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Executive Summary

OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp., a direct nonregulated subsidiary of Duke Energy Corporation, was awarded a Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands (Lease) within Lease Area OCS-A 0546 (Lease Area) from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) for the development of an offshore wind energy generation project (Project).¹ This section provides a summary of survey and development activities conducted during the reporting period. It also provides a summary of updates on the progress of communication efforts with interested federal and state agencies and potentially affected federally and non-federally recognized Tribes, fisheries, and other stakeholders. The following actions have occurred to date:

Tribal Engagement Summary:

- OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. coordinated with OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, the neighboring lease holder to contract a joint Tribal Liaison.
- OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. coordinated with OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long to provide a project update to all participating Tribes via an email newsletter in April of 2024. See Section 2 for updates on Native American Tribal engagement.

Fisheries Engagement Summary:

- The OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. Fisheries Liaison Officer (FLO) collaborated with OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay to provide project updates to BOEM's Fisheries Biologist, Brandon Jensen, in January of 2024. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to engage with BOEM's Fisheries Biologist as applicable. See Section 3 for updates on agency, fisheries, and other stakeholder engagement.
- OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. collaborated with OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, OCS-A-0483-Virginia Electric and Power Company and OCS-A-0508-Avangrid Renewables, LLC to provide monthly project updates to the Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC), beginning in January 2024. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to engage with the SEFSC as applicable. See Section 3 for updates on agency, fisheries, and other stakeholder engagement.
- OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. collaborated with OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay and OCS-A-0508- Avangrid Renewables, LLC to provide project updates to the South Atlantic Fisheries Management Council (SAFMC) meeting in December 2023. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to engage with the SAFMC as applicable. See Section 3 for updates on agency, fisheries, and other stakeholder engagement.
- OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. collaborated with OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay and OCS-A-0508- Avangrid Renewables, LLC to provide project updates to the SAFMC) via a virtual seminar presentation in January 2024. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp.

¹ Lease area OCS-A 0546 Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, was assigned to Cinergy Corp. on July 12, 2023. Cinergy Corp. is a direct non-regulated subsidiary of Duke Energy Corporation that is not regulated by the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

will continue to engage with the SAFMC as applicable. See Section 3 for updates on agency, fisheries, and other stakeholder engagement.

- The OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. FLO and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay FLO collaborated to provide ongoing project and regional coordination updates on fisheries engagement with the OCS-A-0508-Avangrid Renewables, LLC and OCS-A-0483-Virginia Electric and Power Company FLOs in February of 2024. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to engage and coordinate with regional developers as applicable. See Section 3 for updates on agency, fisheries, and other stakeholder engagement.
- The OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. FLO collaborated with OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay to provide project updates to the North Carolina For-Hire Captains Association in March 2024. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to engage with the North Carolina For-Hire Captains Association as applicable. See Section 3 for updates on agency, fisheries, and other stakeholder engagement.
- OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. collaborated with OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay to provide project updates to the American Sport Fishing Association in March of 2024. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to engage with the American Sport Fishing Association as applicable. See Section 3 for updates on agency, fisheries, and other stakeholder engagement.
- OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. collaborated with OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay and OCS-A-0508-Avangrid Renewables, LLC to provide project updates to the SAFMC Habitat Advisory Panel (AP) in April 2024. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to engage with the SAFMC Habitat AP as applicable. See Section 3 for updates on agency, fisheries, and other stakeholder engagement.

Agency Engagement Summary:

- OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay collaborated to provide project updates to the BOEM Marine Minerals Program in January and March of 2024. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to collaborate and provide project updates to the BOEM Marine Minerals Program as appropriate. See Section 3 for updates on agency, fisheries, and other stakeholder engagement.
- OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay collaborated to attend the United States Coast Guard (USCG) District Five Offshore Wind Conference in January of 2024. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to collaborate and provide project updates the USCG as appropriate. See Section 3 for updates on agency, fisheries, and other stakeholder engagement.
- A 2023 Marine Trash and Debris Training Compliance Report was submitted to BOEM by OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay on behalf of both OCS-A 0545 and OCS-A 0546 lessees in January 2024. See Section 4 for updates on survey plan activities.

- OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay collaborated to provide project and Site Assessment Plan (SAP) updates to North Carolina state agencies via a virtual meeting in January of 2024. On February 9, 2024, the lessees submitted follow up responses via email to questions submitted by the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries (NCDMF) during the virtual meeting. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to collaborate and provide project updates to North Carolina state agencies as appropriate. See Section 3 for updates on agency, fisheries, and other stakeholder engagement.
- The 2023 Avian Report was submitted to BOEM by OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay on behalf of both OCS-A 0545 and OCS-A 0546 lessees in February of 2024. See Section 4 for updates on survey plan activities.
- The Marine Trash and Debris Training Compliance 2023 report was submitted to BOEM by OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies and OCS-A-0546-Carolina Long Bay lessees in January of 2024. See Section 4 for updates on survey plan activities.
- OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. collaborated with OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay to attend the Coast Guard Sector North Carolina Ports and Waterways Safety Assessment (PAWSA) Workshop in February 2024. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to collaborate and provide project updates to the USCG as applicable. See Section 3 for updates on agency, fisheries, and other stakeholder engagement.
- OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. engaged the USCG Sector North Carolina in March 2024. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to collaborate and provide project updates to the USCG as applicable. See Section 3 for updates on agency, fisheries, and other stakeholder engagement.
- OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay collaborated to develop a Joint Carolina Long Bay Q1 2024 Interagency Quarterly Update Letter in March of 2024, which was sent to federal and state agencies. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to collaborate and provide project updates to the federal and state agencies as appropriate. See Section 3 for updates on agency, fisheries, and other stakeholder engagement.
- OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay coordinated to attend the Southeast US Marine Spatial Planning Data Development Workshop in April of 2024 to receive and share information with agencies and other groups related to the development of marine spatial planning datasets.
- OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. collaborated with OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay to provide project updates to the National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NCCOS) regarding the Carolina Long Bay Habitat Mapping Study in May 2024. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to engage with the NCCOS as applicable. See Section 3 for updates on agency, fisheries, and other stakeholder engagement.
- OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay collaborated to develop a Joint Carolina Long Bay email update to federal and state

agencies in May of 2024 regarding the Renewable Energy Modernization Rule ("Modernization Rule") and to notify agencies of the fulfillment of the North Carolina conditional concurrence. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to collaborate and provide project updates to the federal and state agencies as appropriate. See Section 3 for updates on agency, fisheries, and other stakeholder engagement.

- OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay submitted a joint SAP to BOEM on November 15, 2023. BOEM coordinated reviews of the joint SAP by the USCG, NOAA Fisheries Habitat Conservation Division, and Department of Defense (DoD). BOEM announced the Modernization Rule which removed the requirement for a SAP to install certain meteorological buoys. The Modernization Rule was published in the Federal Register on May 15, 2024 and the final rule is effective on July 15, 2024. Duke Energy and TotalEnergies consulted with BOEM and, given the anticipated timeline of 2025 or later for deployment of buoys within the Carolina Long Bay leases, all agreed that the SAP review would not move forward due to this change in policy.

