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PRESS RELEASE

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Response to Termination of NHPA Section 106 Consultation for the Cape Wind Energy Project from Bettina Washington, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Responses to March 1, 2010 Decision

AQUINNAH, MA (March 1, 2010) The Tribe was surprised at today's press release announcing the halt of tribal consultation, but expected this type of decision; from the previous stakeholders meetings it was obvious the proponent and the Tribe weren't likely to reach a consensus. We don't have an alternative option, the Nantucket Shoal is one of a kind Traditional Cultural Property; on the other hand the proponent is choosing not to move the project when there are other viable locations for an industrial park wind farm.

The process now moves to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation ("ACHP") for a 45-day review. We expect that the Tribe will be part of the deliberation process until such time that the Secretary makes his decision on the issuance or denial of the federal permit.

The Tribe is looking forward to working with the ACHP on identifying and rectifying the shortcomings of the tribal consultation process for this project under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

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