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BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT WASHINGTON, DC 20240-0001

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Mr. Paul Rich Director, Project Development US Wind Inc. 1 North Charles Street, Suite 2310 Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Dear Mr. Rich:

This letter serves to inform you that the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has approved the Site Assessment Plan (SAP) submitted on November 23, 2015, by US Wind Inc., for the installation of a meteorological tower on Renewable Energy Lease OCS-A 0490. This SAP is subject to the enclosed conditions of approval pursuant to 30 CFR § 585.613(e)(1). Your five-year site assessment term for Renewable Energy Leases OCS-A 0490 commences on the date of this letter, pursuant to 30 CFR § 585.235(a)(2). Please note the procedures found at 30 CFR § 585.618 related to the your responsibilities upon completion of these approved SAP activities, including the requirements for continued use of any installed facilities beyond the five-year site assessment term.

To help maintain compliance with the approved SAP, please take note of the following requirements, among others, that must be implemented:

- 1. Adhere to the enclosed Conditions of Site Assessment Plan Approval, pursuant to 30 CFR § 585.613(e)(1).
- 2. Notify BOEM in writing within 30 calendar days of completing installation activities approved in your SAP, pursuant to 30 CFR § 585.615(a).
- 3. Prepare and submit to BOEM a report annually each November 1 of your site assessment term that summarizes your site assessment activities and the results of those activities, pursuant to 30 CFR § 585.615(b).
- 4. Submit a certification of compliance annually, pursuant to 30 CFR § 585.615(c), with the enclosed Conditions of SAP approval. Together with your certification, you must submit:
 - a. Summary reports that demonstrate compliance with the terms and conditions that require certification; and
 - b. A statement identifying and describing any mitigation measures and monitoring methods that you have taken, as well as their effectiveness. If you identify measures that are not effective, you must make recommendations for substitute

mitigation measures or monitoring methods and explain why you believe they would be effective.

These reports are due annually starting on November 1, 2018.

5. Develop a comprehensive annual Self-Inspection Plan, pursuant to 30 CFR § 585.824(a); and submit an annual Self-Inspection Report no later than November 1 of each year that your site assessment facility is in operation, pursuant to 30 CFR § 585.824(b).

This letter constitutes a final BOEM decision that may be appealed pursuant to 30 CFR § 585.118, 30 CFR Part 590, and 43 CFR Part 4, Subpart E.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Jeff Browning at (703) 787-1577 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

James F. Bennett Program Manager

Office of Renewable Energy Programs

Enclosure