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# Overview of Commercial Lease Activities

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#### Atlantic OCS Renewable Energy Leases



- Seven competitive lease sales
- Generated over \$68 million in high bids for almost 1.4 million acres in federal waters
- 12 (soon to be 13) leases, over 15 GW capacity or 5 million homes powered
- Recent competitive lease, won by Avangrid, was for Wind Energy Area offshore Kitty Hawk, NC
- Once Avangrid's provisional lease has been executed, there will be offshore wind energy leases off every state from Massachusetts to North Carolina (Cape Cod to Cape Hatteras).

#### Rhode Island / Massachusetts Lease Areas



## **Deepwater Wind New England LLC**



OCS-A 0486 (97,498 acres)

- SAP decision for meteorological buoy expected this year
- COP Survey Plan submitted
  *March 2017*
- 90 MW South Fork project, expecting a COP by the *end of 2018*



## **Deepwater Wind New England LLC**



OCS-A 0487 (67,252 acres)

- No Site Assessment Activities Planned
- SAP term began July 2014
- COP due January 2019



## Narragansett Electric Company (TNEC)

#### Right-of-Way (ROW) Grant OCS-A 0506 (9 Statute Miles)

- GAP Approved *December 2014*
- Assigned from Deepwater Wind
  January 2015
- Facility Design Report & Fabrication and Installation Report reviews completed May 2016
- Cable installation completed *November 2016*





#### Leases Overview | Massachusetts

### **Bay State Wind**

### OCS-A 0500 (187,523 acres)

- Conducting cable route surveys (Summer 2017)
- SAP deemed complete and sufficient, conducting environmental and technical review



### **Offshore MW** (Vineyard Wind)



OCS-A 0501 (166,886 acres)

- SAP submitted to BOEM March 31, 2017
- Summer cable route survey activity anticipated



#### Leases Overview | Massachusetts

### **Cape Wind**

#### OCS-A 0501 (166,886 acres)

- U.S. Court of Appeals ordered BOEM to supplement Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) with sufficient seafloor data, issued July 5, 2016
- Supplemental EIS 45-day comment period ended May 15, 2017
- BOEM reviewing public comments, will revise SEIS as necessary; final SEIS likely this summer





#### **Unsolicited Lease Requests**

- Lease Areas OCS-A 0502 and 0503 went unsold during the 2015 Lease Sale
- On *December 16, 2016* and *January 4, 2017*, Statoil Wind US LLC and PNE Wind USA, Inc., individually submitted unsolicited lease requests for previously unleased areas in the wind energy area offshore Massachusetts.
- **Competitive interest** and BOEM will initiate the competitive leasing process.



#### **Unsolicited Lease Requests**

#### OCS-A 0502 - Details

- 248,015 acres
- 36 whole and 19 partial OCS blocks
- 17 and 42 nautical miles from shore
- 37 and 64 meters deep

#### OCS-A 0503 - Details

- 140,554 acres
- 19 whole and 9 partial OCS blocks
- 24 and 43 nautical miles from shore
- 32 and 64 meters deep



#### Competitive Leasing Process Overview



# Questions? Discussion?

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