Leasing Process Review

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Renewable Energy Process: From RFI/Call to Operation
Request for Interest to Lease Sale

Request for Interest

Call for Information and Nominations

Area Identification
Wind Energy Areas

Leasing Document Development

Environmental Assessment Process & Public Involvement

Final Sale Notice

Suggested Timelines

Public Comment

45 days

Public Comment

0 ~ 1/2

Potential Task Force Meetings / Webinars

Request for Interest

Call

Area Identification

Proposed Sale Notice

Proposed Sale Notice

60 days

11/2
• High-level screening
• Initial identification of areas that may be suitable for potential offshore wind development
• Collect information to determine the level of interest in offshore wind leasing
• Shed more light on suitability of area for wind development
Call for Information and Nominations - Area

• Request comments on:
  • Areas for special consideration and analysis
  • Conditions in the Call Area
  • Areas to be considered for leasing
Wind Energy Area

- A portion of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) identified by BOEM for NEPA analysis (Environmental Assessment)
- The basis for a Lease Area
• Wind Energy Areas have the potential for further division into Lease Areas
October 2017

BOEM Lease Areas
- Bay State Wind LLC:OCS-A 0500
- Vineyard Wind LLC:OCS-A 0501
- Equinor Wind US LLC:OCS-A 0520
- Mayflower Wind Energy, LLC:OCS-A 0521
- Vineyard Wind LLC:OCS-A 0522
- Equinor Wind US LLC:OCS-A 0512
- EDF Renewables Development, Inc.:OCS-A 0499
- Ocean Wind LLC:OCS-A 0498

Traffic Separation Scheme
- Precautionary Area
- Separation Zone
- Shipping Safety Fairway
- Traffic Lane
- 5 nmi Extension of TSS
- 30 nmi Extension of TSS
March 29, 2021

BOEM Lease Areas
- Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind, LLC: OCS-A 0499
- Bay State Wind LLC: OCS-A 0500
- Beacon Wind LLC: OCS-A 0520
- Empire Offshore Wind LLC: OCS-A 0512
- Mayflower Wind Energy, LLC: OCS-A 0521
- Ocean Wind LLC: OCS-A 0498
- Sunrise Wind LLC: OCS-A 0487
- Vineyard Wind LLC: OCS-A 0501
- Vineyard Wind LLC: OCS-A 0522

[ Planning & Analysis ]
- Initiate Leasing Process (RFI/Call)
  - Area Identification
    - Wind Energy Areas
  - Publish Leasing Notices
  - NEPA/Environmental Reviews
  - Auction

[ Leasing ]
- Lease Granted
- Submit SAP

[ Site Assessment ]
- Site Assessment & Surveys
  - (maximum timeframe)
  - BOEM Reviews & Approves SAP
  - Submit COP
    - (with Project Design Envelope – optional)

[ Construction & Operations ]
- BOEM Deems COP Complete & Sufficient
- BOEM Approves COP
- BOEM Environmental & Technical Reviews
- Installation

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