Summary of Other Engagements:

- OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. collaborated with OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay to provide project updates to the University of South Carolina (USC) in December of 2023. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to engage USC as applicable. See Section 3 for updates on agency, fisheries, and other stakeholder engagement.
- OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. collaborated with OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay to attend the Kitty Hawk Wind Fisheries Management Plan Workshop hosted by OCS-A-0508-Avangrid Renewables, LLC at the Duke University Marine Lab, held in Beaufort, North Carolina, in December of 2023. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to engage OCS-A-0508-Avangrid and the Duke University Marine Lab as applicable. See Section 3 for updates on agency, fisheries, and other stakeholder engagement.
- OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. attended the New Hanover County Local Emergency Planning Committee meetings in January and March of 2024. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to engage the New Hanover County Local Emergency Planning Committee as applicable. See Section 3 for updates on agency, fisheries, and other stakeholder engagement.
- OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay collaborated to open lines of communication between the University of North Carolina Wilmington Center for Marine Science (UNCW CMS) and the owner of Frying Pan Tower in February of 2024. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to collaborate and provide project updates to UNCW CMS and the owner of Frying Pan Tower as appropriate. See Section 3 for updates on agency, fisheries, and other stakeholder engagement.

- OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. continues to serve on the external advisory board of the Wildlife and Offshore Wind (WOW) project, a systems approach to research and risk assessment for offshore wind development being led by Duke University. See Section 3 for updates on agency, fisheries, and other stakeholder engagement.
- OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. collaborated with OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay to attend the Brunswick County Shoreline Protection Consortium meeting in January 2024 to open lines of communication. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to engage with the Brunswick County Shoreline Protection Consortium as applicable. See Section 3 for updates on agency, fisheries, and other stakeholder engagement.
- OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay coordinated to hold a meeting with the Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC), and the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) in January 2024 to provide project updates. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to engage with SELC and NRDC, as applicable. See Section 3 for updates on agency, fisheries, and other stakeholder engagement.

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LIST OF ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ACP	Agency Communication Plan
AP	Advisory Panel
Atwell	Atwell, LLC
BMPs	best management practices
BOEM	Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
COP	Construction and Operations Plan
DoD	Department of Defense
eNGO	environmental non-governmental organization
FCP	Fisheries Communication Plan
FLO	Fisheries Liaison Officer
IPF	International Partnering Forum
Lease	Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands
Lease Area	Lease Area OCS-A 0546
NATCP	Native American Tribes Communication Plan
NCCOS	National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science
NCDCM	North Carolina Division of Coastal Management
NCDEQ	North Carolina Division of Environmental Quality
NCDMF	North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries
NC DNCR	North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
NCWRC	North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
NGO	non-governmental organization
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NRDC	Natural Resources Defense Council
OCS	outer continental shelf
PAWSA	Ports and Waterways Safety Assessment
PDC	Project Design Criteria
Project	Duke Energy's offshore wind energy generation project
PSO	Protected Species Observer

Q1	First Quarter
SAFMC	South Atlantic Fisheries Management Council
SAP	Site Assessment Plan
SC DNR	South Carolina Department of Natural Resources
SEARCH	SEARCH, Inc.
SECOORA	Southeast Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association
SEFSC	Southeast Fisheries Science Center
SELC	Southern Environmental Law Center
SEWC	Southeastern Wind Coalition
UNC-C	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
UNCW CMS	University of North Carolina Wilmington Center for Marine Science
USC	University of South Carolina
USACE	United States Army Corps of Engineers
USCG	United States Coast Guard
US EPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
USFWS	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
WOW	Wildlife and Offshore Wind

1. PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND

1.1. Purpose

This Progress Report covers the period from December 1, 2023, to June 1, 2024, (the reporting period). The purpose of this Progress Report is to document the overall project progress and engagement activities undertaken with potentially affected Native American Tribes, communities, ocean user groups, and other stakeholders since the last reporting period.

In accordance with the OCS-A 0546 lease stipulations, OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will submit a progress report to BOEM every six months, unless directed otherwise, through approval of the Construction and Operations Plan (COP).

This Progress Report complies with the following stipulations:

- Identify Native American Tribes with cultural and/or historical ties to the Lease Area and stakeholders potentially affected by the project activities.
- Document, and update for subsequent reports, engagement with Native American Tribes and stakeholders that may be potentially affected by the project activities since the previous reporting period.
- Document potential adverse effects from the Lessee's project activities to the interests of Native American Tribes and stakeholders who may be potentially affected by the project activities.
- Document how, if at all, the design or implementation of the Project has been informed by or altered to address these potential effects (including by investing in or directing benefits to Native American Tribes and stakeholders that may be potentially affected by the project activities).
- Provide a description of any anticipated or scheduled engagement activities for the next reporting period.
- Provide feedback from engagement with Native American Tribes and stakeholders who may be potentially affected by the project activities regarding transmission planning, prior to proposing any export cable route.
- Provide information that can be made available to the public and posted on the BOEM website.

1.2. Lessee Information

OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. is a commercial business unit that is a wholly owned subsidiary of Duke Energy Corporation.² Duke Energy (NYSE: DUK), a Fortune 150 company headquartered in Charlotte, North Carolina, is one of America's largest energy holding companies. Its electric utilities serve 8.4 million customers in North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky, and collectively own ~54,800 megawatts of energy capacity. Its natural gas unit serves 1.7 million customers in North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Ohio, and Kentucky. The company employs 27,600 people. Duke Energy's primary business operations include generation, transmission, distribution, and sale of electricity and distribution of natural gas to retail customers. A chronological history of Duke Energy and its predecessor companies is available at <https://www.duke-energy.com/our-company/about-us/our-history>.

