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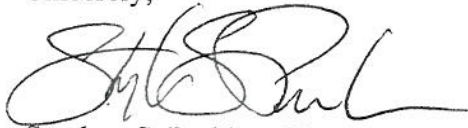
Dear Mr. Duffy,

I read with interest Governor Patrick's announcement that Cape Wind Associates will use the proposed Marine Terminal in New Bedford to stage construction of the Cape Wind Energy Project. As you know, Cape Wind's application to EPA for an Outer Continental Shelf Air Permit under Section 328 of the Clean Air Act was predicated (at least in part) on staging the project from Quonset Point in Rhode Island. This change in staging location likely affects some of the analyses and conclusions presented to EPA in the air permit application, and/or presented to other agencies for the purpose of other federal statutory requirements with which EPA must comply in issuing an air permit.

I am requesting that Cape Wind Associates confirm that it has revised its project plan and provide EPA with any and all appropriate amendments to the air permit application as soon as possible, including a statement of Cape Wind's views regarding which, if any, of the reviews conducted by other federal agencies need to be revised before EPA could issue a final Outer Continental Shelf Air Permit. While EPA will continue to prepare responses to public comments on the proposed permit on matters that would be clearly unaffected by the location of the project's staging area, I have directed my staff to put the remainder of the work on this permit application on hold until we receive the information requested above from Cape Wind.

Ida McDonnell, Chief of our Air Permits Unit, has already reached out to Rachel Pachter to convey this message and she will be available to answer any questions your staff may have. Ida can be reached at 617-918-1653.

Sincerely,

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

Stephen S. Perkins, Director
Office of Ecosystem Protection

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