



August 2, 2022

Michael Brown, Chief Executive Officer  
Mayflower Wind, LLC  
101 Federal St., Ste. 1900  
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Offshore Wind Energy Development and the Town of Nantucket

Dear Mr. Brown:

We write as counsel to the Town of Nantucket to request your attention to the Town's concerns about Mayflower's planned offshore wind development and to request specific actions that Mayflower can take now to reduce the potential for conflict during the permitting review process. The Town is unique in the United States in that the entire Town, including Nantucket, Muskeget, and Tuckernuck Islands, form one of the largest contiguous National Historic Landmark districts in the nation. The United States recognizes National Historic Landmarks as having the highest level of historic significance. As a community of islands, the Town is at the forefront of climate change response and impacts and is the epicenter of the nation's first industrial-scale offshore wind developments.

Offshore wind energy development and historic preservation are mutually compatible goals. Nantucket is committed to fostering cleaner, renewable energy sources, and at the same time, the Town recognizes the need to protect its historic character, context, and setting, which led to its recognition as a National Historic Landmark in the first place. The Town also has serious concerns about harm to its property values and heritage tourism economy that industrial-scale wind energy development will generate, including those expected from Mayflower Wind's 147 turbines standing up to 1,066 feet tall. Mayflower's turbines will be in addition and cumulative to the adverse effects caused by wind farms in adjacent lease areas within the Town's viewshed.

Therefore, as Mayflower Wind continues to gather feedback from stakeholders as it plans for the development of its lease area twenty miles from Nantucket's coastline, the Town writes to emphasize the need for Mayflower Wind to undertake all possible planning to avoid or minimize harm to protect the Town's National Historic Landmark status as required by the National Historic Preservation Act. To this end, the Town insists that Mayflower prepare and disclose additional and accurate visual simulations from all historic properties identified within the Area of Potential Effect that show worst-case visual scenarios. Mayflower also has a duty to comply fully with the National Environmental Policy Act so that the public will understand all environmental impacts that will arise from Mayflower Wind and can participate fully in BOEM's consultation process.

We also request that Mayflower conduct open meetings on Nantucket as soon as possible so that public will have an opportunity to learn first-hand about the project and ask questions about adverse effects. To date, Mayflower has not offered public presentations on island regarding the development, permitting, construction and operations, or maintenance of the project, despite assurances from your company that such public engagement would occur once initial photo simulations were available. We suggest that the first of a series of meetings take place next month in September 2022. Please send dates when Mayflower representatives will be available.

In closing, the Town stands ready to support the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the nation in meeting clean energy goals—and in working with Mayflower Wind to help achieve these goals—but doing so must not come at the expense of Nantucket’s historic character, sense of place, and harm to its economy and the environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William J. Cook". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

William J. Cook  
Partner

cc: C. Elizabeth Gibson, Town Manager, Town of Nantucket  
Daniel Hubbard, General Counsel, Mayflower Wind  
Seth Kaplan, Director of External Affairs, Mayflower Wind  
Christopher Hardy, External Outreach Manager, Mayflower Wind

