Offshore Wind Leasing Process

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Regulatory Authority:
- Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA)
- Energy Policy Act of 2005

Oversees development of the nation’s oil and gas, renewable energy, and other mineral and energy resources on the Outer Continental Shelf

Engages with the Oregon Task Force and the public to learn about specific concerns
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Step 1: Developer submits unsolicited lease proposal to BOEM

- Developer may informally discuss a proposal with stakeholders prior to BOEM submittal

- BOEM received a lease proposal from Principle Power, Inc. (Principle Power) in May 2013

- BOEM discussed the lease proposal and area with the BOEM Oregon Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force (Oregon Task Force) in June 2013

- BOEM published a copy of the lease proposal online on the BOEM website for public viewing
Step 2: BOEM publishes a Request for Interest in the *Federal Register*

- BOEM published a “Request for Competitive Interest” (RFI) in the *Federal Register* in September, 2013

- Oregon Task Force provided input on language to include in the RFI prior to its’ publication

- Interested parties respond to the RFI with expressions of interest or other comments

- BOEM received 18 comments and no expressions of competitive interest
Step 3: BOEM publishes a Determination of No Competitive Interest in the *Federal Register*

- BOEM published a ‘Determination of No Competitive Interest’ (DNCI) in the *Federal Register* in February, 2014
- Principle Power plans to submit a construction and operations plan (COP) to BOEM for their project
- Principle Power plans to conduct surveys over the Summer 2014 (estimated) to gather additional information to develop their plan
- BOEM hosted a Stakeholder Outreach Roundtable discussion with Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell on February 6, 2014
Step 4: BOEM publishes a Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental review

- BOEM published a Notice of Intent (NOI) to Prepare an Environmental Assessment in the *Federal Register* on May 29, 2014
- Interested parties formally respond to the NOI with comments regarding the lease proposal
- BOEM held two public scoping meetings at the Coos Bay Public Library on Tuesday June 17, 2014 (1 – 4 p.m. and 5 – 8 p.m.)
- BOEM held first fishing outreach meeting at the Charleston Marina & RV Park on Wednesday, June 18 2014
- Public comment period open until July 28, 2014 (formal input opportunity)
Step 5: Developer submits a Construction and Operations Plan (COP) to BOEM

• BOEM anticipates Principle Power will submit a COP to BOEM in late Fall 2014 (estimated)

• Development potential may be discussed during future Oregon Task Force meetings

• BOEM may request informal comments and input from the public

• BOEM publishes a copy of the COP online on the BOEM website for public viewing
Step 6: BOEM reviews COP and completes environmental review

- BOEM reviews the COP to ensure it has all the necessary data and information and begins an environmental review
- Principle Power submits a Facility Design Report (FDR) and Fabrication and Installation Report (FIR) to BOEM for engineering review
- Project concerns may be discussed during future Oregon Task Force or other meetings
- BOEM prepares an environmental document (EA) and circulates it to the public for comment (expected Spring 2015)
- BOEM distributes a revised environmental document (based on public comment) and a findings document to the public (expected Summer 2015)
Step 7: BOEM may issue a Lease for the proposed project

• BOEM may approve, disapprove, or approve with modification the COP

• If BOEM approves or approves with modification the COP, BOEM may issue a lease to Principle Power for the project

• If BOEM issues a lease, BOEM would publish a Notice of Lease Issuance in the Federal Register

• BOEM publishes a copy of the lease online on the BOEM website for public viewing
Step 8: Construction and operations may begin for the project

- Construction may begin the project, pending any additional required permits or authorizations from other federal or state agencies

- Principle Power anticipates delivering electricity from the project by the end of 2017
Summary

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5. Developer submits a Construction and Operations Plan (COP) to BOEM
6. BOEM reviews COP and completes environmental review
7. BOEM may issue a Lease for the proposed project
8. Construction and operations may begin for the project
Opportunities to provide input

- Oregon Task Force public Q & A sessions
- Other outreach meetings or discussions
- NEPA scoping meetings and hearings
- Federal Register notices:
  - Request for Interest (RFI)
  - Notice of Intent to prepare a NEPA document
  - Notice of Draft NEPA document
Thank you.

BOEM website for more information:
www.boem.gov/Oregon