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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,

I am writing to comment on the proposal to revise regulations regarding non-competitive acquisition of an Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) renewable energy lease. Although 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 clearly seen in the case of the proponent-driven review of the Cape Wind project.

I am particularly interested in the environment, as we are located in the major migratory flyway on the east coast (12 million birds detected by radar in one night over Cape Cod) and also home to many whales, sea turtles, and many more animals that use these waters. It's essential that every project be examined closely regarding impacts on animals.

I urge you to reject the proposed rule. This rule would decrease competition and create a process where developers would be able to grab areas in the OCS without having their proposals compete. In addition, the public review process to ensure the public's input would be greatly marginalized.

Please reject this rule.

Sincerely,

Martha Powers
