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Greg Adams  
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Re: Comments on Offshore Wind Auction Format Information Request

Dear Mr. Adams:

On behalf of the Virginia Offshore Wind Development Authority (VOWDA), an agency established under Virginia law to promote the rational development of offshore wind farms, we are writing to support the inclusion of the Multi-Factor Auction Design in any final regulation establishing auction formats. We also wish to bring to your attention that each State along the Atlantic Seaboard possesses unique laws and regulations and recommend that these be acknowledged in any final auction design.

VOWDA commends the work that BOEM is doing to promote offshore wind and to create a level playing field for developers and interested parties and commends your recognition of these subjective but important factors when awarding leases to developers.

Thank you for your attention to our comments.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur W. Moye  
Chairman

c: Cathie J. France, Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy