



United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20240-0001

Mr. Michael Brown
Chief Executive Officer
SouthCoast Wind Energy LLC
3 Center Plaza, Suite 205
Boston, Massachusetts 02108

Dear Mr. Brown:

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) hereby approves the construction and operations plan (COP) that SouthCoast Wind Energy LLC (SouthCoast Wind) initially submitted on February 15, 2021, and last updated on November 1, 2024, for the SouthCoast Wind Project (Project) on commercial lease OCS-A 0521 offshore Massachusetts and Rhode Island. BOEM's approval is subject to the enclosed Conditions of COP Approval (Enclosure 1), pursuant to 30 C.F.R. § 585.628(f)(1).

As provided in Section 1.1 of the enclosed conditions, SouthCoast Wind must conduct all activities as proposed in its approved COP and in compliance with all applicable requirements (including those in commercial lease OCS-A 0521); 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, SouthCoast Wind must submit annual reports certifying compliance with the enclosed Conditions of COP Approval, pursuant to 30 C.F.R. § 285.633(a). These reports are due annually starting on January 31, 2026.

On December 17, 2024, SouthCoast Wind requested that BOEM approve a request to designate SouthCoast Wind Energy II LLC as the operator for the area of the Lease pertaining to Project 2. BOEM approved the designation of operator on December 23, 2024. The enclosed conditions apply to Project 2 and its designated operator SouthCoast Wind Energy II LLC. At a future time, BOEM may re-issue the enclosed Conditions of COP Approval for the Project 2 area so that the conditions are specifically tailored to SouthCoast Wind Energy II LLC's scope of operations as the designated operator for Project 2.

In conjunction with this COP approval, and pursuant to both 30 C.F.R. § 585.200(b) and Section 6 of lease OCS-A 0521, BOEM hereby grants the project easement that SouthCoast Wind requested on October 18, 2024. Please find enclosed an updated copy of Addendum D (Enclosure 2), which describes and depicts the project easement for commercial lease OCS-A 0521.

The first year's rent payment of \$68,725 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 April 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 Kristen Sinclair at 571-536-1465 or Kristen.Sinclair@boem.gov.

Sincerely,

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Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf
Office of Renewable Energy Programs

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Michael Brown, Chief Executive Officer
SouthCoast Wind Energy II LLC