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RE: Notice of Intent for the Sunrise Wind Farm Project

Dear Consulting Party,

This letter is to notify you that the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has issued a Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Sunrise Wind Farm Project in the *Federal Register*. The NOI can be found at [www.boem.gov/Sunrise-Wind](http://www.boem.gov/Sunrise-Wind). This NOI commences the public scoping process for identifying issues and potential alternatives for consideration in the Sunrise Wind Farm Project EIS.

BOEM has assigned Kleinschmidt Associates PA, PC (Kleinschmidt) and SEARCH, Inc. (SEARCH) (hereafter referred to collectively as Kleinschmidt/SEARCH) as the third-party contractor to facilitate the NEPA process. All Federal oversight and decisions will remain with BOEM. Kleinschmidt/SEARCH's role in the NEPA process is administrative; Kleinschmidt/SEARCH will coordinate communication with the consulting parties; facilitate distribution of BOEM-approved documents; provide technical assistance; and arrange and lead meetings, webinars, or calls with consulting parties.

If approved, the Project will consist of up to 122 wind turbine generators (WTGs), an offshore converter station, inter-array cables, an onshore converter station, an offshore transmission cable making landfall on Long Island, New York, and an onshore interconnection cable to the Long Island Power Authority Holbrook Substation. The Project will generate between 880 megawatts (MW) and 1,300 MW of renewable energy. The WTGs, offshore converter station, and array cables would be located in Federal waters approximately 18.9 statute miles (mi) (16.4 nautical miles [nm], 30.4 kilometers [km]) south of Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, 30.5 mi (26.5 nm, 48.1 km) east of Montauk, New York, and 16.7 mi (14.5 nm, 26.8 km) from Block Island, Rhode Island in BOEM Renewable Energy Lease Area OCS-A 0487. The offshore export cables would be buried below the seabed surface within Federal and state waters. The onshore export cables, converter station, and grid connection would be located in Suffolk County, New York. The Project location is depicted on Enclosure 1 (Figure source: Sunrise Wind Farm Project COP).

Through this notice, BOEM seeks comment and input regarding the identification of historic properties and/or potential effects to historic properties from activities associated with approval of the Project, as well as reasonable alternatives (e.g., size, geographic, or other restrictions on construction and siting of facilities and activities), and potential mitigation measures to be analyzed in the EIS, as well as provide additional information. Mitigation measures may include ways to avoid, minimize, or otherwise treat and resolve adverse effects on historic properties.

As you may recall from our prior correspondence, BOEM is using the National Environmental Policy Act substitution for Section 106 process as laid out in the regulations at 36 CFR § 800.8. The NOI initiates a 30-day scoping period for the Project. BOEM intends to hold public scoping

