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General Comment

To the BOEMRE,

I am writing in order to express my strong feelings regarding the proposal to revise regulations in regard to non-competitive acquisition of an Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) renewable energy lease.

I'm sure most thoughtful citizens are, at least to some extent, in favor of renewable energy, and I certainly am one of them. However, energy projects must be subject to thorough and consensus-based review--review of economy, environment, and coastal factors. The Cape Wind project is, in fact, being rushed through review--and the developers of this project are driving the review process.

Very respectfully, but very strenuously, I urge you to reject the proposed rule.

The result of not rejecting it would clearly serve to seriously reduce competition--and this would, in turn, mean that the developers would be able to grab areas in the OCS without having their proposals compete. Most seriously, the role of the public in reviewing these issues would be minimized.

As guardians of our coastal issues and of the relationship between coastal issues and the economy, I ask you to please reject this rule, and let the democratic process take its due course.

Thank you for your fine work on behalf of our coastal regions.

Sincerely,

Christopher Ely
