



November 21, 2025

Melissa Pauley
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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 June 1, 2025. 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.

On June 4, 2025, the Lessee enacted a change of domicile from the state of Oregon to the state of Delaware; full notice of this change in domicile was provided to BOEM on June 16, 2025

Department of Defense Coordination

On November 19th, 2025, Avangrid provided updated information to the Department of Defense for each director and for the top five executives of Avangrid Power LLC:

- Full legal name
- Date of birth
- Country of citizenship
- Permanent address

As OCS-A 0564 is fully owned by Avangrid Power, LLC and no operator or material vendors or manufacturers have yet been appointed to the project, no further information was supplied to the Department of Defense at this time. Avangrid is awaiting a response from the Department of Defense.

Engagement

The project remains in its very early stages of development; therefore, engagement with relevant stakeholders has been limited during the reporting period. However, the following meetings have been held:

Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management

The fisheries, environmental, and permitting team met with Todd Callaghan and Hollie Emery on June 20, 2025 to obtain feedback from the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) on data sources and sensitivities identified during the leasing process. The discussion also included CZM's recommendations for coordination of export cable planning in State Waters. CZM provided input on key fisheries within specific portions of the lease area and emphasized the importance of early engagement. They also shared feedback on sensitivities of potential crossings of the Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary.



Gulf of Maine Research Institute

The fisheries team met with Hannah McDonald and Chas Van Damme of the Gulf of Maine Research Institute (GMRI) on June 4, 2024 and September 17, 2025. The meeting in June was to provide updates on our project websites and discuss their feedback on our Fisheries Communication Plan. The meeting in September was to provide GMRI with industry feedback on potential turbine spacing considerations for future project development to support them with the development of their ROSA funded fishing simulator tool. This simulator will allow fishermen to pilot a virtual fishing vessel through a virtual floating offshore wind farm. Although Avangrid does not yet have specifics on turbine size, spacing, or anchoring types, we discussed the potential considerations for different turbine sizes and some hypothetical layouts.

New England Fisheries Management Council (NEFMC)

The fisheries team holds monthly calls with the NEFMC to discuss project updates for Avangrid's Gulf of Maine and southern New England projects. These calls were held July 10, August 18, September 8, and October 16, 2025.

Massachusetts Habitat Working Group (MA HWG)

The MA HWG meeting includes developers, state and federal fisheries managers, NGOs, and fishers and covers topics relevant to offshore wind in the New England region and relevant discussions, project updates, and presentations with regards to fisheries habitat. Meetings were attended on June 18 and November 4, 2025.

Massachusetts Fisheries Working Group (MA FWG)

The MA FWG meeting includes developers, state and federal fisheries managers, NGOs, and fishers and covers topics relevant to offshore wind in the New England region and relevant discussions, project updates, and presentations with regards to fish and fisheries. Meetings were attended on June 27 and November 3, 2025.

Oceantic Data Workshop

Data workshop to discuss potential strategies for offshore wind projects to engage in data standards and evaluate best practices for data sharing with a focus on environmental and wildlife/fisheries data. June 11-12, 2025.

ROSA Data Governance Workshop

Discussion of data management practices, data sharing best practices, and goals for environmental and wildlife data collected by offshore wind projects. November 12, 2025.

ECONcrete

Presentation from ECONcrete team on the results of a study examining the effectiveness of their ECONcrete reef enhancement and the potential for including ECONcrete within Avangrid lease areas. July 29, 2025.

NOAA Fisheries

On July 8, 2025 the Avangrid Gulf of Maine team met with representatives from NOAA fisheries (Susan Tuxberry, Gabriella DiPrea, Angela Silva, Dave Packer, Thomas Heimann, Doug Cristel, Nick Sisson,



Scott Farley, and James Vasslides) to discuss available data for the Gulf of Maine and the Avangrid leases in the Gulf of Maine. In particular, we discussed recently collected multi-beam sonar data from Avangrid's lease areas, likely benthic habitat types, and fish and fishermen present in the area.

University of Maine, National Renewable Energy Lab, Responsible Offshore Science Alliance

Avangrid is a member of the advisory board for the “Co-Design Solutions for U.S. Floating Offshore Wind and Fishing Compatibility” collaborative project. Avangrid attended an advisory board meeting on October 31, 2025. The goals of this project are to examine fishing constraints (via interviews with fishermen) and engineering restrictions for the development of floating offshore wind farms and to develop project design concepts that will optimize the potential for fishermen to operate within floating wind projects. Advisory board meetings consist of project updates and results to date.

