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**NYOWA Statement on Start of Offshore Construction on South Fork Wind Project**

*First “steel in the water” this week*

ALBANY, June 22, 2023 - Today, the New York Offshore Wind Alliance (NYOWA) issued the following statement in response to the announcement by Governor Hochul, and the project developers of the South Fork Wind Farm Project, Orsted and Eversource, that installation of major components of the wind farm had commenced. The South Fork Wind Project will be the first of many planned offshore wind projects serving New York State, and one of the first utility-scale projects in the U.S.

“The installation of the first offshore wind components to serve New York State is the culmination of years of effort from civic leaders, state and federal officials, laborers, and private industry”, said Fred Zalcman, Director of the New York Offshore Wind Alliance. “The South Fork Wind Farm stands as a proof of concept to the significant environmental, economic and social benefits of this resource, and future generations will look back on this monumental event and thank those responsible for the South Fork Wind Farm for their perseverance, creativity, and vision in bringing this seminal project to fruition.”

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