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WASHINGTON, DC 20240-0001

Ms. Sophie Hartfield Lewis
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Dear Ms. Hartfield Lewis:

I am writing on behalf of the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Office of Renewable Energy Programs, regarding the decommissioning application and departure request submitted by Revolution Wind, LLC (Revolution Wind) on October 21st and December 8th, 2020; respectively. BOEM has determined that the decommissioning request submitted on October 21, 2020, as supplemented by subsequent revisions submitted on December 18, 2020, and March 17, 2021, includes the necessary information to meet the requirements of both a decommissioning application and a decommissioning notice in accordance with 30 C.F.R. §§ 585.906 and 585.908. Through this letter, BOEM approves the decommissioning application provided by Revolution Wind within its decommissioning request.

BOEM also approves Revolution Wind's request for a regulatory departure from the requirement in 30 C.F.R. § 585.902(d) and § 585.908(a) to submit its decommissioning notice at least 60 days in advance of commencing decommissioning activities and only after the decommissioning application is approved. Revolution Wind has requested that its decommissioning notice be deemed submitted along with its decommissioning application as part of its decommissioning request. The purpose behind the 60-day notice is to allow BOEM to assess if the decommissioning activities are to be conducted differently than what was approved in the decommissioning application. Since Revolution Wind intends to commence decommissioning activities as soon as it receives BOEM's approval of the decommissioning application, we find that it would be duplicative and overburdensome to require the filing of a decommissioning notice when none of the information to be submitted with a decommissioning notice would differ from the information already included in the decommissioning application that BOEM has just approved.

BOEM also finds that the requested departure would facilitate appropriate lease activities in accordance with 30 C.F.R. § 585.103(a)(1) by streamlining the decommissioning process and allowing Revolution Wind's decommissioning activities to proceed as soon as practicable, while still conforming to the underlying purpose of the 60-day notice. BOEM also concurs with Revolution Wind's assertion that this departure complies with 30 C.F.R. § 585.103(b) in that it is consistent with Subsection 8(p) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act; protects the environment and the public health and safety to the same degree as if there were no approved

departures; and does not impair the rights of third parties. Revolution Wind may thus commence decommissioning activities pursuant to its decommissioning application as of the date of this letter. In the event Revolution Wind has not commenced the decommissioning activities authorized by BOEM within 60 days of receipt of this notification, or if any changes are intended to the decommissioning activities authorized, Revolution Wind must submit a decommissioning notice pursuant to 30 C.F.R. § 585.908.

As a reminder, in accordance with 30 C.F.R. § 585.912, within 60 days of removal of the AXYS Floating Light Detection and Ranging 6M buoy (FLiDAR 6M [Met Buoy]), you must submit to BOEM a written report that includes a summary of the removal activities, including the date(s) they were completed, and a description of any mitigation measures you took. Pursuant to 30 C.F.R. § 585.910(b), you must verify to BOEM that you have cleared the site within 60 days after you remove the Met Buoy. Additional conditions of approval are enclosed with this letter.

Please contact Ms. Jessica Stromberg at Jessica.Stromberg@boem.gov or (703) 787-1730 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

for James F. Bennett
Program Manager
Office of Renewable Energy Programs

Enclosure