

# Offshore Wind Leasing Process

*Fishing Outreach Meeting  
Charleston, Oregon  
June 18, 2014*

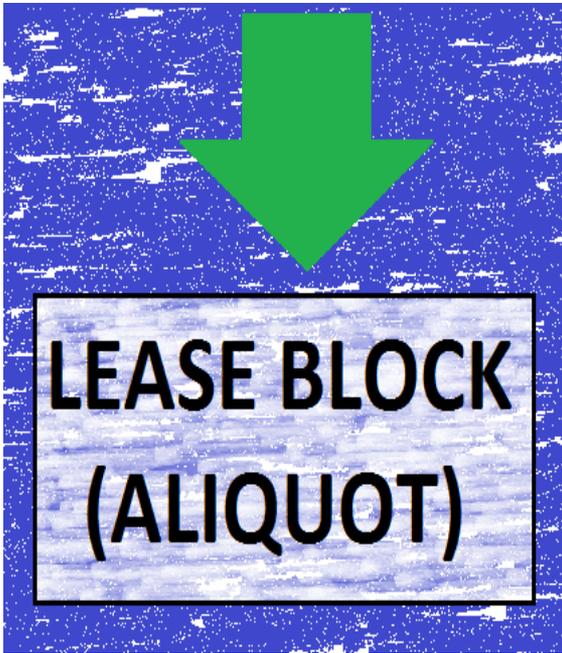
Jean Thurston  
Renewable Energy Specialist  
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management



- Bureau within the Department of the Interior
- Regulatory Authority:
  - Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA)
  - Energy Policy Act of 2005
- Oversees development of the nation's oil and gas, renewable energy, and other mineral and energy resources on the Outer Continental Shelf
- Engages with the Oregon Task Force and the public to learn about specific concerns



# Lease Blocks and Aliquots



	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	
	E	F	G	H	E	F	G	H	
			<b>6629</b>				<b>6630</b>		
	I	J	K	L	I	J	K	L	
	M	N	O	P	M	N	O	P	
	A	B	C	D	A	B	C	D	
	E	F	G	H	E	F	G	H	
			<b>6679</b>				<b>6680</b>		
	I	J	K	L	I	J	K	L	
	M	N	O	P	M	N	O	P	

# Step 1: Developer submits unsolicited lease proposal to BOEM

- Developer may informally discuss a proposal with stakeholders prior to BOEM submittal
- BOEM received a lease proposal from Principle Power, Inc. (Principle Power) in May 2013
- BOEM discussed the lease proposal and area with the BOEM Oregon Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force (Oregon Task Force) in June 2013
- BOEM published a copy of the lease proposal online on the BOEM website for public viewing



## Step 2: BOEM publishes a Request for Interest in the *Federal Register*

- BOEM published a “Request for Competitive Interest” (RFI) in the *Federal Register* in September, 2013
- Oregon Task Force provided input on language to include in the RFI prior to its’ publication
- Interested parties respond to the RFI with expressions of interest or other comments
- BOEM received 18 comments and no expressions of competitive interest



- BOEM published a 'Determination of No Competitive Interest' (DNCI) in the *Federal Register* in February, 2014
- Principle Power plans to submit a construction and operations plan (COP) to BOEM for their project
- Principle Power plans to conduct surveys over the Summer 2014 (estimated) to gather additional information to develop their plan
- BOEM hosted a Stakeholder Outreach Roundtable discussion with Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell on February 6, 2014



## Step 4: BOEM publishes a Notice of Intent to prepare an environmental review

- BOEM published a Notice of Intent (NOI) to Prepare an Environmental Assessment in the *Federal Register* on May 29, 2014
- Interested parties formally respond to the NOI with comments regarding the lease proposal
- BOEM held two public scoping meetings at the Coos Bay Public Library on Tuesday June 17, 2014 (1 – 4 p.m. and 5 – 8 p.m.)
- BOEM held first fishing outreach meeting at the Charleston Marina & RV Park on Wednesday, June 18 2014
- Public comment period open until July 28, 2014 (formal input opportunity)

**We are here!**



# Step 5: Developer submits a Construction and Operations Plan (COP) to BOEM

- BOEM anticipates Principle Power will submit a COP to BOEM in late Fall 2014 (estimated)
- Development potential may be discussed during future Oregon Task Force meetings
- BOEM may request informal comments and input from the public
- BOEM publishes a copy of the COP online on the BOEM website for public viewing



