AGENDA

8:15 a.m. Welcome: John Wadsworth, Chair, EBC Energy Resources Committee Partner, Brown Rudnick LLP

Program Introduction: Michael Ernst, Program Chair and Moderator Executive Advisor, Power Advisory LLC

8:20 a.m. New Lease Auctions in the Northeast

8:40 a.m. New Ports & Infrastructure Study
- Bill White, Senior Director for Offshore Wind, Massachusetts Clean Energy Center

9:00 a.m. Offshore Wind Developers Plans for MA, RI, NY, NJ, DE, MD, VA & NC
- Matthew A. Morrissey, Vice President, Deepwater Wind
- Carolyn Heeps, External Consultant and Consultation Manager DONG Energy Bay State Wind
- Rachel Pachter, Vice President, Vineyard Wind LLC

10:30 a.m. Networking Break

11:00 a.m. Stakeholders Panel: Perspectives on Fishing, Environmental, Workforce and Supply Chain Issues
Moderator: Michael Ernst, Power Advisory, LLC

Panel Members:
- James F. (Jim) Bennett, BOEM
- Edward Anthes-Washburn, Port of New Bedford
- Beth Casoni, Massachusetts Lobstermen’s Association
- Catherine Bowes, National Wildlife Federation
- Paul Vigeant, New Bedford Wind Energy Center
- Bill White, Massachusetts Clean Energy Center

12:30 p.m. Adjourn – Closing Remarks – John Wadsworth
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Mr. Ernst has over 30 years of energy experience as an environmental attorney for state agencies, a law firm, an independent transmission company and now as senior consultant for Power Advisory, Tetra Tech, and Clean Power Inc., where he supports international wind and solar development. At Power Advisory, Mr. Ernst has conducted OSW analyses for NYSERDA & private companies. As Director of Regulatory Affairs for the Tetra Tech Energy Program, Mr. Ernst supported siting and permitting for various proposed onshore and offshore wind farms and transmission lines and cables, including the Deepwater Wind Block Island, Rhode Island offshore wind farm, the Dominion Virginia offshore turbines, and other projects off the Atlantic Coast. Mr. Ernst helped lead policy analysis for three U.S. Department of Energy funded annual Offshore Wind Market Analysis and Supply Chain Studies and the 2014 DOE Wind Vision Report. He is a member of the AWEA Offshore Wind Committee and AWEA Offshore Wind Working Group since 2007. Mr. Ernst has a J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law in Boston and B.S. from Davidson College in Davidson, North Carolina.

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Edward C. Anthes-Washburn serves as the Port Director and Executive Director of the Port of New Bedford, MA, the nation's #1 fishing port by value. Before becoming the Executive Director in 2015, Ed served as the Deputy Port Director and Director of Operations dating back to 2010. Since 2016, Ed has served as the Chairman of the American Association of Port Authorities’ (AAPA) Maritime Economic Development Committee and is the Secretary of the Port Council of the Steamship Authority since 2011. Ed is also a Research Fellow and Board Member at the Institute for Global Maritime Studies and is a Strategic Advisor to IoT Impact LABS and a non-profit startup called Blue Water Metrics. He received a B.S. in Urban Studies from Cornell University and a M.S. in Public Affairs from the University of Massachusetts-Boston. Ed lives in New Bedford with his wife Pamela, son Charlie and dog Garth, where he spends his free time hiking, skiing, fishing, kayaking and developing New England-style barbeque, a New England clam bake combined with southern barbeque.

