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Matthew Brotmann
Secretary
Empire Offshore Wind LLC
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Dear Mr. Brotmann:

This letter informs you that the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has approved the Construction and Operations Plan (COP) that Empire Offshore Wind LLC, (Empire Wind) initially submitted on January 10, 2020, and last updated on November 6, 2023, for the Empire Wind 1 and Empire Wind 2 Projects (Project) on commercial lease OCS-A 0512 offshore New York and New Jersey. BOEM's approval is subject to the enclosed terms and conditions, pursuant to 30 C.F.R. § 585.628(f)(1).

As provided in Section 1.1 of the enclosed terms and conditions, please note that Empire Wind must conduct all activities as proposed in its approved COP and in compliance with all applicable requirements (including those in commercial lease OCS-A 0512), applicable statutes and regulations, and all permits, authorizations, and consultations issued by federal and state agencies for the Project (including, e.g., requirements for compensatory mitigation). To maintain compliance with the approved COP, Empire Wind must submit annual reports certifying compliance with the enclosed conditions of approval, pursuant to 30 C.F.R. § 285.633(a). These reports are due annually starting on January 31, 2025.

In conjunction with this COP approval, and pursuant to both 30 C.F.R. § 585.200(b) and Section 6 of lease OCS-A 0512, BOEM hereby grants the project easements Empire Wind requested on September 28 and 29, 2023. Please find enclosed updated copies of Addenda A and D, which describe and depict the project easements for commercial lease OCS-A 0512.

The first year's rent payment of \$15,490 for the project easement is due within 45 days of your receipt of this letter. For the next year and for each subsequent year, annual rent for both the lease area and the project easement areas is due on each lease anniversary. Accordingly, the next annual rent payment is due on April 1, 2024.

This letter constitutes a final BOEM decision that may be appealed pursuant to 30 C.F.R. § 585.118.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Luke Feinberg at (571) 474-7616 or lucas.feinberg@boem.gov.

Sincerely,

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