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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 accept my comments on the proposal to revise regulations regarding non-competitive acquisition of an Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) renewable energy lease. I am supportive of consensus-based renewable energy development. However, it clearly seems the rush to construct renewable energy projects "whatever the cost" is being put above a reasonable and thoughtful review of the impacts of those projects on the environment, economy, and coastal stakeholders. No where is this more clearly demonstrated than in the case of the proponent-driven review of the Cape Wind project. It is shocking the political pressure which is being brought to bear to achieve approvals for this project.

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. It is also extraordinary and disingenuous that the USG should on the one hand lobby so strongly with the Bretton Woods Institutions that all contracts should be on a fully bid basis with complete and thorough analysis, and then even consider such a rule change as this!

Please reject this rule. Thank you.

Sincerely,
