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## **AGENDA**

Semi-Monthly Meeting - Full Council

Tuesday, December 13, 2022; 6:00 p.m.

Administration Building, Conference Room A One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

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Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting - Tuesday, November 22, 2022 Subcommittee Reports/Staff Reports

## Review and Action regarding Application requiring Public Hearing and Special Exception:

**2021-07-005 REVOLUTION WIND** -- Two submarine export transmission cables (275 kilovolt high voltage alternating current (AC)) have been proposed for the project. Each cable measures approximately 23 miles in length and has been proposed to be installed in CRMC Type 4 and 6 Waters in Rhode Island Sound and the West Passage of Narragansett Bay, making landfall at the Quonset Business Park, North Kingstown. The export cable requires a Special Exception (see RICRMP § 1.1.8) to the CRMC's Ocean SAMP § 11.10.2. Areas of Particular Concern (APC) which presumptively excludes from APCs all large-scale, small-scale, or other offshore development, or any portion of a proposed project. This exclusion is rebuttable if the applicant can demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence that there are no practicable alternatives that are less damaging in areas outside of the APC, or that the proposed project will not result in a significant alteration to the values and resources of the APC.

The cables will be installed at a target burial depth of 4-6 feet (or deeper) below the seabed, which will create a total estimated disturbance of approximately 730 acres within state waters. Secondary cable protection in the form of rock bags, concrete mattresses, and/or rock berms may be used where the target burial depth cannot be achieved.

The export cables will make landfall at the Quonset Business Park, the heavily Industrial waterfront via horizontal directional drilling, which will require the construction of two offshore exit pits.

After joining with the export cables, the Onshore Transmission Cable will follow Circuit Drive northwest to 135 Circuit Drive, where it will cross this property north of the existing driveway and cross the property in a north-northwest direction until reaching the property owned by Quonset Development Corporation. Here the cable will continue north until reaching 101 Circuit Drive. The cable will then continue north across 101 Circuit Drive and 75 Circuit Drive within the existing paved access road to the existing Davisville Substation. At the Davisville Substation, the cable continues west, parallel to the northern property boundary before reaching The Narragansett Electric Company's parcel. After crossing, the cable enters the Onshore Substation tying into the proposed access road. The total cable length is approximately one mile.

Additionally a variance to OSAMP Section § 11.9.9 (Baseline Assessment Requirements and Standards OUNC) in State Waters) is being sought.