



May 31, 2025

Melissa Pauley
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
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[submitted via email to Melissa.Pauley@boem.gov]

Re: OCS-A 0564 Semi-Annual Report

Dear Ms. Pauley,

Avangrid Power, LLC (Avangrid) is pleased to submit its progress report (the Report) for Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands for Renewable Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS-A 0564; the Lease). Under the terms of the Lease (Section 3.1 of Addendum C), Avangrid is required to submit to BOEM every six months, commencing from the Effective Date (December 1, 2024), a report setting out progress over the previous 6-month period and in this case, since the lease Effective Date. This report is submitted in response to that requirement.

Avangrid Power, LLC, is the current holder of the Commercial Lease of Submerged Lands for Renewable Energy Development on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS-A 0564). Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me at elizabeth.andrews@avangrid.com.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth Dewing Andrews
Director of Offshore Development, Avangrid Power, LLC



Lease Area OCS-A 0564 Semi-Annual Report:

Lease Amendment/Name Change

Following provisional award of OCS-A 0564 to Avangrid Renewables, LLC in October 2024, the lease became fully effective December 1, 2024. The lease was then amended on invitation by BOEM on January 16, 2025.

On March 3, 2025, the Lessee enacted a change of name from “Avangrid Renewables, LLC” to “Avangrid Power, LLC”; full notice of this name change was provided to BOEM on April 24, 2025 in accordance with the conditions of the lease as well as 30 CFR 585.110.

Department of Defense Coordination

On March 31, 2025, Avangrid initiated contact with the Department of Defense (DOD) on the Coordination of Risk Assessment as required in Section 4.4 of Addendum C to the Department of Defense. Avangrid is waiting for further instruction from the DOD for the next steps in the coordination process.

Engagement

The project is in its very early stage of development and therefore engagement with relevant stakeholders has been limited since the lease Effective Date. However, several project introductions to Tribal and Fisheries stakeholders have been made to provide updates and solicit early feedback in the development of communications plans. This was done in addition to the circulation of draft communications plans as described further below.

A project website was developed as part of a broad strategy for stakeholder outreach and communication including for inclusion in the Communication Plans. The project website can be accessed by either of the following URLs: www.osc-a0564.com or www.osca0564.com. We anticipate conducting stakeholder engagement activities in accordance with the communication plans as well as Avangrid’s intention to facilitate early and robust outreach.

We recognize the importance of early and active communication with potentially impacted communities and are in the process of preparing a public engagement plan for the preliminary period.

Communication Plans

As required in Section 3.1.3.1 of Addendum C of the Lease, Avangrid provided a Fisheries Communication Plan (FCP) to fisheries stakeholders on May 9, 2025. In addition, it was posted to the project website, made available on May 30, 2025. The Fisheries Communication Plan outlines the strategies that the Lessee intends to use for communicating with commercial, recreational and Tribal subsistence fisheries prior to and during the submission of a Site Assessment Plan (SAP) or Construction and Operations Plan (COP).

As required in Section 3.1.3.2 of Addendum C of the Lease, Avangrid notified Tribal stakeholders of the Native American Tribal Communication Plan (NATCP) and upcoming opportunities to discuss and provide feedback on the NATCP at two virtual open houses hosted on May 14 and May 15, 2025. Invitations to these open houses were sent on April 16, 2025 with courtesy reminders sent on April 30,



2025. Early drafts of the NATCP were shared on April 30, 2025 to allow review and comment prior to the open houses. An updated version of the NATCP, incorporating received comments was made available on the project website on May 30, 2025.

As Required in Section 3.1.3.3 of Addendum C of the Lease, Avangrid distributed an Agency Communication Plan (ACP) that describes the strategies that the Lessee intends to use for communicating with federal, state, and local agencies with authority related to the Lease Area. Two meetings were held with Agencies on May 15, 2025 to solicit feedback on the plan. Drafts of the ACP were shared with BOEM on April 25, 2025 and with the remaining listed agencies on May 5, 2025.

The communication plan will be a living document updated regularly to reflect relevant project developments as well as to incorporate feedback from stakeholders and updated contacts. Best efforts will be made to align these plans with other commercial lease holders in the Gulf of Maine as and when work progresses on their communications plans and alignment efforts are achievable.

Survey Activities and Metocean Equipment

No terrestrial or marine surveys were conducted during the Reporting Period (December 1, 2024, to May 31, 2025).