



Memorandum of Understanding on Offshore Wind Energy and Infrastructure Collaboration

This Memorandum of Understanding on Offshore Wind Energy and Infrastructure Collaboration ("MOU") is entered into on this 4th day of February 2026 ("Effective Date") by and between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ("Massachusetts") and the Province of Nova Scotia ("Nova Scotia") (each, a "Party" or "Jurisdiction," and, collectively, the "Parties" or the "Jurisdictions") in recognition of the strategic importance of offshore wind to achieving shared goals of affordability, economic growth, energy independence, and environmental protection.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Massachusetts and Nova Scotia recognize the world-class offshore wind resources off the coasts of New England and Atlantic Canada, and the significant economic, environmental, and energy security benefits that development of these resources can bring to both Jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, Massachusetts and Nova Scotia affirm the strong, collaborative relationship between their Jurisdictions and a shared commitment to advancing clean, reliable, and affordable energy resources, facilitating the development of resilient regional infrastructure, and creating high-quality jobs;

WHEREAS, Massachusetts has established itself as a leader in offshore wind development through early and sustained policy commitments, successful commercial-scale procurements, substantial investment in port infrastructure, development of a robust supply chain ecosystem, and the creation of a highly skilled offshore wind workforce;

WHEREAS, Massachusetts remains firmly committed to offshore wind as a vital resource for strengthening energy security and grid reliability, reducing emissions and long-term energy costs, and driving sustained economic development and job creation;

WHEREAS, Nova Scotia has significant offshore wind resources capable of supplying vast amounts of scalable, reliable, and renewable energy to Canada and the New England region;

WHEREAS, Nova Scotia is undertaking significant steps to advance its offshore wind sector and improve its electricity interconnections with other jurisdictions;

NOW, THEREFORE, in recognition of the complementary strengths of each Jurisdiction and the shared interest in harnessing the economic, environmental, and energy security benefits of offshore wind, the Parties agree as follows:

SECTION I: AREAS OF COLLABORATION

The Parties have identified several areas of collaboration related to the development of offshore wind resources, which include but are not limited to:

- (a) **Offshore Wind Development and Market Coordination.** Massachusetts and Nova Scotia will collaborate to advance offshore wind development in the North Atlantic by sharing lessons learned on procurement strategies, regulatory frameworks, permitting processes, port and shoreside infrastructure requirements, supply chain optimization, workforce development, stakeholder engagement, and approaches to cost containment and project delivery.
- (b) **Interregional Transmission and Grid Integration.** Massachusetts and Nova Scotia will explore opportunities for coordination on transmission planning and grid integration, including offshore wind transmission concepts, interconnection strategies, and approaches to enhance system reliability and resilience as offshore wind resources are deployed.
- (c) **Possible Delivery Pathways.** Massachusetts and Nova Scotia will examine potential pathways for delivering offshore wind energy from Nova Scotia to the New England grid, including bi-directional transmission options to allow for two-way transfers of offshore wind energy, and may consider jointly or independently issuing a preliminary, non-binding request for information to assess market interest, technical feasibility, cost considerations, and regulatory processes for such delivery.
- (d) **Regional Engagement and Technical Coordination.** Massachusetts and Nova Scotia will seek to engage with other New England states and Eastern Canadian provinces to explore opportunities for mutually beneficial offshore wind development, and will consider outreach to relevant grid and transmission system planners to examine coordinated planning approaches, data sharing, and technical analyses that support the reliable and cost-effective integration of offshore wind across the region.
- (e) **Ports, Vessels, and Supply Chain.** Massachusetts and Nova Scotia will seek opportunities to coordinate on ports, vessels, and supply chain development to strengthen regional offshore wind deployment capabilities and advance job creation and economic benefits in both Jurisdictions.

- (f) **Workforce Development and Talent Pipeline.** Massachusetts and Nova Scotia will seek to coordinate on the development of a skilled regional offshore wind workforce by sharing best practices and market insights, engaging education, labor, and other workforce partners, and exploring opportunities to strengthen offshore wind career pathways and inclusive workforce pipelines.
- (g) **Public Engagement and Education.** Massachusetts and Nova Scotia will seek to collaborate on public engagement and education efforts to communicate the benefits of offshore wind development, sharing best practices for transparent community outreach and stakeholder engagement while addressing local and regional concerns.

