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By Hand Delivery

Ian A. Bowles Secretary of Environmental Affairs Attention: MEPA Office 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900 Boston, MA 02114

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## Re: Cape Wind Energy Project Nantucket Sound, Massachusetts Final Environmental Impact Report/Development of Regional Impact EOEA No. 12643; DRI No. JR#20084

Dear Secretary Bowles:

Attached please find three print copies of the joint Final Environmental Impact Report and Development of Regional Impact (FEIR/DRI) for the Cape Wind Energy Project (the Project). The report has been prepared to comply with the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) and the Secretary's Certificates on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) and the Notice of Project Change (NPC) issued on March 3, 2005 and August 8, 2005, respectively. The report is submitted to meet MEPA's February 15, 2007 filing date and initiate your review.

This document has also been prepared to comply with the Cape Cod Commission's (CCC) environmental review process as a Development of Regional Impact (DRI), and addresses issues raised by the CCC in its letter dated February 22, 2005 to the Secretary of Environmental Affairs. MEPA and the CCC have a formal process for coordinated EIR/DRI review, pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two agencies. Ten (10) copies of the joint FEIR/DRI submittal will be delivered to the CCC, to meet the requirements of the Cape Cod Commission Act and implementing regulations.

As of the August 8, 2005 signing of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 into federal law, the Minerals Management Service (MMS) of the US Department of Interior (DOI) has assumed the lead federal role in overseeing the permitting and regulatory oversight of this Project and other alternative energy projects on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). MMS is in the process of producing its own Draft Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). That document will be subsequent to, and separate from, this FEIR/DRI.

This joint FEIR/DRI is being distributed in accordance with MEPA and CCC requirements; a distribution list is attached. Copies of the submittal are being distributed to a number of public libraries in the state. The full, searchable electronic version of the FEIR/DRI has been posted at <u>www.CapeWind.org/FEIR</u>. The public may also obtain copies of this filing by contacting Terry Orr at ESS Group, Inc. by mail (888 Worcester Street, Suite 240, Wellesley, Massachusetts 02482) telephone [(781)489-1148] or email (windcomment@essgroup.com).

We look forward to the results of MEPA's review.

Very truly yours,

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- Enclosures: Three print copies of the Cape Wind Energy Project FEIR/DRI CD containing the Executive Summary for posting on the MEPA website