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Two World-Leading Offshore Wind Power Developers Join NY Offshore Wind Alliance Steering Committee

Commitment to responsible development and advocacy are key assets of membership

ALBANY, NY October 18, 2022 — The New York Offshore Wind Alliance (NYOWA) announced today that two of the world's foremost developers of offshore wind energy projects have joined the organization as they seek to gain a foothold in New York's attractive offshore wind market.

Both companies – Bluepoint Wind and Vineyard Offshore – recently secured federal leases for the development of offshore wind projects in an area referred to as the New York Bight, a large swath of the Atlantic Ocean off the coasts of New York and New Jersey.

"These two companies bring considerable experience in the development of innovative and responsible offshore wind projects to the NYOWA family," said Fred Zalcman, Director of NYOWA. "As an organization, we are looking to deepen and diversify our bench of voices from industry, labor, and the environmental community to deliver on the economic and environmental promise of offshore wind. Shared insights from Vineyard Offshore and Bluepoint Wind will only strengthen NYOWA's mission of promoting the responsible development of offshore wind power for New York."

Bluepoint Wind CEO John Dempsey said, "Bluepoint Wind is proud to join NYOWA to advance the responsible development of offshore wind in New York State and ensure clean energy benefits for all. Bluepoint Wind is committed to working across sectors with diverse stakeholders to find mutual benefit and innovative solutions and NYOWA is the perfect partner to help us achieve that goal."

"We have a generational opportunity to significantly reduce carbon pollution and address the climate crisis while creating thousands of good paying jobs in communities throughout the state," said Vineyard Offshore CEO Lars T. Pedersen. "We're excited to join NYOWA and look forward to working with them as the offshore wind industry continues to expand in New York."

Other members of the NYOWA Steering Committee are Attentive Energy LLC, Equinor Renewables US, National Resources Defense Council, National Wildlife Federation, OW East, RWE Renewables, the Sierra Club, and Vineyard Offshore.

Bluepoint Wind is a partnership between Ocean Winds, an international offshore wind energy company created by EDP Renewables (EDPR) and ENGIE (50:50) and New York-based Global

Infrastructure Partners (GIP), a leading independent infrastructure fund manager. These companies are well-positioned to deliver responsibly constructed offshore wind farms and have more than 15 years of experience constructing or operating offshore wind projects in communities all over the world, including in the UK, France, Belgium, Portugal, Poland, Korea, and – closer to home – in Massachusetts.

Established by the same team that founded Vineyard Wind 1, <u>Vineyard Offshore</u> currently has two lease areas under development, OCS-A 0522 dubbed "Vineyard Northeast" and OCS-A 0544, known as "Vineyard Mid-Atlantic." Through the process of developing Vineyard Wind 1, the first commercial-scale wind farm in the United States, the team has achieved many milestones for this new industry, including the signing of the first competitively awarded Power Purchase Agreement with Massachusetts, the first project to reach financial close and the first project to begin construction.

<u>The New York Offshore Wind Alliance (NYOWA)</u> is a diverse coalition of organizations with a shared interest in promoting the responsible development of offshore wind power for New York. NYOWA is a project of the Alliance for Clean Energy New York (ACE NY).