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Renewable Energy Alternate Uses of Existing Facilities on Outer Continental Shelf: Acquire Lease Noncompetitively

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General Comment

Dear BOEMRE,

Please revise regulations regarding non-competitive acquisition of an Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) renewable energy lease. Although I am supportive of consensus-based renewable energy development, it seems the rush to construct renewable energy projects at all costs is being put above a reasonable and thoughtful review of the impacts of those projects on the environment, economy and coastal stakeholders. This is definitely the case of the proponent-driven review of the Cape Wind project which the Governor of Massachusetts and the current Minerals and Management Administration are trying to railroad through the regulatory path regardless of the impacts.

Please reject the proposed rule. This rule decreases competition and creates a process in which developers would be able to grab sections of the OCS without completed proposals. In addition, the public review process to ensure the public's input would be significantly reduced.

Please reject this rule.

Sincerely,

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