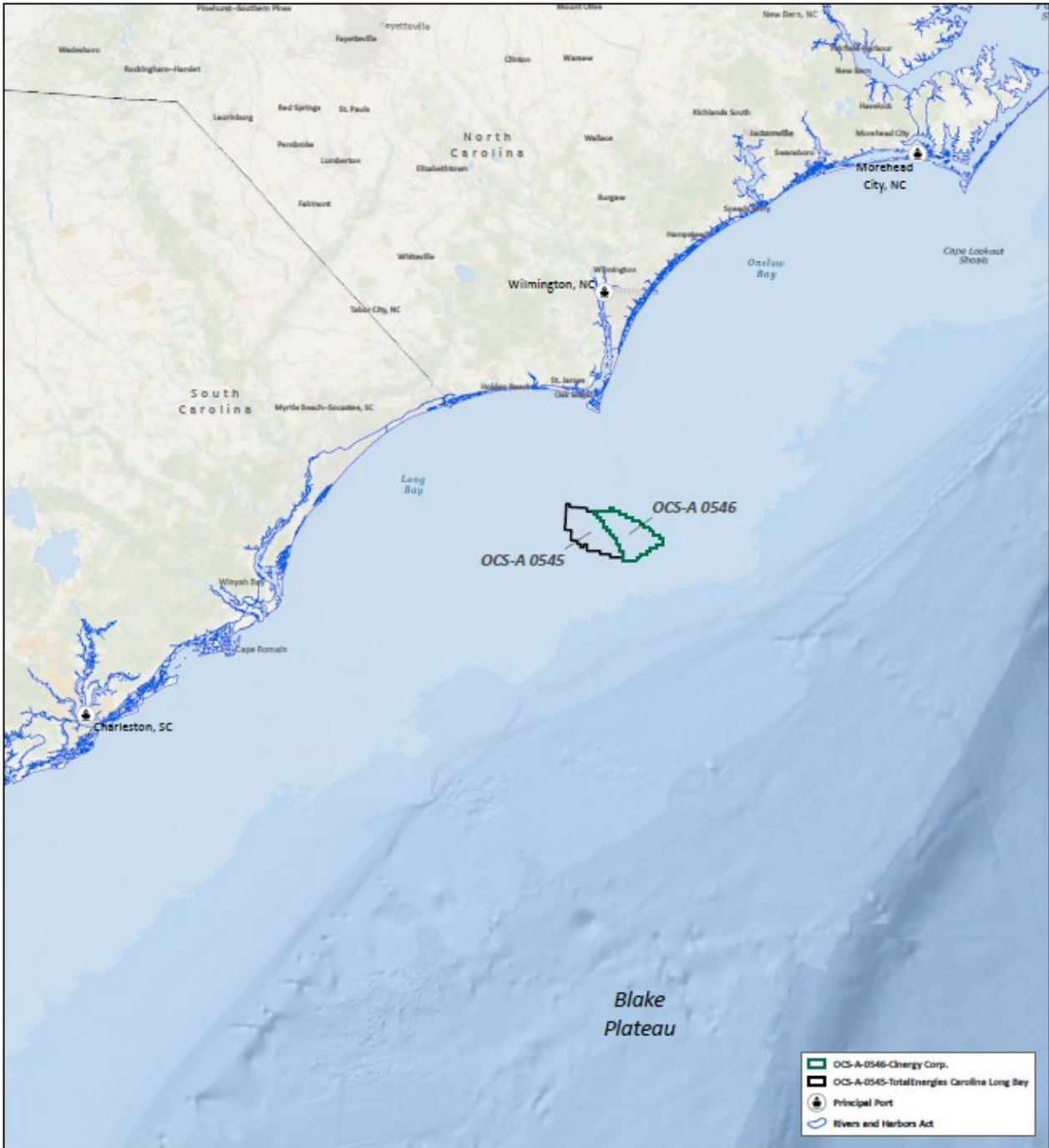
1.3. Lease Description

The Lease Area (OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp.) lies within federally administered waters and is located roughly 22–35 statute miles (~19–30 nautical miles) off the coasts of North Carolina and South Carolina, southeast of Wilmington, North Carolina, on the outer continental shelf (OCS). OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. covers approximately 55,154 acres and lies adjacent to the OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay Lease Area.

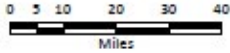
The Lease Area is shown on Figure 1.

² Lease area OCS-A 0546 Duke Energy Renewables Wind, LLC, was assigned to Cinergy Corp. on July 12, 2023. Cinergy Corp. is a direct non-regulated subsidiary of Duke Energy Corporation that is not regulated by the North Carolina Utilities Commission.

Figure 1 Renewable Energy Lease OCS-A 0546 Vicinity Map



Carolina Long Bay Lease Areas
Atlantic Ocean



Prepared November 21, 2023
Basemap Esri "World Ocean" map service

2. TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT

OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. worked closely with BOEM to coordinate on outreach to Native American Tribes during the reporting period. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. has contracted Atwell and SEARCH, Inc. (SEARCH), to support the development and implementation of the NATCP. The NATCP describes the strategies, tools, procedures, and protocols that will be used to engage and communicate with federally and non-federally recognized Native American Tribes/Tribal Nations. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. is committed to sharing project information and soliciting feedback from Tribes/Tribal Nations on how to develop a project that avoids, minimizes, and/or mitigates impacts to environmental, social, economic, and cultural resources important to Native American communities. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay intend to continue to coordinate project development, survey activities, SAP activities, and engagement with potentially affected stakeholders and interested Native American Tribes to the extent appropriate and practicable.

2.1. Overall Tribal Engagement Progress Since Last Report

During this reporting period, OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay collaborated to contract a joint Tribal Liaison through SEARCH to support the development and implementation of the joint NATCP. The joint Tribal Liaison provided a project update to all participating Tribes via email in April of 2024. Native American Tribal engagements and outcomes are detailed in Table 1 and will be updated to incorporate additional feedback from Native American Tribes. This table will also be updated to document any Native American Tribes who indicate that they are not interested in further engagement. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to invite all federally recognized Native American Tribes to participate in NATCP engagement opportunities until the Tribe provides a written notice that it does not seek to participate in the development of the NATCP.

Table 1: Tribal engagement during reporting period

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribe(s)	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes	Follow-up Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
Federally Recognized Tribes			
<p>The OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay joint Tribal Liaison provided a project update to all participating Tribes via email.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians • Catawba Indian Nation • Tuscarora Nation • United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians • Nansemond Indian Nation • Chickahominy Indian Tribe • Monacan Indian Nation • Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe • Rappahannock Tribe • Pamunkey Indian Tribe • Seminole Tribe of Florida 	<p>The OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay Tribal Liaison will continue to engage with federally recognized Native American Tribes/Tribal Nations throughout development of the NATCP as the Project progresses.</p> <p>The OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Native American Tribal Liaison will continue to provide project updates to participating federally recognized Native American Tribes/Tribal Nations.</p>	<p>OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay coordinated to contract a joint Tribal Liaison and provide a joint Project update to participating Tribes.</p>

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribe(s)	Follow-up Actions, Activities, Outcomes	Follow-up Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
Non-federally Recognized Tribes			
<p>The OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay joint Tribal Liaison provided a project update to all participating Tribes via email.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wassamasaw Tribe of Varnertown Indians • Beaver Creek Indians • Eastern Cherokee, Southern Iroquois, and United Tribes of South Carolina • Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina • Edisto Natchez-Kusso Tribe of South Carolina • Lower Eastern Cherokee Nation of South Carolina • Pee Dee Indian Tribe • Coharie Indian Tribe • Haliwa-Saponi Tribe • Chaloklowa Chickasaw Indian People • Meherrin Indian Tribe • Natchez Tribe of South Carolina • Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation • Pee Dee Indian Nation of Beaver Creek • Pee Dee Indian Nation of Upper South Carolina • Piedmont American Indian Association • Sappony • Sumter Tribe of Cheraw Indians • The Santee Indian Organization • Waccamaw Siouan • Waccamaw Indian People 	<p>The OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay Tribal Liaison will continue to engage with federally recognized Native American Tribes/Tribal Nations throughout development of the NATCP as the Project progresses.</p> <p>The OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A 0545-TotalEnergies Native American Tribal Liaison will continue to provide project updates to participating federally recognized Native American Tribes/Tribal Nations.</p>	<p>OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay Tribal Liaison coordinated to contract a joint Tribal Liaison.</p>

2.2. Identification of Potential Project Effects Related to Tribal Interests

OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. received no feedback or input regarding potential project effects related to Tribal interests during this reporting period. As additional feedback or input is received, Table 2 will be updated accordingly.

