



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20240-0001

Mr. Riccardo Toto
President
US Wind Inc.
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Dear Mr. Toto:

This letter informs you that the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has approved the Construction and Operations Plan (COP) that US Wind Inc. (US Wind) initially submitted on August 11, 2020, and last updated on July 1, 2024, for the Maryland Wind Project (Project) on commercial lease OCS-A 0490 offshore Maryland. BOEM's approval is subject to the enclosed conditions of COP approval, pursuant to 30 C.F.R. § 585.628(f)(1).

As provided in Section 1.1 of the enclosed conditions, US Wind must conduct all activities as reflected in its approved COP and in compliance with all applicable requirements (including those in commercial lease OCS-A 0490); applicable statutes and regulations; and all permits, authorizations, and consultations issued by federal and state agencies for the Project (including, e.g., requirements for compensatory mitigation). To maintain compliance with the approved COP, US Wind must submit annual reports certifying compliance with the enclosed conditions of approval, pursuant to 30 C.F.R. § 285.633(a). These reports are due annually starting on January 31, 2026.

In conjunction with this COP approval, and pursuant to both 30 C.F.R. § 585.200(b) and Section 6 of lease OCS-A 0490, BOEM hereby grants the project easement that US Wind requested on June 3, 2024. Please find enclosed updated copies of Addenda A and D, which describe and depict the project easement for commercial lease OCS-A 0490.

The first year's rent payment of \$24,180 for the project easement is due within 45 days of your receipt of this letter. For the next year and for each subsequent year, annual rent for both the lease area and the project easement area is due on each lease anniversary. Accordingly, the next annual rent payment is due on December 1, 2025.

This letter constitutes a final BOEM decision that may be appealed pursuant to 30 C.F.R. § 585.118.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Kirby Rootes-Murdy at 571-587-0402 or Kirby.Rootes-Murdy@boem.gov.

Sincerely,

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Office of Renewable Energy Programs

Enclosures