



August 1, 2016

Mr. James Bennett
Program Manager
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM)
Office of Renewable Energy Programs
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Dear Mr. Bennett,

On September 8, 2011, the New York Power Authority (“NYPA”), on behalf of the Long Island-New York City Offshore Wind Collaborative, (the “Collaborative,” as defined below)^{[1][i]}, submitted an unsolicited lease request to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (“BOEM”) for an area in the New York Atlantic off Long Island to site a future utility-scale offshore wind project. This lease request was amended in June 2012 to accommodate one-quarter nautical mile spacing between shipping lanes and any proposed wind turbines.

On June 2, 2016, BOEM announced the proposed lease sale for 81,130 acres in the New York Atlantic for commercial wind energy leasing, in an area largely similar to that requested by the Collaborative in its initial lease request. Recently, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (“NYSERDA”) announced its intention to participate in the upcoming BOEM lease auction process in furtherance of its development of New York State’s Offshore Wind Master Plan.

Therefore, NYPA, on behalf of the Collaborative, withdraws its lease request. Neither NYPA nor other members of the Collaborative will be participating in the upcoming BOEM auction for the proposed lease site. NYPA specifically requests not to be included on the Eligible Bidders' List expected to be published in the Final Sale Notice.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gil Quiniones

^[1] The Collaborative is comprised of the three largest electric providers in the Long Island – New York City region: (1) the Long Island Power Authority; (2) Consolidated Edison Company of New York Inc. and (3) the New York Power Authority.



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