Table 2: Potential effects and Tribal input on project design or implementation during reporting period

Potential Effect / Input	Affected Tribe	Efforts to Address Potential Effect and/or How the Project Design or Implementation Has Been Informed
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No feedback or input regarding potential project effects related to Tribal interests was received during this reporting period.

2.3. Tribal Feedback on Transmission Planning

Currently OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. has no information to share regarding the status or locations of offshore export cable corridors, onshore transmission routes, or onshore substations. When appropriate, per lease stipulation 3.1.1, engagement activities will be focused on notifying potentially affected Native American Tribes and other parties of transmission planning and siting, developing an understanding of their concerns, and mitigating issues in a manner equivalent to the mitigation coordination for survey activities. Obtaining feedback from Native American Tribes regarding transmission planning will occur as part of regular and coordinated engagement with Native American Tribes participating in NATCP development. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to invite all federally recognized Native American Tribes to participate in NATCP engagement opportunities until the Tribe provides a written notice that it does not seek to participate in the development of the NATCP. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will work with the appropriate Tribes to assess relevant impacts and interest in transmission planning when locations for offshore cable corridors, onshore transmission routes, or substation locations are proposed. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will use feedback from the NATCP to engage individual Tribes during transmission planning in their desired format and frequency and will update the NATCP and future Progress Reports with the details from each engagement.

2.4. Anticipated or Scheduled Tribal Engagement Activities

OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. anticipates that further engagement with Native American Tribes will occur during NATCP outreach, NATCP finalization, and planning of activities currently planned for 2025. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will work with interested Native American Tribes

to achieve alignment on survey approaches, understand concerns, and mitigate issues ahead of scheduled Project activities. Additionally, OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and the Tribal Liaison will continue to engage with Native American Tribes to learn whether they use any portion of the project area for subsistence fishing. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay intend to coordinate holding quarterly project update meetings and/or sending quarterly project update letters/ emails to Native American Tribes to elicit project feedback and recommendations from Tribes/Tribal Nations.

The joint NATCP has been posted to the OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. project website at the following link: <https://www.duke-energy.com/energy-education/how-energy-works/wind-energy>.

As Tribal engagement activities are anticipated or scheduled, they will be recorded in Table 3.

Table 3: Anticipated Tribal engagement activities for the next reporting period

Anticipated Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribe(s)*	Anticipated Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
Federally Recognized Tribes		
Provide continued updates to federally recognized Native American Tribes/Tribal Nations concerning the anticipated metocean buoy deployment and site assessment activities planned for 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians • Catawba Indian Nation • Tuscarora Nation • United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians • Nansemond Indian Nation • Chickahominy Indian Tribe • Monacan Indian Nation • Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe • Rappahannock Tribe • Pamunkey Indian Tribe • Seminole Tribe of Florida 	The OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay Tribal Liaison will coordinate joint engagement on metocean buoy deployment, if applicable during the next reporting period, with all federally recognized Native American Tribes/Tribal Nations who have not declined participation in the NATCP process.

Anticipated Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribe(s)*	Anticipated Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
<p>Virtual quarterly project update meetings and/or quarterly update letters/emails to elicit project feedback and recommendations from federally recognized Native American Tribes/Tribal Nations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians • Catawba Indian Nation • Tuscarora Nation • United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians • Nansemond Indian Nation • Chickahominy Indian Tribe • Monacan Indian Nation • Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe • Rappahannock Tribe • Pamunkey Indian Tribe • Seminole Tribe of Florida 	<p>The OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay Tribal Liaison will coordinate joint engagement activities and project updates with all federally recognized Native American Tribes/Tribal Nations who have not declined participation in the NATCP process.</p>
<p>The OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay Tribal Liaison plans to continue to coordinate engagement with federally recognized Native American Tribes/Tribal Nations to determine whether any Tribes in the project area practice subsistence fishing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians • Catawba Indian Nation • Tuscarora Nation • United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians • Nansemond Indian Nation • Chickahominy Indian Tribe • Monacan Indian Nation • Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe • Rappahannock Tribe • Pamunkey Indian Tribe • Seminole Tribe of Florida 	<p>The OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay Tribal Liaison plans to continue to coordinate jointly to determine whether Tribal subsistence fishers use areas within or near the project area.</p>

Anticipated Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribe(s)*	Anticipated Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
Non-federally Recognized Tribes		
<p>Provide continued updates to non-federally recognized Native American Tribes/Tribal Nations concerning the anticipated metocean buoy deployment and site assessment activities for 2025.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wassamasaw Tribe of Varnertown Indians • Beaver Creek Indians • Eastern Cherokee, Southern Iroquois, and United Tribes of South Carolina • Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina • Edisto Natchez-Kusso Tribe of South Carolina • Lower Eastern Cherokee Nation of South Carolina • Pee Dee Indian Tribe • Coharie Indian Tribe • Haliwa-Saponi Tribe • Chaloklowa Chickasaw Indian People • Meherrin Indian Tribe • Natchez Tribe of South Carolina • Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation • Pee Dee Indian Nation of Beaver Creek • Pee Dee Indian Nation of Upper South Carolina • Piedmont American Indian Association • Sappony • Sumter Tribe of Cheraw Indians • The Santee Indian Organization • Waccamaw Siouan • Waccamaw Indian People 	<p>The OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay Tribal Liaison will coordinate joint engagement on metocean buoy deployment, if applicable, and site assessment activities with all non-federally recognized Native American Tribes/Tribal Nations who have not declined participation in the NATCP process.</p>

Anticipated Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribe(s)*	Anticipated Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
<p>Virtual quarterly project update meetings and/or project update letters/emails to elicit project feedback and recommendations from non-federally recognized Native American Tribes/Tribal Nations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wassamasaw Tribe of Varnertown Indians • Beaver Creek Indians • Eastern Cherokee, Southern Iroquois, and United Tribes of South Carolina • Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina • Edisto Natchez-Kusso Tribe of South Carolina • Lower Eastern Cherokee Nation of South Carolina • Pee Dee Indian Tribe • Coharie Indian Tribe • Haliwa-Saponi Tribe • Chaloklowa Chickasaw Indian People • Meherrin Indian Tribe • Natchez Tribe of South Carolina • Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation • Pee Dee Indian Nation of Beaver Creek • Pee Dee Indian Nation of Upper South Carolina • Piedmont American Indian Association • Sappony • Sumter Tribe of Cheraw Indians • The Santee Indian Organization • Waccamaw Siouan • Waccamaw Indian People 	<p>The OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay Tribal Liaison will coordinate joint engagement activities and project updates with all non-federally recognized Native American Tribes/Tribal Nations who have not declined participation in the NATCP process.</p>

Anticipated Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Tribe(s)*	Anticipated Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
<p>The OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay Tribal Liaison plans to coordinate engagement with non-federally recognized Native American Tribes/Tribal Nations to determine whether any Tribes in the project area practice subsistence fishing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wassamasaw Tribe of Varnertown Indians • Beaver Creek Indians • Eastern Cherokee, Southern Iroquois, and United Tribes of South Carolina • Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina • Edisto Natchez-Kusso Tribe of South Carolina • Lower Eastern Cherokee Nation of South Carolina • Pee Dee Indian Tribe • Coharie Indian Tribe • Haliwa-Saponi Tribe • Chaloklowa Chickasaw Indian People • Meherrin Indian Tribe • Natchez Tribe of South Carolina • Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation • Pee Dee Indian Nation of Beaver Creek • Pee Dee Indian Nation of Upper South Carolina • Piedmont American Indian Association • Sappony • Sumter Tribe of Cheraw Indians • The Santee Indian Organization • Waccamaw Siouan • Waccamaw Indian People 	<p>The OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay Tribal Liaison plans to coordinate jointly to determine whether Tribal subsistence fishers use areas within or near the project area.</p>

*Tribes or Tribal Nations that indicate they do not want to participate in the engagement process between now and the next reporting period may be removed from the above anticipated/scheduled engagement lists.

