance efforts on these specific Gulf of Maine projects and provide certainty to the reality of floating offshore wind in the immediate future. Should this funding request be successful, we look forward to working with MassCEC and Maine on developing a sustainable, beneficial, and regional floating offshore wind industry in the Gulf of Maine. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

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Elizabeth Mahony
Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources



CITY OF SALEM, MASSACHUSETTS

Dominick Pangallo
Office of the Mayor

March 26, 2024

Mr. Michael S. Reagan, Administrator
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RE: Letter of Commitment for the Maine/Massachusetts CPRG Implementation Grant Coalition
Application: Unlocking Floating Offshore Wind in the Gulf of Maine

Dear Administrator Reagan,

The City of Salem commits to implementing the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (“CPRG”) implementation grant application (the “Coalition Application”) with the Maine Governor’s Energy Office, the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, and other partners to construct and support a network of ports in northern New England that will unlock, accelerate, and catalyze the development of offshore wind in the Gulf of Maine. The Coalition Application represents the region’s first interstate, coordinated approach to construct and operate critically needed offshore wind seaport infrastructure.

As the host community of a coal-fired electrical generating plant from the 1950s to 2014, the City of Salem understands the need to move away from fossil fuel derived energy to clean and renewable energy sources. We strongly support the Commonwealth’s decarbonization targets to achieve net zero emissions by 2050 and foresee significant benefits to the state and the region in terms of local and regional air quality. The City of Salem is already committed to supporting the Commonwealth’s target of 23 GW of offshore wind by 2050 through the redevelopment of our seaport infrastructure at the Salem Offshore Wind Terminal (Phase 1). This redevelopment, on the site of that former coal-fired power plant, is currently under construction and will support the development of fixed foundation offshore wind projects. However, to meet the region’s offshore wind goals, planned lease areas in the Gulf of Maine with capacity of at least 13 GW of floating offshore wind is required. The City of Salem is committed to supporting the Phase 2 development of our seaport to support a staging and integration site for floating offshore wind foundations.

We are keenly aware that strong community partnerships and networks created through robust local participation are necessary to ensure success. With funding provided for staff time through

the Coalition Application, the City of Salem with its Port Authority and Planning Department, will build on the existing relationships and agreements associated with Phase 1. City staff will (1) directly guide local stakeholder engagement through the planned Advisory Group and (2) support coordination and management of the Comprehensive Dredge Management and seaport electrification sub-measures proposed. We make these specific commitments and will apply our local knowledge and expertise to ensure the successful implementation of the proposed project.

The successful large-scale deployment of floating offshore wind development requires significant investments in floating foundation technology and new purpose-built seaports with specialized berths and capabilities. Without EPA's investment in seaport infrastructure in Maine and Massachusetts the timely delivery of gigawatts of clean renewable energy and the associated realization of greenhouse gas reductions are at risk.

Should this funding request be approved, we commit to a strong partnership with MassCEC and other project partners to execute the proposed scope. Please let us know how we may be of additional assistance.

Sincerely,



Dominick Pangallo
Mayor
Salem, Massachusetts



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RE: Letter of Commitment for the Maine/Massachusetts's CPRG Implementation Grant Coalition
Application: Unlocking Floating Offshore Wind in the Gulf of Maine

Dear Administrator Reagan,

With this letter, the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) commits to implementing the Climate Pollution Reduction Grant ("CPRG") implementation grant application (the "Coalition Application") with the Maine Governor's Energy Office, the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, and other partners to construct and support a network of ports in northern New England that will unlock, accelerate, and catalyze the development of floating offshore wind in the Gulf of Maine. The Coalition Application represents the region's first interstate, coordinated approach to construct and operate critically needed offshore wind port infrastructure.

