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Mr. William Lee Davis
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Dear Mr. Davis:

This letter is in response to your letter dated October 10, 2012, requesting a departure from 30 CFR 585.533(b)(2), which requires the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) to hold the surety bond for lease OCS-A 0475 until, at minimum, seven years after the lease's termination. Lease OCS-A 0475 was relinquished by Bluewater Wind New Jersey Energy LLC effective October 12, 2012, (see correspondence enclosed from BOEM dated October 19, 2012, accepting this relinquishment).

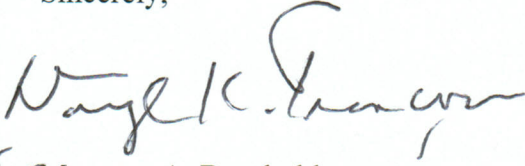
In your letter dated October 10, 2012, you requested BOEM waive the regulatory requirement provided in 30 CFR 585.533(b)(2) and release surety bond No. RLB0012718 in the amount of \$300,000, covering lease OCS-A 0475. You state that Bluewater "did not conduct any activities under the Lease and therefore there should be no outstanding obligations to BOEM itself under the Lease. Conversely, BOEM will not have any outstanding liabilities under the Lease because (a) we did not build anything in the leased area and (b) there is no current (or to the knowledge of NRG Bluewater, threatened) litigation with respect to the Lease."

Based on this reasoning, BOEM has decided that approving a departure in this case would be consistent with subsection 8(p) of the OCS Lands Act, would protect the environment and public health and safety to the same degree as if there was no approved departure from the regulations, and would not impair the rights of third parties, in accordance with 30 CFR 585.103(b)(1-3). Finally, this letter documents the departure approval and its rationale in writing, in accordance with 30 CFR 585.103(b)(4).

BOEM will consider the release of surety bond No. RLB0012718 upon receipt of a request from the surety company for the termination of the period of liability and cancellation of the bond. Your surety company must also notify you of that request.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Will Waske at 703-787-1287.

Sincerely,


Acting for Maureen A. Bornholdt
Program Manager
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Enclosure

cc: Laurie Jodziewicz, Director of Development, East Region



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Dear Mr. Davis:

On October 12, 2012, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) received your application for the full relinquishment of interim policy lease OCS-A 0475 and a request for a departure from regulation 30 CFR § 585.533(b)(2). This letter addresses your relinquishment application. You will receive a separate notification regarding the departure request.

We have completed our review of the relinquishment application and found it to be in compliance with our regulations and guidelines. Therefore, the relinquishment is accepted effective October 12, 2012, the date it was received by BOEM, subject to the continued obligation of the lessee and surety to make payment of all accrued rentals. The relinquished lease area is described as:

Wilmington NJ 18-02, Block 6936

If you have questions about renewable energy lease or grant relinquishments, you may contact Ms. Gina Goodwin at 703-787-1341. Questions regarding the departure request may be directed to me at (703) 787-1300.

Sincerely,

Maureen A. Bornholdt
Program Manager
Office of Renewable Energy Programs