3. ENGAGEMENT WITH POTENTIALLY AFFECTED PARTIES

OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay intend to coordinate project development, survey activities, SAP activities, and engagement with potentially affected stakeholders to the extent appropriate and practicable. As part of the lease stipulations, OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will make reasonable efforts to consult with the following potentially affected stakeholder groups:

- Coastal communities;
- Commercial and recreational fishing industries;
- Educational and research institutions;
- Environmental and public interest non-governmental organizations (NGOs);
- Federal, state, and local agencies;
- Federally recognized Tribes;
- Mariners and the maritime industry;
- Ocean users;
- Submarine cable operators; and
- Underserved communities, as defined in Section 2 of Executive Order 13985.

See Appendix A for a list of all other potentially affected stakeholders who may have an interest in the Project. Appendix A will be updated as the Project progresses to track potentially affected stakeholders.

3.1. Overall Engagement Progress Since Last Report

During this reporting period, OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay held joint agency meetings and collaborated on preparation and execution of fisheries stakeholder and agency stakeholder engagement strategies as identified in Table 4.

3.1.1. Fisheries Communication Plan

The OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. Fisheries Communication Plan (FCP) is a living document that describes the approach to communication with fishers and fisheries stakeholders. Engagement associated with the FCP, project development, potential issues, and collaborative identification of solutions will be documented in this Progress Report. See Appendix A for a list of potentially affected commercial and recreational fisheries, mariners and maritime industry entities, and other ocean users who may have an interest in, or concerns with, the Project. Appendix A will

be updated as the Project progresses to track potentially interested commercial and recreational fishers, mariners and maritime industry entities, and other ocean users.

OCS-A0546-Cinergy Corp. engaged a FLO, Katherine McGlade, in October 2022, prior to submitting the Draft FCP. The FLO is responsible for making reasonable efforts to consult with commercial and recreational fisheries, mariners and the maritime industry, and other ocean users with interests in, or potential concerns with, project activities. The OCS-A 0546-Cinergy Corp. FLO is working to implement the engagement plan detailed in the FCP. The OCS-A 0546-Cinergy Corp. FLO collaborated with the OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay FLO to provide project updates to the American Sport Fishing Association, the North Carolina For-Hire Captains Association, and to continue regional coordination on fisheries engagement with FLOs from Avangrid's Kitty Hawk Project and Virginia Electric and Power Company's Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind Project. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp., OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, and OCS-A-0508-Avangrid Renewables, LLC collaborated to provide project updates to the SAFMC and Habitat AP. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp., OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, OCS-A-0483-Virginia Electric and Power Company and OCS-A-0508-Avangrid Renewables, LLC collaborated to engage monthly with the Southeast Fisheries Science Center, beginning in January of 2024. Additionally, OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay collaborated to engage with various recreational and commercial fishers during survey activities.

A summary of these engagements and outcomes is provided in Table 4. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. anticipates that further engagement will occur in response to site assessment activities planned for 2025, including identifying stakeholders, notifying stakeholders of upcoming activities, understanding their concerns, and mitigating issues.

The FCP has been posted to the Duke Energy website at the following link: <https://www.duke-energy.com/energy-education/how-energy-works/wind-energy>.

3.1.2. Agency Communication Plan

The OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. Agency Communication Plan (ACP) is a living document meant to describe OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp.'s approach to communication with each agency. Engagement associated with the ACP, project development, required permits and authorizations, potential issues, and collaborative identification of solutions will be documented in this Progress Report.

During this reporting period, OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. held meetings with federal and state agencies to discuss the general approach of the ACP, preferred coordination formats, timing of engagement, and frequency of engagement and to provide updates on the survey activities completed in August 2023 in support of the installation and operation of three metocean buoys. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. collaborated with OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay to develop a Carolina Long Bay First Quarter (Q1) 2024 Joint Project Update Letter providing

project updates and request feedback on the potential metocean buoy biological sensors in lieu of hosting a Q1 interagency meeting. Additionally, OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. collaborated with OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay to provide updates and request feedback regarding the SAP and project activities from North Carolina state agencies, BOEM and their Marine Minerals Program, and NOAA's NCCOS. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. attended the USCG District Five Offshore Wind Conference.

A summary of these engagements and any agency recommendations are provided in Table 4, which will be updated as appropriate as the Project progresses to track follow-up actions, activities, and outcomes. See Appendix A for a list of all federal and state agencies that may have an interest in the Project, which will be updated as the Project progresses to track potentially interested agencies.

The ACP has been posted to the Duke Energy website at the following link: <https://www.duke-energy.com/energy-education/how-energy-works/wind-energy>.

3.1.3. Engagement With Other Stakeholders

OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. collaborated with OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay to open lines of communication and provide project updates to the UNCW CMS, Frying Pan Tower, and Duke University Marine Lab. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. continues to serve on the external advisory board of the WOW project led by Duke University, engage in national- and state-level policy on offshore wind by participating on various councils and subcommittees, and participate in information sharing meetings on offshore wind permitting activities in the mid-Atlantic

A summary of these engagements and any agency recommendations received are provided in Table 4.

Table 4: Engagement with parties during reporting period

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow-up Action/Activities/Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement
Fisheries Communication Plan Engagement			
Collaboration and information flow with the North Carolina For-Hire Captains Association	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp., OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, and the Executive Director and Social Media Manager for the North Carolina For-Hire Captains Association	The North Carolina For-Hire Captains Association has requested continued project development updates as appropriate. Maps of the lease areas were provided with plans for future discussions after further review.	The OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay FLOs collaborated to provide project information to the Executive Director and Social Media Manager of the North Carolina For-Hire Captains Association.
Monthly collaboration and information flow with the Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC)	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp., OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, OCS-A-0483-Virginia Electric and Power Company, OCS-A-0508-Avangrid Renewables, LLC, and the SEFSC.	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to engage with the SEFSC to share project information and updates as applicable.	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp., OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, OCS-A-0483-Virginia Electric and Power Company, and OCS-A-0508-Avangrid Renewables, LLC collaborated to engage the SEFSC.
Kitty Hawk Wind Fisheries Management Plan Workshop	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp., OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, OCS-A-0508-Avangrid Renewables, LLC, and Duke University Marine Lab	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to meet with other regional FLOs and the Duke University Marine Lab to share information and coordinate engagement with other fisheries groups.	OCS-A-0508-Avangrid Renewables, LLC coordinated and hosted the workshop and OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay FLOS attended.
Southeast US Marine Spatial Planning Data Development Workshop	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp., OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, BOEM, and NCCOS	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to attend regional workshops to receive and share information with agencies and other groups as appropriate.	NCCOS and BOEM coordinated the workshop and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay participated and shared information with OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp.