As the Commonwealth's lead on coastal and ocean policy, planning, and technical assistance, CZM brings unique and specialized experience to the Coalition Application to ready the Salem Offshore Wind Port for the staging and integration of floating foundations for offshore wind deployment in the Gulf of Maine. Specifically, CZM commits to providing the knowledge and experience of the State Dredge Coordinator as a member of the project team. The State Dredge Coordinator reviews and permits large and complicated dredge projects including similarly-sized projects such as the Boston Harbor Deep Draft Navigation project and managed the New Bedford Harbor Federal Channel Dredge project on behalf of the Commonwealth. CZM and specifically the State Dredge Coordinator expertise will ensure an efficient and effective design, engineering, permitting, and construction process.

While the requested funding will significantly advance efforts relating to the Searsport and Salem-specific Gulf of Maine projects, it will also lend much-needed certainty to the reality of floating offshore wind in the immediate future, providing invaluable leverage to accelerate additional funding and deployment of floating offshore wind. Without EPA's investment in port infrastructure in Maine and Massachusetts, the timely delivery of gigawatts of clean renewable energy and the associated realization of greenhouse gas ("GHG") reductions is at risk.



Should this funding request be successful, we commit to a strong partnership with our fellow Massachusetts agencies, Maine, and other project partners to execute the proposed scope.

Sincerely,

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Tyler Soleau, Acting Director
Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management



March 28, 2024

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**RE: Letter of Commitment for the Maine/Massachusetts's CPRG Implementation Grant
Coalition Application: Unlocking Floating Offshore Wind in the Gulf of Maine**

Dear Administrator Regan,

With this letter, Crowley Wind Services, LLC ("Crowley") expresses its support of and commitment to the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants ("CPRG") implementation grant application (the "Coalition Application") with the Maine Governor's Energy Office, the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, and other partners to construct and support a network of ports in northern New England that will unlock, accelerate, and catalyze the development of offshore wind in the Gulf of Maine. The Coalition Application represents the region's first interstate, coordinated public-private partnership approach to constructing and operating critically needed offshore wind port infrastructure, particularly for emerging floating offshore wind technologies.

Already, Crowley is supporting the Commonwealth's target of 23 gigawatts (GW) of offshore wind by 2050 through the redevelopment of a former coal fire power plant site into the Salem Offshore Wind Terminal (Phase 1). This redevelopment, currently under construction, will support the construction of fixed foundation offshore wind projects in southern New England. However, to meet the region's offshore wind energy goals, planned lease areas in the Gulf of Maine with a capacity of at least 13 GW will need to be developed with floating offshore wind. Crowley is committed to partnering on this Phase 2 development of the Salem Offshore Wind Terminal to support a staging and integration port for floating offshore wind foundations.

As a coalition partner and the current operator of the Salem Offshore Wind Terminal, Crowley will directly oversee the utility engagement, planning, design, engineering, and construction of the proposed port electrification sub-measures with a target of realizing full shoreside power by 2030. Crowley also commits to provide project coordination in the design and implementation of the proposed Dredge Management Program. Additionally, we will leverage our knowledge and expertise to ensure success of the proposed project, share best practices and lessons learned with industry and first responders, and continue engaging with the community to incorporate public feedback into project elements and establishing meaningful workforce development and community benefits in furtherance of our Community Benefits Agreement.¹

¹ <https://www.salemma.gov/mayors-office/news/city-salem-and-crowley-wind-services-announce-historic-community-benefits>

The successful large-scale deployment of floating offshore wind development requires significant investments in floating foundation technology and new purpose-built ports with specialized berths and capabilities. Without EPA's investment in port infrastructure in Maine and Massachusetts, the timely delivery of gigawatts of clean renewable energy—including to satisfy transportation electrification's night-time load demand—and the associated realization of greenhouse gas ("GHG") reductions is at risk.

Should this funding request be successful, we commit to a strong partnership with Massachusetts, Maine, and other project partners to execute the proposed scope. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric Evans". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Eric" and "Evans" being capitalized and prominent.

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