University of Maine

Avangrid met with Spencer Hallowell of University of Maine on November 13, 2025, to discuss the Maine Offshore Wind Research Consortium funded project titled: “Quantification of the Risk of Secondary Entanglement due to Derelict Fishing Gear for Floating Offshore Wind Turbines”. The purpose of the meeting was to learn more about the methods and deliverables to inform project planning and design.

Semi-annual Tribal Government Meetings

In accordance with the Native American Tribal Communication Plan (see below for further information), virtual open houses were held on 18th November 2025 and 19th November 2025; invitations were sent to the eleven listed tribes on 19th September 2025 and courtesy reminders were sent on 10th November 2025. Invitees include representation from the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians, Mashantucket (Western) Pequot Tribal Nation, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, Mi'kmaq Nation, Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut, Narragansett Indian Tribe, Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians - Pleasant Point Reservation, Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians - Indian Township Reservation, Penobscot Nation, Shinnecock Indian Nation and the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah). Of these, representatives from the Passamaquoddy Tribe – Pleasant Point Reservation, Passamaquoddy Tribe – Indian Township Reservation, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, and Penobscot Nation attended the calls. The project team provided project updates and addressed questions from Tribal representatives. Suggested updates to the Native American Tribal Communication Plan received during the meetings will be incorporated into the next revision.

Semi-annual Inter-Agency Meetings

In accordance with the Agency Communication Plan (see below for further information), a virtual inter-agency meeting was held on 18th November 2025; invitations were sent to all cooperating agencies on October 25, 2025 and courtesy reminders were sent on November 13, 2025. The project team provided an update on the project activities over the previous six months, an overview of the floating substructure concepts under evaluation, and an introduction to the Public Outreach and Communication Plan. A request was made for any suggested updates to the Agency Communication Plan and related contacts; updated contacts will be implemented in the next revision of the Agency Communication Plan. To ameliorate schedule conflicts due to the recent government shut-down, an alternative meeting date has been scheduled for December 9th; the materials presented at the November 18th meeting will be presented again.



Project Website

The project website, developed as part of a broad strategy for stakeholder outreach and communication including for inclusion in the Communication Plans, can be accessed by either of the following URLs: www.osc-a0564.com or www.osca0564.com. Materials on the website have been maintained as current, including revisions to the communications plans as described below.

Public Outreach and Communication Plan

We recognize the importance of early and active communication with potentially impacted communities; therefore, we have developed a first draft of a public engagement plan for the preliminary period. This plan, now hosted on the project website and available for publication on BOEM's project website, outlines Avangrid's plan to engage with individuals who may be affected by the project in the future, including those with limited English proficiency.

Engagement with consulting agencies, Native American Tribal governments and fishers is expected to continue in accordance with the issued communications plans over the next reporting period. An in-person meeting with the Passamaquoddy Tribe was planned for November 2025 but has been delayed to early 2026 due to scheduling conflicts. The project team has communicated that Avangrid would welcome further introductory meetings with each of the listed tribes at their convenience.

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 Construction and Operations Plan (COP). As no comments have yet been received on the Fisheries Communication Plan and no significant updates are yet available for the project, this plan has not yet been revised.

As required in Section 3.1.3.2 of Addendum C of the Lease, Avangrid notified Tribal governments of the Native American Tribal Communication Plan (NATCP) and opportunities to discuss and provide feedback on the NATCP at two virtual open houses hosted on May 14 and May 15, 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. Following receipt of feedback from BOEM and representatives from the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians, a revised version was made available on the project website on August 12, 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. A draft incorporating feedback received on these early drafts was made available on the project website on May 30, 2025. Following receipt of feedback from BOEM, a revised version was made available on



the project website on September 5, 2025.

The communication plans will be living documents updated regularly to reflect relevant project developments as well as to incorporate feedback from stakeholders and updated contacts.

To support efforts to align these plans with other commercial lease holders in the Gulf of Maine, drafts of these communications plans have been shared with Invenergy, the lease holder for OCS-A 0562 and OCS-A 0567, and a meeting was convened to provide relevant updates. The dates, times and expectations for the planned virtual semi-annual inter-agency and Tribal meetings (November 2025) were provided to Invenergy, but as similar meetings were not planned by their team, no opportunity for further active coordination was available at this time. As project development and related outreach and engagement activities progress, best efforts will be made to deconflict and coordinate the timing and location of such activities to reduce the resource burden on stakeholders; in this effort, Invenergy and Avangrid plan to meet quarterly within the next reporting period to optimize the means by which the communication and consultation burden on Tribes and parties can be decreased.

Survey Activities and Metocean Equipment

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