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow-up Action/Activities/Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement
Collaboration and information flow with BOEM fisheries biologist, Brandon Jensen	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp., OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, and Brandon Jensen	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies will continue to collaborate with BOEM and provide project development updates as appropriate.	The OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay FLOs collaborated to engage with the BOEM fisheries biologist.
Regional coordination on fisheries engagement	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp., OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, OCS-A-0508-Avangrid Renewables, LLC and OCS-A-0483-Virginia Electric and Power Company	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to meet with other regional FLOs to share information and coordinate engagement with other fisheries groups.	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay coordinated joint engagements with the regional FLOs.
Collaboration and information flow with the SAFMC Habitat AP	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp., OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, OCS-A-0508-Avangrid Renewables, LLC, and SAFMC Habitat AP	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to provide project development updates as appropriate.	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. on behalf of Carolina Long Bay, and OCS-A-0508-Avangrid Renewables, LLC coordinated to provide the presentation.
Collaboration and information flow with the SAFMC	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp, OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, OCS-A-0508-Avangrid Renewables, LLC., Dr. Doug Nowacek, and SAFMC	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to provide project development updates to the SAFMC, as appropriate.	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp, OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, and OCS-A-0508-Avangrid Renewables coordinated on the presentation to the SAFMC.
Virtual Seminar Series to provide project updates to the SAFMC	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp., OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, OCS-A-0508-Avangrid Renewables, LLC, Duke University Marine Lab, and SAFMC virtual seminar attendees	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to provide project development updates as appropriate.	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp., OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, Duke University Marine Lab, and OCS-A-0508-Avangrid Renewables, LLC coordinated on the presentation..

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Collaboration and information flow with the American Sport Fishing Association	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp., OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay and Mid-Atlantic Director of American Sportfishing Association	American Sportfishing Association requested updates on OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp and OCS-A-0545--TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay and suggested future workshops to engage South Atlantic Sportfishing community.	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay coordinated on joint engagement with the American Sport Fishing Association.
Collaboration and information flow with recreational and commercial fishers and seafood distributors during survey activities	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. FLO and four individual fisheries stakeholders representing boat-for-hire, commercial fishers, and seafood distributors	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to meet with regional commercial and recreational fishers and seafood distributors to provide project updates as appropriate.	These engagements were conducted by the OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. FLO on behalf of both Carolina Long Bay lessees. OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay will continue to coordinate updates to individual fishers in the region as appropriate.

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow-up Action/Activities/Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement
Agency Communication Plan Engagement			
Carolina Long Bay Q1 2024 Quarterly Update Letter (March 25, 2024).	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp., OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, BOEM, USCG, United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), USFWS, NOAA, North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (NC DNCR), North Carolina Department of Environmental and Natural Resources, North Carolina Department of Commerce, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC), South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SC DNR), and Atwell	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to provide project updates as applicable.	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay collaborated to develop a Q1 project update letter.
BOEM Marine Minerals Program Discussion, Mapping Resource, January 2024.	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp., OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, BOEM, and Atwell	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay will continue to update the BOEM Marine Minerals Program on Lease Area and transmission planning activities.	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies coordinated engagement to provide project updates to the BOEM Marine Minerals Program.

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BOEM Marine Minerals Program Discussion and FLO Introduction, March 2024	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp., OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, and BOEM Marine Minerals Program	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay will continue to update the BOEM Marine Minerals Program on Lease Area and transmission planning activities so that the BOEM Marine Minerals Program can ensure that members from regional field offices are available as needed for consultations.	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies coordinated engagement to provide project updates to the BOEM Marine Minerals Program.
Carolina Long Bay Transmission Spatial Analysis Update	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp., OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, BOEM, NCCOS, and Atwell	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay will continue to provide lessee input on ongoing transmission spatial analyses as applicable.	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay collaborated to provide project updates to NCCOS.
State Agency SAP Discussion	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp., OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, BOEM, North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries (NCDMF), NCWRC, and North Carolina Division of Coastal Management (NCDCM)	On February 9, 2024, the lessees submitted follow up responses via email to questions submitted by the NCDMF during the virtual meeting.	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay prepared project updates that summarized the survey activities to support buoy deployment and coordinated to respond to questions from state agencies submitted during the meeting.

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USCG District Five Offshore Wind Conference	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp., OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, USCG District Five, and other conference attendees	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay will continue to provide project updates to the USCG and engage with the USCG on review and permitting activities, as applicable.	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies coordinated engagement to provide project updates to the USCG.
USCG PAWSA Workshop	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp., OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, Coast Guard Sector North Carolina, and workshop attendees	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to provide project updates to the USCG as applicable.	This engagement was not held in collaboration with OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, but OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will coordinate continued project updates to the USCG North Carolina Sector.
USCG Emergency Response / Search and Rescue	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp., the USCG Search and Rescue Mission Coordinator, the Lead Command Center Controller, the Command Center Training Officer, and the Command Duty Officer	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to provide project updates to the USCG as applicable.	This engagement was not held in collaboration with OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, but OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will coordinate continued project updates to the USCG.
Local Emergency Planning	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp., OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, and the New Hanover County Local Emergency Planning Committee	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to provide project updates to the New Hanover County Local Emergency Planning Committee as applicable.	This engagement was not held in collaboration with OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, but OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will coordinate continued project updates to the New Hanover County Local Emergency Planning Committee as applicable.

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Meeting with NCCOS to discuss the Carolina Long Bay Habitat Mapping Study	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp., OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, BOEM, and NCCOS	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay will continue to be briefed on NCCOS's Carolina Long Bay Habitat Mapping Study as milestones in the project are reached.	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. collaborated with OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay to provide project updates to the NCCOS regarding the Carolina Long Bay Habitat Mapping Study
Calls with BOEM to discuss development activities including outreach updates, survey activities, and site assessment plan	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp., OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, Atwell, and BOEM	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay will continue to provide project updates to BOEM on a routine basis.	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay conducted joint calls with BOEM starting in May 2023. The lessees and BOEM revised the meeting frequency to every other month in March of 2024.
Modernization Rule and SAP email Update to federal and state agencies	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp., OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, NCDMF, NCWRC, and North Carolina NCDCM, Atwell, and BOEM	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to collaborate and provide project updates to federal and state agencies as appropriate.	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay collaborated to develop a Joint Carolina Long Bay email update to federal and state agencies in May of 2024 regarding the Modernization Rule and to notify agencies of the fulfillment of the North Carolina conditional concurrence.

