

# South Fork Wind Farm

May 31, 2019

Dear Citizens for the Preservation of Wainscott:

We appreciate the conversations that we have had over the past weeks exploring how and whether we can work together to develop the best available cable landing site and onshore route that balances the interests of our project with the interests of all stakeholders, including the community of East Hampton and the residents of Wainscott. Your clear support for renewable energy is appreciated, even as we recognize the concerns you have for Beach Lane and the Wainscott community with respect to this landing site. This letter summarizes our collaboration with you to date, and affirms our commitment to working with you.

We are very proud to be developing New York's first offshore wind farm. We recognize the profound responsibility that comes with being the first and hope that both the end product, and the process we employed to get there, will be a positive example for future projects.

As we have always said, there are two viable cable landfall and onshore route options for our project. As you know, the Town Board previously granted us permission to do test drilling for the Beach Lane route. As a gesture of good faith to you, we have not moved forward with those tests. That permission has now lapsed, and we would need to revisit this issue with the Town Board if we were to decide to move forward with testing at the Beach Lane site.

In response to your requests, our team has further assessed the technical and environmental viability of the Hither Hills landing site. We continue to believe that Hither Hills is a technically viable alternative. While we are not at this time prepared to designate a change in our preferred route, we trust the suspension of the Beach Lane testing and the focus on Hither Hills demonstrates our willingness to work in good faith to find a solution that meets all of our needs.

We are determined to bring this process to a conclusion as soon as possible. We plan to request that the Article VII settlement process commence in or about July of this year, and would appreciate your support of that effort and, ultimately, your group's support of the South Fork project because of the clear environmental benefits it offers. We are interested in reaching an agreement with you, and potentially with other intervenors, as part of that settlement process. Any such settlement agreement would be filed with the PSC and become a matter of public record. We recognize that you must continue to advocate for Wainscott in the upcoming June 11 hearing, but would respectfully request that you also make clear that your concerns are particular to the proposed Beach Lane cable route, not offshore wind energy or the project itself.

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You and your team have been strong and effective advocates for your position. We respect your views, even if we don't always agree. We must allow the process, and the facts this process produces, to determine the best route for our project. We are approaching the most substantive and involved part of this review process and hope we can continue to work together to bring green energy to Long Island.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas Brostrøm". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial 'T'.

Thomas Brostrøm  
Chief Executive Officer  
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