## Step 6: BOEM reviews COP and completes environmental review

- BOEM reviews the COP to ensure it has all the necessary data and information and begins an environmental review
- Principle Power submits a Facility Design Report (FDR) and Fabrication and Installation Report (FIR) to BOEM for engineering review
- Project concerns may be discussed during future Oregon Task Force or other meetings
- BOEM prepares an environmental document (EA) and circulates it to the public for comment (expected Spring 2015)
- BOEM distributes a revised environmental document (based on public comment) and a findings document to the public (expected Summer 2015)



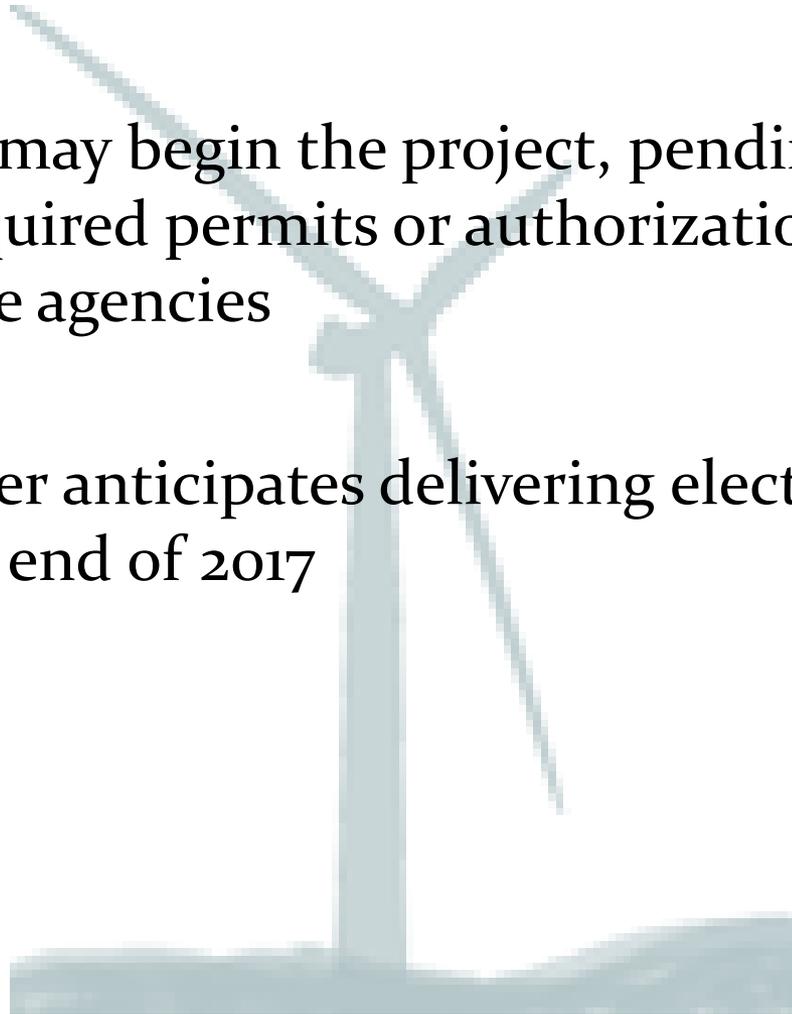
## Step 7: BOEM may issue a Lease for the proposed project

- BOEM may approve, disapprove, or approve with modification the COP
- If BOEM approves or approves with modification the COP, BOEM may issue a lease to Principle Power for the project
- If BOEM issues a lease, BOEM would publish a Notice of Lease Issuance in the Federal Register
- BOEM publishes a copy of the lease online on the BOEM website for public viewing



## Step 8: Construction and operations may begin for the project

- Construction may begin the project, pending any additional required permits or authorizations from other federal or state agencies
- Principle Power anticipates delivering electricity from the project by the end of 2017



1. Developer submits unsolicited lease proposal to BOEM
2. BOEM publishes a Request for Competitive Interest (RFI) in the *Federal Register*
3. BOEM publishes a Determination of No Competitive Interest (DNCI) in the *Federal Register*
4. BOEM publishes a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) in the *Federal Register*
5. Developer submits a Construction and Operations Plan (COP) to BOEM
6. BOEM reviews COP and completes environmental review
7. BOEM may issue a Lease for the proposed project
8. Construction and operations may begin for the project



- Oregon Task Force public Q & A sessions
- Other outreach meetings or discussions
- NEPA scoping meetings and hearings
- Federal Register notices:
  - Request for Interest (RFI)
  - Notice of Intent to prepare a NEPA document
  - Notice of Draft NEPA document



# Thank you.

BOEM website for more information:

[www.boem.gov/Oregon](http://www.boem.gov/Oregon)