SECTION II: COORDINATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

The Parties direct their respective offices or departments responsible for energy (“**Energy Offices**”) to undertake the following:

- (a) Engage in staff-level discussions and form working groups, as appropriate, to advance the aforementioned areas of shared interest, and identify near-term priorities for the sequencing of specific coordination efforts;
- (b) Identify regulatory, legislative, and policy considerations within each Jurisdiction that may affect offshore wind procurement and development, and share insights on potential pathways to advance deployment of offshore wind and associated transmission in a coordinated manner;
- (c) Collaborate with interested industry partners and other stakeholders, including but not limited to developers, consumer advocates, Indigenous and Tribal governments, labor and community organizations, academic and research institutions, port authorities, supply chain companies, and other ocean users, to inform public-sector planning, policies, and approaches to maximize benefits across Jurisdictions and develop clean, reliable, and affordable energy resources; and
- (d) Report regularly on the progress to the heads of the Energy Offices.

SECTION III: EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND CONFIDENTIALITY

Parties recognize and acknowledge that by the nature of their respective operations, they may be involved with not only each other, but also directly or indirectly with third parties, and that, as a result of such involvement, confidential information may be generated or obtained from such third parties. Nothing in this MOU will be construed as requiring the Parties to disclose to one another any confidential information generated or obtained. Parties will each have the right to place any reasonable restrictions and limitations upon the communications and cooperation contemplated by this MOU.

The Parties acknowledge this MOU, its terms, and information exchanged among the Parties based on it, may be subject to protection, use, and disclosure in accordance with access and privacy provisions of applicable freedom of information and protection of privacy legislation. The Parties will endeavor to obtain written consent from the other Party prior to collecting, using, or disclosing information exchanged pursuant to this MOU (as required or applicable), unless the information is required to be disclosed by law.

SECTION IV: EFFECT OF THE MOU ON COOPERATION

This MOU is intended to constitute an expression and mutual understanding of the Parties’ willingness to work collaboratively in support of offshore wind development. This MOU is not a legally binding agreement and is only a definite expression and record of the purpose and intention of the Parties, to which each honourably pledge themselves. This MOU does not create any legal, equitable, or financial rights, obligations, or liabilities for the participants.

Nothing in the MOU shall be construed so as to affect the jurisdictional responsibility of each Party.

Parties may amend the MOU either in-whole or in-part upon mutual written consent.

SECTION V: TERM AND TERMINATION

This MOU will commence on the Effective Date and shall, unless subject to early withdrawal by either Party, expire three years from the Execution Date with an option to renew for an additional three years. This MOU shall take effect upon signature by all Parties.

This MOU may be terminated by either party with six (6) months' notice.

SECTION VI: MISCELLANEOUS

- (a) **Intellectual Property.** No licence or other rights of or in the intellectual property of any Party are granted by any Party in connection with this MOU.
- (b) **Assignment.** Neither this MOU nor any of the rights, entitlements, duties or obligations arising from it may be assigned in whole or in part by any Party without the prior written consent of the other Party.
- (c) **Notices.** Any notice given by a Party to the other Party shall be in writing and (i) delivered personally, or (ii) sent by facsimile or other similar means of electronic communication to the other Party at the following respective address:

If to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 1020
Boston, MA 02114
Attention: Secretary Rebecca Tepper
E-mail: Secretary.Tepper@mass.gov

If to the Province of Nova Scotia
Department of Energy
PO Box 2664
Halifax, NS B3J 3P7
Attention: Premier Tim Houston
E-mail: premier@novascotia.ca

Any such notice so given shall be deemed conclusively to have been given and received when so personally delivered or sent by facsimile or other electronic communication. A Party may from time to time change its address hereinbefore set forth by notice to the other Party in accordance with this Section.

- (d) Publicity. This MOU will be made public.
- (e) Certain Rules of Interpretation. In this MOU, (i) words importing the singular include the plural and vice versa (ii) headings are for convenience of reference only and shall not affect the construction or interpretation of this MOU, and (iii) unless otherwise indicated, references to a Section or Schedule followed by a number or letter refer to the specified Section or Schedule of this MOU.
- (f) Entire Agreement/Amendment. This MOU is the entire agreement between the Parties and supersedes all prior communications, understandings, negotiations and agreements, whether oral or written, express or implied, with respect to the subject matter hereof. This MOU may not be modified, varied or amended except as agreed in writing signed by the Parties.
- (g) Governing Law. This MOU is governed by and shall be construed in accordance with the applicable laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Province of Nova Scotia, Canada, and the United States.
- (h) Counterparts and Electronic Delivery. This MOU may be executed in counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original and all of which together will constitute one in the same instrument. Executed signature pages delivered by electronic mail will be deemed for all purposes to be original counterparts of this MOU.

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EXECUTION

This MOU is executed this 4th day of February 2026 ("Effective Date").

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, as represented by the Governor of Massachusetts, the Honorable Maura Healey	PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA, as represented by the Premier of Nova Scotia and Minister of Energy, the Honourable Tim Houston
	