



Massachusetts Proposed Sale Notice

Massachusetts Auction Seminar

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Background: Events Post-First Lease Sale



August 8, 2016: Massachusetts passes the **Act to Promote Energy Diversity** calling for 1,600 MW of offshore wind energy



December 16, 2016 & January 4, 2017: BOEM received two unsolicited applications for both unsold lease areas; competitive interest determined

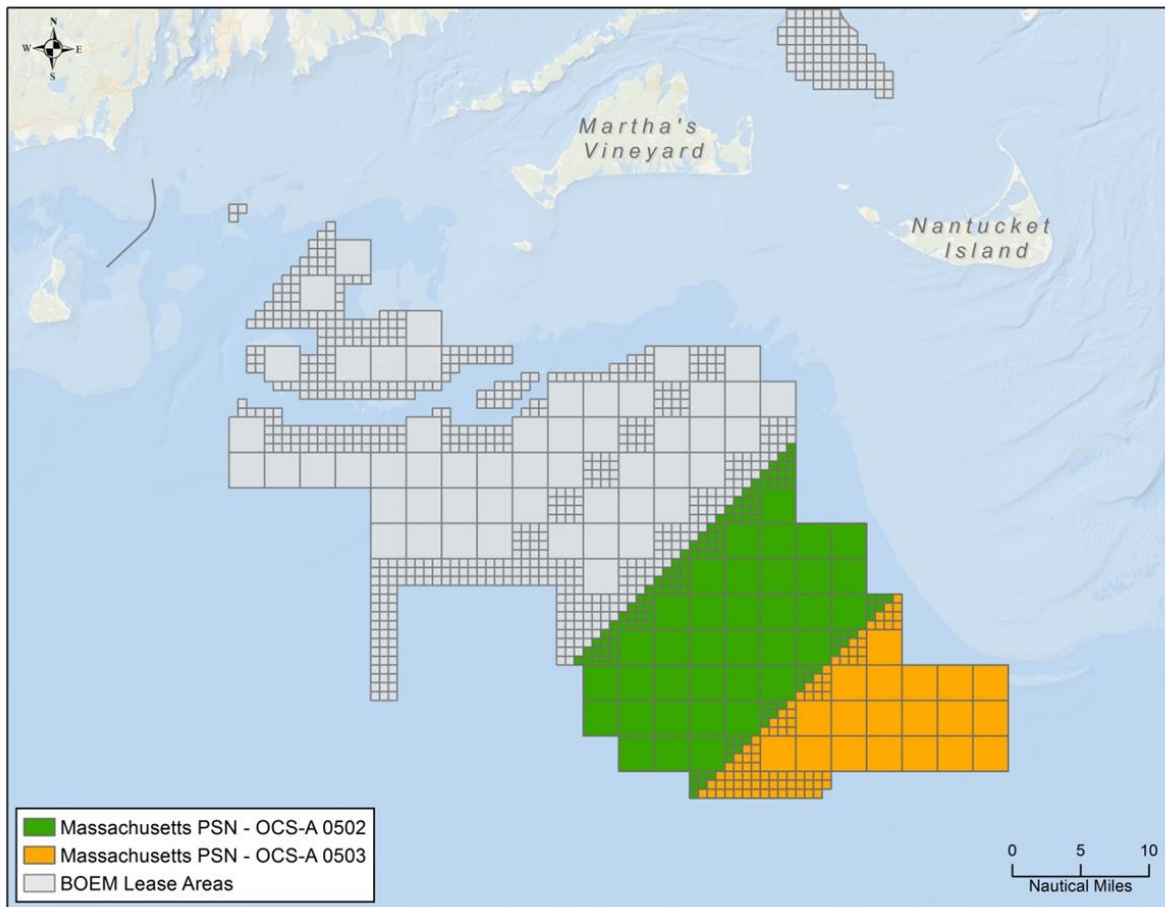


April 11, 2018: BOEM published Proposed Sale Notice (PSN) in the *Federal Register* (docket BOEM-2018-0016)

PSN Contents

- Lease Areas
- Interested Entities
- Auction Format
- Stakeholder Input Requested

Proposed Lease Areas



PSN Content: Interested Entities

- Entities wishing to participate in the proposed Massachusetts Lease Sale must respond by **June 11, 2018**
- Entities **previously qualified** for the Massachusetts ATLW-4 sale must:
 - Affirm their interest in acquiring Lease Areas OCS-A 0502 and/or 0503
 - Notify BOEM of any adverse material changes to financial and/or technical qualifications, including bankruptcies
 - Provide any updates to legal qualifications card

PSN Content: Interested Entities (cont'd)

- Entities that **already filed qualification materials** with BOEM for the two unsold LAs since the first Massachusetts lease sale on January 29, 2015 (ATLW-4) are exempt from filing in response to the PSN
- All entities not yet qualified but wishing to participate must submit qualification materials by **June 11, 2018**

PSN Content: Auction Format

- Online and anonymous
- Multiple-factor bidding
 - Monetary (i.e., cash)
 - Nonmonetary (i.e., credit)
- 5% credit for Community Benefits Agreement
- One lease per company rule
- \$2/acre minimum bid
- Streamlined company qualifications



PSN Content: Issues Highlighted for Stakeholder Input

- Multiple-factor auction format
 - Community Benefits Agreement (5% credit)
 - Other nonmonetary factors to consider
- Cap on nonmonetary credits
- Lease area delineation
 - Maintain two proposed lease areas or divide further
- Addition of adjacent lease buffer requirement



Timeline – Next Steps

- Auction Seminar (webinar): **April 26, 2018**
- PSN Comments and Qualification materials due: **June 11, 2018**
- Publish Final Sale Notice: **October 2018**
- Lease Sale: **December 2018**
- Execute Leases: ~**February 2019**
- Massachusetts second solicitation for long-term contracts for offshore wind energy generation: **June 2019**

How to Submit Comments

- **Comments** must be submitted/postmarked by **June 11, 2018**
 - On www.regulations.gov search using keyword **BOEM-2018-0016**
 - In written form, by hand or mail delivery to:

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
45600 Woodland Road, VAM-OREP
Sterling, Virginia 20166
- **Qualifications materials**, please contact BOEM

Additional Information



www.boem.gov/Massachusetts-Proposed-Commercial-Wind-Leases

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