

New England Wind 1 Incidental Harassment Authorization: Permit Expiration Report

Prepared by: Senior Permitting Manager	Checked by: Director, Offshore Permitting	Approved by: Director, Environment
 Jay Hilton-Miller <small>Digitally signed by Jay Hilton-Miller DN: cn=Jay Hilton-Miller, c=US, email=jay.hilton-miller@avangrid.com Date: 2025.04.08 16:06:01 -04'00'</small>	 Michael Clayton <small>Digitally signed by Michael Clayton DN: cn=Michael Clayton, c=US, o=US Offshore, ou=Avangrid Renewables, email=michael.clayton@avangrid.com Date: 2025.04.10 08:44:21 -04'00'</small>	 Atma Khalsa <small>Digitally signed by Atma Khalsa DN: cn=Atma Khalsa, c=US, o=Avangrid Renewables, ou=Offshore, email=atma.khalsa@avangrid.com Location: Boston Date: 2025.04.10 12:37:46 -04'00'</small>

Revision Summary				
Rev	Date	Prepared by	Checked by	Approved by
1	04/07/2025	Jay Hilton-Miller	Michael Clayton	Atma Khalsa

Description of Revisions			
Rev	Page	Section	Description
1			Prepared for issue to NMFS

TABLE OF CONTENTS

1. ABBREVIATIONS4

2. Introduction5

3. Permit Condition5

4. Compliance with Reporting Requirement5

1. ABBREVIATIONS

ESRI	Environmental Systems Research Institute
GIS	Geographic Information System
IHA	Incidental Harassment Authorization
MMPA	Marine Mammal Protection Act
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NEW	New England Wind
OCS	Outer Continental Shelf
UTC	Universal Time Coordinated
WGS84	World Geodetic System 1984

2. INTRODUCTION

Park City Wind LLC is developing the New England Wind (NEW) 1 (previously called Park City Wind) project located in Lease Area OCS-A 0534. National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) issued an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) to Park City Wind LLC on December 26, 2023, under section 101(a)(5)(D) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1371(a)(5)(D)). The IHA was valid between March 1, 2024, to February 28, 2025. Park City Wind LLC is submitting this report to address the reporting requirement following the expiration of the IHA.

3. PERMIT CONDITION

Section 6 of the Park City Wind IHA sets out reporting conditions required to maintain compliance. Condition 6 (a) states the following:

Park City Wind shall submit a draft comprehensive report on all activities and monitoring results within 90 days of the completion of the survey or expiration of the IHA, whichever comes sooner. The report must describe all activities conducted and sightings of marine mammals, must provide full documentation of methods, results, and interpretation pertaining to all monitoring, and must summarize the dates and locations of survey operations and all marine mammals sightings (dates, times, locations, activities, associated survey activities). The draft report shall also include geo-referenced, time-stamped vessel tracklines for all time periods during which acoustic sources were operating. Tracklines should include points recording any change in acoustic source status (e.g., when the sources began operating, when they were turned off, or when they changed operational status such as from full array to single gun or vice versa). GIS files shall be provided in ESRI shapefile format and include the UTC date and time, latitude in decimal degrees, and longitude in decimal degrees. All coordinates shall be referenced to the WGS84 geographic coordinate system. In addition to the report, all raw observational data shall be made available. The report must summarize the information submitted in interim monthly reports (if required) as well as additional data collected as described above in *Data Collection*. A final report must be submitted within 30 days following resolution of any comments on the draft report. All draft and final marine mammal and acoustic monitoring reports must be submitted to PR.ITP.MonitoringReports@noaa.gov, nmfs.gar.incidental-take@noaa.gov, and ITP.clevenstine@noaa.gov.

4. COMPLIANCE WITH REPORTING REQUIREMENT

No regulated activities consistent with those described in the IHA were performed on the NEW1 project between March 1, 2024, to February 28, 2025. As such no vessel activity occurred during the period of IHA validity and therefore no reportable activity, as set out in Condition 6(a) has taken place in the period of IHA validity. This document therefore fulfils the reporting requirement set out in Condition 6 (a) in the IHA.