

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Application of Sunrise Wind LLC for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the Construction of Up to 6.2 Miles (320 kilovolt [kV]) of Direct Current (DC) Submarine Export Cable from the New York State Territorial Waters Boundary to the Smith Point County Park on Fire Island in the Town of Brookhaven in Suffolk County and Up to 17.5 Miles (320 kV) of Onshore Transmission Cable from the Landfall at Fire Island to a New Onshore Converter Station in the Town of Brookhaven and Up to 1 Mile (138 kV) of Alternating Current (AC) Onshore Interconnection Cable Connecting to the Existing Holbrook Substation in the Town of Brookhaven in Suffolk County

Case 20-T-0617
Deficiency No. 10

**SUNRISE WIND LLC's
RESPONSE TO DEFICIENCY NOTICE**

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16 NYCRR §86.5(b)(2)(iv) requires the Applicant to describe efforts to assure the “ROW preserves natural landscape and minimizes conflict with present or future planned land uses.” Exhibit 4 does not include a discussion on the schedule or methods for construction that considers the protection of threatened or endangered species, including Atlantic Sturgeon and protected shorebirds. Threatened and endangered shorebirds occur in the vicinity of the Onshore Facilities where horizontal direction drill (HDD) installation and workspaces are expected to be located near and on the beach. Please provide a discussion on the schedule or methods for construction that considers the protection of threatened or endangered species, including Atlantic Sturgeon and protected shorebirds.

Sunrise Wind's Response:

As described within Revised Exhibit 4, time-of-year restrictions for certain work activities (e.g., SRWEC – NYS cable installation, SRWEC – NYS HDD installation, HDD conduit stringing and tree removal) will be employed to the extent feasible to avoid or minimize direct impacts to rare, threatened and endangered (RTE) species during construction of the Project. If work is anticipated to occur outside of time-of-year restriction periods, the Applicant will work with NYS and federal agencies, to develop appropriate construction monitoring and impact minimization

plans or mitigation plans, as appropriate. Revised Exhibit 4 also provides a description of the proposed environmental protection measures that will be implemented to minimize any significant adverse impact to the extent practicable.