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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Gulf of Mexico Renewable Energy Leasing
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Re: Project Review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act
THC Tracking #202304497

Date: 02/23/2023

Gulf of Mexico Renewable Energy Leasing
1201 Elmwood Park Blvd, New Orleans, LA 70123
Galveston, TX

Description: BOEM Sec. 106 Finding of Effect for offshore renewable energy leasing and associated site characterization activities.

Dear Douglas Jones:

Thank you for your submittal regarding the above-referenced project. This response represents the comments of the State Historic Preservation Officer, the Executive Director of the Texas Historical Commission (THC), pursuant to review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

The review staff, led by Amy Borgens, has completed its review and has made the following determinations based on the information submitted for review:

Archeology Comments

- THC/SHPO concurs with information provided for the underwater project area.

We have the following comments: The Texas Historical Commission concurs with BOEM's finding of No Historic Properties under the stipulated conditions required for lessees that include survey and detection of submerged cultural resources in advance of the undertaking and avoidance during the proposed work. Work conducted in Texas state waters associated with site characterization activities for offshore renewable energy projects is additionally under Texas jurisdiction and would require compliance to the Antiquities Code of Texas and the Texas Administrative Code, Title 13, Part 2.

We look forward to further consultation with your office and hope to maintain a partnership that will foster effective historic preservation. Thank you for your cooperation in this review process, and for your efforts to preserve the irreplaceable heritage of Texas. If the project changes, or if new historic properties are found, please contact the review staff. If you have any questions concerning our review or if we can be of further assistance, please email the following reviewers: amy.borgens@thc.texas.gov.

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Sincerely,



for Mark Wolfe, State Historic Preservation Officer
Executive Director, Texas Historical Commission

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