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow-up Action/Activities/Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement
Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Including Environmental NGOs			
OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. continues to serve on the external advisory board of the WOW project led by Duke University	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and the WOW project team	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to provide project updates as applicable.	This engagement was not held in collaboration with OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, but OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will coordinate with OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay on continued project updates to the WOW project team.
Brunswick County Shoreline Protection Consortium	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp., OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, and Brunswick County Shoreline Protection Consortium members	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to provide project updates as applicable.	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay coordinated on attending the event.
Project development updates	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp., OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, the SELC, and the NRDC	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay will continue to provide project updates, as applicable	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay coordinated to hold a meeting with the SELC and NRDC.
Educational and Research Institutions			
Collaboration and information flow with the UNCW CMS and Frying Pan Tower	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp., OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, and the Executive Director and Associate Director for Research and Innovation at UNCW CMS and the Owner of Frying Pan Tower	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to collaborate and provide project updates and timelines regarding possible fisheries research opportunities in Carolina Long Bay.	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay coordinated to open lines of communication and provide project updates to UNCW CMS and Frying Pan Tower.

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow-up Action/Activities/Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement
Collaboration and information flow with Dr. Erin Meyer-Gutbrod of USC	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp., OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, and Dr. Erin Meyer-Gutbrod of USC	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to collaborate and provide project updates to USC as appropriate.	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay coordinated to open lines of communication and provide project updates to USC.
Collaboration and information flow with the Duke University Marine Lab	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp., OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, and Dr. Douglas Nowacek	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to collaborate and provide project updates to the Duke University Marine Lab as appropriate.	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay coordinated to open lines of communication and provide project updates to the Duke University Marine Lab.
Industry and Trade Associations and Industry Events			
Regional policy and outreach on offshore wind	Southeastern Wind Coalition (SEWC) – OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. is on the Board of Directors	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to participate in SEWC outreach activities for offshore wind.	This engagement was not held in collaboration with OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, but OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay is engaged independently and coordinates routinely on several issues.
Collaboration and project updates with the SEWC	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp., OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, and the SEWC	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to provide project updates to the SEWC as applicable.	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. collaborates with OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies to host monthly project update meetings with the SEWC.

Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Follow-up Action/Activities/Outcomes	Coordinated Engagement
Information sharing on offshore wind permitting activities in the mid-Atlantic	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp., OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, and representatives from other offshore wind developments	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will continue to meet with permitting representatives from other offshore wind developments to share information on offshore wind permitting.	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay coordinated on joint engagements with the permitting representatives.

3.2. Identification of Potential Project Effects Related to Parties

OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. received feedback, presented in Table 5, from engaged parties regarding the identification of potential project effects during this reporting period.

Table 5: Potential effects and input from parties on project design or implementation

Potential Effect / Input	Affected Party(ies)	Efforts to Address Potential Effect and/or How the Project Design or Implementation Has Been Informed
Effects on various resources, including the following wildlife impacts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birds • Turtles • Whales • Bats 	Feedback from various fisheries and mariner stakeholders	<p>OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay will adhere to the lease requirement to install Motus stations on met-ocean buoys in coordination with USFWS. This will allow OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. to conduct a baseline assessment and propose measures to avoid, reduce, and mitigate impacts to birds and bats per BOEM's requirement to prepare an analysis of potential impacts to bird and bat species as a part of the COP</p> <p>OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will adhere to BOEM's requirement to prepare an analysis of potential impacts to be completed for the Project's COP, in consultation with the NMFS and the USFWS, to reduce, avoid, or eliminate impacts to sea turtles.</p> <p>OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay will adhere to BOEM's November 2021 Project Design Criteria (PDC) and Best Management Practices (BMPS) and NMFS's September 2021 PDC and BMPs during survey activities and will consider other measures to minimize and avoid effects on marine mammals.</p>
Metocean buoy deployment	USCG and USACE	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay plan to request a review of the mooring system by the USCG and plan to submit a joint request for approvals by the USACE and USCG prior to metocean buoy deployment.
SAP Considerations	Feedback from the NCDMF	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay coordinated to provide responses on two questions submitted on the SAP by the NCDMF.

3.3. Feedback from Parties on Transmission Planning

Currently, OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. has no information to share regarding the status or locations of offshore export cable corridors, onshore transmission routes, or onshore substations. When appropriate, engagement activities will focus on notifying potentially affected stakeholders of transmission planning and siting, developing an understanding of their

concerns, and mitigating issues in a manner equivalent to the mitigation coordination for survey activities.

3.4. Anticipated or Scheduled Engagement Activities

OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. expects to conduct further engagement activities with agencies and fisheries stakeholders to provide updates on project development activities. Engagement will focus on achieving alignment on site assessment activities, when appropriate, understanding potential agency concerns, understanding potential fisheries stakeholder concerns, and mitigating issues.

Table 6 summarizes the engagement activities that OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. anticipates will occur in the next reporting period.

Table 6: Anticipated engagement with parties for the next reporting period

Anticipated Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Anticipated Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
Anticipated Agency Engagement		
When appropriate, coordinate on the installation of MOTUS wildlife tracking station(s) on the metocean buoys, which are expected to be deployed for site assessment activities.	USFWS	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay will coordinate and collaborate virtually, when appropriate, with the USFWS on the installation and deployment of MOTUS wildlife tracking stations.
When appropriate, coordinate on the buoy mooring system and private aids to navigation for the anticipated deployment of metocean buoys.	USCG	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay will coordinate virtually, when appropriate, with the USCG on the mooring design and private aids to navigation.
When appropriate, coordinate on permits necessary for anticipated deployment of metocean buoys.	USACE	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, will coordinate and collaborate virtually, when appropriate, with the USACE on required permitting.
When appropriate, coordinate on permits necessary for the anticipated deployment and operation of metocean buoys.	NCDEQ	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay will coordinate and collaborate, when appropriate, with the NCDEQ virtually on required permitting.
OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. anticipates that further engagement will occur on benthic habitat assessment data review and methodology.	NCCOS	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, will coordinate with NCCOS virtually, as appropriate, on benthic habitat assessment data review and methodology.

Anticipated Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Anticipated Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. anticipates hosting a Carolina Long Bay interagency meeting and/or sending quarterly update letters in the remaining quarters of 2024.	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp., OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay, and applicable interested state and federal agencies	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. will coordinate with OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay to present project updates to interested state and federal agencies.
Anticipated Fisheries Engagement		
OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. anticipates that further engagement will occur in response to further development and execution of the FCP and future site assessment activities. Engagement activities will focus on identifying potentially affected fishers, mariners, and other ocean users, notifying them of upcoming activities, developing an understanding of their concerns, and mitigating identified potential issues.	Fishers, fisheries stakeholders, mariners, and other ocean users	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay FLOs will coordinate and collaborate with fishers and fisheries stakeholders virtually, as appropriate, and/or in person on survey activities and outcomes.
Anticipated Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Including Environmental Non-Governmental Organizations (eNGOs)		
OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. anticipates that further engagement will occur with eNGOs on measures to minimize impacts to marine mammals and sea turtles, when appropriate.	eNGOs (SELC and NRDC)	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay will coordinate and collaborate on engagement with eNGOs.
OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. anticipates that engagement will occur with NGOs on metocean data collection, when appropriate.	Southeast Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association (SECOORA)	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay will coordinate and collaborate on engagement with NGOs.

