



# United States Department of the Interior

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WASHINGTON, DC 20240-0001

Mr. Bryan Schueler  
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Dear Mr. Schueler:

Thank you for your April 17, 2023, letter, regarding your proposal to utilize site characterization data collected by floating Light Detection and Ranging (LIDAR) buoys deployed by a third parties outside of your lease area to satisfy the acquisition of information to be included in your Construction and Operations Plan (COP) [30 CFR § 585.626(a)]. Upon request for clarification, your letter was revised on June 27, 2023, and resubmitted. Since no site assessment facilities will be installed, you are not required to submit a Site Assessment Plan (SAP) to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) during the preliminary term of your lease OCS-A 0542, May 1, 2022, to May 1, 2023 (30 CFR § 585.235). Please note that the foregoing does not mean that BOEM has reviewed the third-party LIDAR data and determined that it is adequate to satisfy the COP requirements. A full review of the data submitted will occur after your COP has been submitted.

The date of this letter represents the start of your five-year site assessment term. You are required to submit a COP no later than 6 months prior to the expiration of your site assessment term [30 CFR § 585.601(b)]. The initiation of the site assessment term also triggers the need for BOEM to collect additional financial assurance no less than the amount required to meet the projected rent and other payments due to the Government in the next 12 months [30 CFR § 585.517(b)]. BOEM requests that Invenergy provide supplemental financial assurance to cover one year of rent in the amount of \$251,928.00.

We recommend you please reach out to Gina Best at [gina.best@boem.gov](mailto:gina.best@boem.gov) or (703) 787-1341 in our Adjudication Unit to discuss the instrument(s) that Invenergy proposes to satisfy the additional financial assurance. Pursuant to Section 10 of your lease, the supplemental financial assurance is due within 90 days of receipt of this letter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Annette Ehrhorn, the Project Coordinator, at [annette.ehrhorn@boem.gov](mailto:annette.ehrhorn@boem.gov) or (571) 567-6761.

Sincerely,

Karen Baker  
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Enclosure