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Beth is a pro-active participant in many areas involving the commercial fishing industry with her primary focus on the commercial lobster industry. As the Executive Director for the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association Beth is the boots on the ground representative for the fishermen and will always give them the shore side support needed to ensure their continued success on the water. Beth is currently on the Massachusetts Ocean Planning Commission, The Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Team and the New England Fisheries Management Commission Herring and Habitat Advisory Panel. Beth's past professional experiences range from sales, customer service and law enforcement and she utilizes all of these experiences to better serve the commercial fisherman. Beth grew up in a large fishing area within her town and has commercial fishermen in her family so; her personal experiences give her the heart and drive to keep moving forward with purpose and determination to better represent the commercial fisherman.
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A marine scientist with over 30 years’ experience Dr Carolyn Heeps, Offshore Development Strategy Manager in the RES Group is based in the DONG Energy US Wind team in their North American HQ in Boston, MA providing support to the Permitting Team and Regulatory Affairs Team. In this role, she provides support on permitting issues and stakeholder engagement for both DONG Energy’s Bay State Wind (MA) and Ocean Wind (NJ) projects. Following a successful academic career in marine science, coastal management and the public understanding of science, Carolyn first became involved in the offshore wind industry in 2001 when she joined The Crown Estate to run the first commercial offshore wind leasing rounds in the UK as well as TCE’s interests in wave and tidal energy and environmental policy. In 2008 she made the leap to the developers’ side and joined Fred Olsen Renewables, heading up their offshore wind interests and working on tidal projects. In 2011 she joined RES to expand their development and project service interests in new markets, with a main focus on US, France and Asia Pacific. It is as a result of this work that she relocated to Boston in 2015 when DONG Energy acquired the Massachusetts Lease from RES, followed by a New Jersey Lease in 2016. In 2017 Carolyn was named number 48 in the first top 100 Women in Wind Power list. Carolyn is also the current Chair of AWEA’s Offshore Strategy Committee.

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Matthew A. Morrissey is Vice President, Massachusetts for Deepwater Wind, where he manages the company's development efforts in the Commonwealth. Mr. Morrissey has been involved in executive leadership positions in the offshore wind industry since 2007.

As the founding Managing Director of Offshore Wind: Massachusetts, Mr. Morrissey spearheaded the industry's successful efforts to include offshore wind in the Commonwealth's energy portfolio, resulting in the historic 1600MW bill signed into law in August 2016.

Under Mr. Morrissey's leadership as Executive Director of the New Bedford Economic Development Council for many years, New Bedford led all similar size cities from around New England in new growth and private capital investment. Mr. Morrissey founded the New Bedford Wind Energy Center where he worked with key local leaders and state officials to attract public investment in the development of the state owned New Bedford Marine Commerce Terminal, the first offshore wind terminal in the nation.

Mr. Morrissey has a degree in English literature from University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, and is a graduate of Harvard's highly competitive non-degree granting Advanced Management Development Program in Real Estate. Mr. Morrissey is the fifth generation of his family hailing from the Port City of New Bedford, Massachusetts.
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Rachel Pachter has fifteen years of experience in US offshore wind development. She directed and finalized the permitting for the first and only fully permitted offshore wind farm in federal waters of the United States. Rachel has successfully navigated the complex and evolving regulatory processes, represented environmental and regulatory concerns in all aspects of project development including contracting and financing, and lead numerous stakeholder outreach efforts. Rachel is overseeing the permitting of the BOEM Lease area acquired by Vineyard Wind (formerly OffshoreMW) in January 2015.

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Paul Vigeant is the Managing Director of the New Bedford Wind Energy Center in New Bedford, Massachusetts. The Wind Energy Center is a catalyst to position the port of New Bedford as the premier location for assembly, deployment, operation and maintenance of offshore wind farms in the emerging U.S. offshore wind industry.

Mr. Vigeant also serves as the Vice President for Workforce Development at Bristol Community College in Fall River, Massachusetts. Prior to joining BCC, he was Associate Vice Chancellor for Economic Development at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth for more than twenty years. He has more than 35 years of experience as a CEO or Senior Executive in workforce & economic development, as well as, finance capital formation.

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Bill White serves as Senior Director, Offshore Wind Sector Development at the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (MassCEC). Bill leads MassCEC's efforts on the federal leasing process for offshore wind development, as well as transmission planning, environmental surveys, metocean data, supply chain and workforce development efforts, and stakeholder engagement efforts related to offshore wind. Additionally, Bill led the construction of the New Bedford Marine Commerce Terminal, a first-in-the-nation facility designed for the staging, assembly, and deployment of offshore wind projects.

Previously, Bill served as a Special Assistant to the President in the Clinton White House and worked at the U.S. Department of State. He is a graduate of Boston College's School of Management (B.S.) and Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government (MPA).