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The Honorable Michael J. Barrett,
Senate Chair, Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy
State House Room 109D
Boston, MA 02133

The Honorable Jeffrey N. Roy
House Chair, Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy
State House Room 43
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairman Barrett and Chairman Roy:

Brookfield Renewable is writing in support of Section 26 in H.4524, *An Act Advancing Offshore Wind and Clean Energy*, and we respectfully urge its inclusion in the final Conference Committee Report that will reconcile differences between H.4524 and S.2819, *An Act to Drive Climate Policy Forward*.

Brookfield Renewable's U.S. business, based in New York City, is a leading owner, operator and developer of renewable power, delivering innovative renewable power solutions that accelerate the world towards a sustainable, low-carbon future. Our diversified portfolio of hydropower, wind, solar and storage facilities spans across 34 states, totaling approximately 8,080 megawatts (MW) of generating capacity.¹ In Massachusetts, our facilities include a 633 MW pumped hydropower storage facility (Bear Swamp), a 10 MW hydroelectric facility (Fife Brook) and over 150 MW of distributed solar generation.

Although both the House and Senate energy bills in focus include reference to new and existing long-duration energy storage, we are especially encouraged by and supportive of Section 26 of H.4524, given its clear directives that may result in competitive solicitation of up to 4,800 gigawatt hours of new and existing long-duration energy storage, including existing pumped

¹ Includes approximately 200 megawatts of assets owned through X-Elio.

hydropower, to support the reliable integration of intermittent renewable energy and the achievement of greenhouse gas reduction requirements.

Massachusetts' pumped hydropower fleet provides operating characteristics unique to non-emitting resources, including fast-ramping and load-following capabilities. The resources available to provide these grid services without emitting greenhouse gases are scarce and yet increasingly necessary as Massachusetts and neighboring states pursue substantial volumes of new solar and onshore and offshore wind resources as part of policies that aim to reduce reliance on emitting resources. Long-term contracting of the region's pumped hydropower fleet, as well as new energy storage, would secure necessary reliability characteristics from non-emitting resources, and reduce the risk of future reliability-related price volatility that could accompany the retirements of fossil-fuel generators and the expanded reliance on intermittent renewable energy. Furthermore, as global energy markets continue to face rising costs driven by fossil-fuels, establishing policies that secure stable pricing from and continued availability of non-emitting reliability resources like existing pumped hydropower has never been more relevant or more critical.

Thank you for your consideration of our recommendations and for your leadership in renewable energy and climate policy. Please contact me directly with any questions.

Sincerely,



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