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Mr. Jeff Burright
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Dear Mr. Burright:

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is submitting this Consistency Determination for leasing Wind Energy Areas (WEAs) offshore Oregon in compliance with Section 930.34 *et seq.* of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Federal Consistency Regulations (Title 15 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 930 Subpart C).

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct) authorized BOEM to issue leases, easements, and rights of way to allow for renewable energy development on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). EPAct provided a general framework for BOEM to follow when authorizing these renewable energy activities. BOEM has further issued their own implementing regulations, which support the requirement of the completion of a Consistency Determination when offshore leasing activity is expected. *See* 74 Fed. Reg. 19,638 (Apr. 29, 2009); *see also* 30 CFR part 585 and 43 U.S.C § 1337(p)(1)(C).

If you have questions about the attached Consistency Determination for leasing WEAs offshore Oregon, please contact Natalie Dayal at natalie.dayal@boem.gov.

Sincerely,

Douglas P. Boren Regional Director Pacific Regional Office

## Four Enclosures:

Consistency Determination for Leasing Wind Energy Areas Offshore Oregon Appendix A – Enforceable Policy User Report

 $\label{eq:appendix} Appendix\ B-Draft\ Environmental\ Assessment\ for\ Commercial\ Wind\ Lease\ Issuance\ on\ the\ Pacific\ Outer\ Continental\ Shelf,\ Oregon$ 

Appendix C – Selected BOEM-Funded Research Informing Renewable Energy Offshore Oregon