Anticipated Focus of Discussion or Engagement	Party(ies)	Anticipated Coordinated Engagement with Other Lessees
Anticipated Environmental Justice / Underserved Communities Engagement		
OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. anticipates engagement will occur on economic opportunities and project benefits, when appropriate.	Environmental justice and underserved communities in the project area	OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. and OCS-A-0545-TotalEnergies Carolina Long Bay will coordinate on the identification of environmental justice and underserved communities with a focus on economic opportunities and project benefits.

4. SURVEY PLAN

OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. did not submit a survey plan or conduct survey activities during the reporting period.

APPENDIX A: TRIBES AND OTHER PARTIES RELEVANT TO THE PROJECT

Table A-1. Federally recognized Tribes relevant to the Project / federally recognized Tribes that have not declined participation in the NATCP process

Name of Federally Recognized Tribe
Catawba Indian Nation
Chickahominy Indian Tribe
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
Monacan Indian Nation
Nansemond Indian Nation
Pamunkey Indian Tribe
Rappahannock Tribe
Seminole Tribe of Florida
Tuscarora Nation
United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians in Oklahoma
Upper Mattaponi Indian Tribe

Table A-2. Parties relevant to the Project

Name of Party	Party Type
Federal and State Agencies	
<i>Federal Agencies</i>	
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management	FA
Federal Aviation Administration	FA
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries, Office of Protected Resources	FA
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries, Southeast Regional Office	FA
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration — National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science	FA
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers — Charleston District	FA

Name of Party	Party Type
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers — Regulatory Division Office, Wilmington District	FA
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers — Wilmington District	FA
U.S. Coast Guard	FA
U.S. Department of Defense, Military Siting Clearinghouse	FA
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4	FA
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service — Eastern North Carolina Ecological Services	FA
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service — South Carolina Ecological Services Field Office	FA
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service South Atlantic-Gulf & Mississippi — Basin Ecological Services	FA
U.S. National Park Service	FA
<i>State Agencies</i>	
North Carolina Department of Administration, State Environmental Review Clearinghouse	SA
North Carolina Department of Commerce	SA
North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources	SA
North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries	SA
North Carolina Office of the Governor	SA
North Carolina Ports Authority	SA
South Carolina Department of Archives and History	SA
South Carolina Department of Commerce	SA
South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control — Ocean & Coastal Resource Management	SA
South Carolina Department of Natural Resources	SA
South Carolina Office of the Governor	SA
South Carolina Ports Authority	SA
Native American Tribes	
<i>Non-federally Recognized Tribes</i>	
Beaver Creek Indians	NFRTribe
Chaloklowa Chickasaw Indian People	NFRTribe

Name of Party	Party Type
Coharie Indian Tribe	NFRTribe
Eastern Cherokee, Southern Iroquois, and United Tribes of South Carolina	NFRTribe
Edisto Natchez-Kusso Tribe of South Carolina	NFRTribe
Haliwa-Saponi Tribe	NFRTribe
Lower Eastern Cherokee Nation of South Carolina	NFRTribe
Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina	NFRTribe
Meherrin Indian Tribe	NFRTribe
Natchez Tribe of South Carolina	NFRTribe
Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation	NFRTribe
Pee Dee Indian Nation of Beaver Creek	NFRTribe
Pee Dee Indian Nation of Upper South Carolina	NFRTribe
Pee Dee Indian Tribe	NFRTribe
Piedmont American Indian Association	NFRTribe
The Santee Indian Organization	NFRTribe
Sappony	NFRTribe
Sumter Tribe of Cheraw Indians	NFRTribe
Waccamaw Indian People	NFRTribe
Waccamaw Siouan	NFRTribe
Wassamasaw Tribe of Varnertown Indians	NFRTribe
Coastal Communities	
While some communication has begun with coastal communities and local municipalities, additional formal engagement will occur during the next reporting period.	CC
Educational and Research Institutions	
Carteret Community College	ERI
Duke University, Marine Geospatial Ecology Lab	ERI
Duke University, Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions	ERI
North Carolina State University, Center for Environmental and Resource Economic Policy	ERI
North Carolina State University, Center for Marine Sciences and Technology	ERI

Name of Party	Party Type
North Carolina State University, Clean Energy Technology Center	ERI
North Carolina State University, Sea Grant	ERI
South Carolina Institute for Archeology and Anthropology	ERI
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Marine Sciences	ERI
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Institute for the Environment	ERI
University of North Carolina at Charlotte	ERI
University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Center for Marine Science	ERI
Environmental and Public Interest Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)	
Genesis Block	NGO
Carolina Small Business Development Fund	NGO
Natural Resource Defense Council	eNGO
North Carolina Coastal Federation	NGO
Regional Wildlife Science Collaborative	NGO
South Atlantic Fisheries Management Council	eNGO
Southeast Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association	NGO
Southern Environmental Law Center	eNGO
Industry and Trade Associations	
American Clean Power Association	ITA
International Powers Forum	ITA
Southeastern Wind Coalition	ITA
Commercial and Recreational Fishing Industries	
North Carolina Fisheries Association	CFish
Mariners and Maritime Industry	
Mariners and maritime industry entities (including maritime towing, ports, maritime shipping, etc.) to be potentially affected by project activities have not yet been identified. Once identified, these stakeholders will be added to this section of Appendix A.	M

Name of Party	Party Type
Submarine and Cable Operators	
Submarine and Cable Operators to be potentially affected by project activities have not yet been identified. Once identified, these operator groups will be added to this section of Appendix A.	SCO
Underserved Communities	
Underserved communities to be potentially affected by project activities have not yet been identified. Once identified, these communities will be added to this section of Appendix A.	UC
Other Ocean Users	
Other ocean users to be potentially affected by project activities have not yet been identified. Once identified, these communities will be added to this section of Appendix A.	OU
Tribal, State, Federal, or Other Working Group or Forum	
Tribal, state, federal, or other working group or forum users to be potentially affected by project activities have not yet been identified. Once identified, these communities will be added to this section of Appendix A.	WG

* Note that entities identified in this table include Tribes and parties that may be potentially affected by the project activities. This table is not a full and complete list of potentially affected stakeholders, Tribes, and parties. As such, this table will be updated accordingly as additional stakeholders, Tribes, and parties are identified.

Party types included in this table:

CC = Coastal Community

CFish = Commercial Fishery Industry

eNGO = Environmental Non-Governmental Organization

ERI = Educational and Research Institutions

ITA = Industry and Trade Associations

FA = Federal Agency

M = Maritime Industry/Mariners

NFRTribe = Non-federally Recognized Tribe

NGO = Public Interest Non-Governmental Organizations

OU = Other Ocean Users

SA = State Agency

SCO = Submarine Cable Operators

UC = Underserved Community, as defined in Section 2 of Executive Order 13985

WG = Tribal, State, Federal, or Other Working Group or Forum

APPENDIX B: LESSEE AND LIAISON CONTACT INFORMATION

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APPENDIX C: COMMUNICATION PLANS

The OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. Carolina Long Bay Project website (<https://www.duke-energy.com/energy-education/How-Energy-Works/Wind-Energy>) went live in August 2023. The website includes links to the Native American Tribes Communication Plan, the Fisheries Communication Plan, and the Agency Communication Plan. The website also includes links to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's website where the OCS-A-0546-Cinergy Corp. Semi-Annual Progress Reports are posted.