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Mr. James S. Gordon  
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Dear Mr. Gordon:

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has received Cape Wind Associates', LLC (CWA) letter dated on May 22, 2014, requesting a departure from BOEM's renewable energy regulations at 30 C.F.R. §585.701(a)(2). This regulatory provision requires the submission of a location plat using the scale of 1 inch = 100 feet in the Facility Design Report (FDR). You requested to submit a location plat using a scale of 1 inch = 4000 feet instead. Upon reviewing your departure request, the Office of Renewable Energy Programs (OREP) considered the scale in relation to the size of the project, the resulting size of the location plat, and the needs of BOEM staff members who are reviewing the FDR. We agree that a scale of 1 inch = 100 feet would result in a project location plat of unreasonable size, which would make our review more difficult. We also agree that the scale you have proposed, 1 inch = 4000 feet, is a practical alternative adequately providing a proper view of the entire project on a reasonably sized map.

After consideration of your request, OREP has determined this departure meets the criteria set forth at 30 C.F.R. §585.103. First, the departure will help to facilitate the construction and operations activities approved in your Construction and Operations Plan associated with Renewable Energy Lease Number OCS-A 0478, by helping BOEM to effectively review the FDR that you submitted on May 20, 2014. Second, the departure is consistent with subsection 8(p) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act. Third, the departure protects the environment and the public health and safety to the same degree as if there was no approved departure. Fourth, the departure does not impair the rights of third parties. Accordingly, pursuant to 30 C.F.R. §585.103, BOEM approves the departure request.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Andrew Krueger at 703-787-1554 or [andrew.krueger@boem.gov](mailto:andrew.krueger@boem.gov).

Sincerely,

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