Dear Mr. Toto:

This letter serves to inform you that the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has approved the Site Assessment Plan (SAP) submitted by US Wind Inc. (Company Number: 15023) for commercial wind lease OCS-A 0490 located offshore Maryland. Our approval is subject to the enclosed conditions, pursuant to 30 CFR 585.613(e)(1). The SAP was initially filed on May 5, 2020, with subsequent versions received on October 22, 2020, October 30, 2020, and a final amended version received on December 30, 2020. Your five-year site assessment term previously commenced on March 22, 2018 with the approval of US Wind’s first SAP, pursuant to 30 CFR 585.235(a)(2).

To help maintain compliance with the approved SAP, please take note that in addition to following other requirements, you must:

1. Adhere to the enclosed Conditions of SAP Approval, pursuant to 30 CFR 585.613(e)(1).

2. Notify BOEM in writing within 30 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, starting on November 1, 2021, that summarizes your site assessment activities and the results of those activities, pursuant to 30 CFR 585.615(b).

4. Each November 1 of your site assessment term, starting on November 1, 2021, submit a certification of compliance with the enclosed Conditions of SAP Approval, pursuant to 30 CFR 585.615(c). This compliance certification must include:

   a. Summary reports that cover, and demonstrate compliance with, all of the conditions (provided in Sections 1 through 7 of the Conditions of SAP Approval); 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.

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, starting on November 1, 2021, 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 Jeffrey.Browning@boem.gov or (703) 787-1577 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Office of Renewable Energy Programs

Enclosure