Next Steps in the Leasing Process

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Renewable Energy Process: From Call to Auction

1. **Call for Information and Nominations**
2. **Area Identification**
   - Wind Energy Areas
   - Public Comment
   - 45 days
3. **Leasing Document Development**
   - 0 to \( \frac{1}{2} \) years
   - Public Comment
   - 60 days
4. **Environmental Assessment Process & Public Involvement**
5. **Proposed Sale Notice**
6. **Final Sale Notice**
7. **Auction**

Potential Task Force Meetings/Webinars:
- Call
- Area ID
- PSN
Renewable Energy Process: Call for Information & Nominations

What is a Call?
- Request for comments on specific area of OCS being considered for leasing
- Determines competitive interest

Where will the Call areas be?
- NYSERDA Master Plan efforts
- Request for Feedback comments
- Task Force and public input
- Unsolicited request

Targeted – End of 2017
Renewable Energy Process: Area Identification

Area ID

- Process used to identify areas for environmental analysis and consideration for leasing
- Information considered
- Stakeholder outreach
Renewable Energy Process: Environmental Assessment

BOEM NEPA Process

- Environmental Assessment
- Finding of No Significant Impact or Environmental Impact Statement
- Comment periods, opportunities for stakeholder involvement

Proposed Sale Notice

- Area for leasing
- Fiscal terms
- Auction details and format
- Proposed lease terms

Final Sale Notice

Auction

- Targeted end of 2019
Renewable Energy Process: Call for Information & Nominations

What areas should be considered?
- Zones B, C, D & E, or others?

How big should the Call area be?

How and/or should BOEM incorporate indicative sites?
Initial Offshore Wind Zones for Consideration
New York State identified an Area for Consideration and requests that BOEM identify and lease at least four new Wind Energy Areas (WEAs) within the area, each capable of supporting at least 800 MW of offshore wind.

Balance of factors, including, but not limited to:
- Commercial Fishing
- Cost
- Cables and Pipelines
- Environment and Wildlife
- Grid Interconnection
- Visibility
Indicative Areas

Space is illustrated with the requested new WEAs and how they could be located within the Area for Consideration. The WEAs depicted may be shifted, reshaped or both.
Indicative Areas
Questions?

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