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Mr. Samuel Eaton
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Dear Mr. Eaton:

Bight Wind Holdings LLC was the successful bidder for Lease OCS-A 0539 at a sale that was held in February 2022. Lease OCS-A 0539 was issued effective May 1, 2022, subject to the terms of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. §§ 1331 *et seq.*). The Lessee filed a name change with the Secretary of the State of Delaware on May 4, 2022, from Bight Wind Holdings, LLC to Community Offshore Wind, LLC, (COSW) made effective on May 6, 2022. All Marine Minerals Administration (MMA) records were updated to reflect the new name.

RWE Offshore Wind Holdings, LLC was the successful bidder for Lease OCS-P 0561 at a sale that was held in December 2022. Lease OCS-P 0561 was issued effective June 1, 2023, subject to the terms of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. §§ 1331 *et seq.*). The Lessee assigned 100% record title interest to Canopy Offshore Wind, LLC, (Canopy) effective September 4, 2024.

RWE Offshore US Gulf, LLC (RWE Gulf) was the successful bidder for Lease OCS-G 37334, at a sale that was held in August 2023. Lease OCS-G 37334 was issued effective November 1, 2023, subject to the terms of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. §§ 1331 *et seq.*).

After lease issuance and negotiations with RWE for each of the three lessees, three settlement agreements were executed on August 4, 2026, between the United States, through the Department of the Interior (DOI), and COSW, Canopy, and RWE Gulf. As reflected in these agreements, DOI determined that canceling Leases OCS-A 0539, OCS-P 0561, and OCS-G 37334 is in the public interest, and COSW, Canopy, and RWE Gulf stated that they would have asserted claims in litigation against the United States related to their leases. The agreements recognize that DOI would not have issued the leases had it known the sensitive information that it recently learned from the Department of War.

Pursuant to Section three of these agreements, COSW, Canopy, and RWE Gulf provided unqualified accounting audit reports and supporting documentation to the Assistant Secretary – Policy, Management, and Budget, satisfying Section three of each of the agreements. DOI subsequently submitted requests for payment in the amounts of \$1,100,000,000 (COSW), \$121,307,692 (Canopy), and \$4,307,692 (RWE Gulf) to the Judgment Fund Branch at the United States Department of the

Treasury's Bureau of the Fiscal Service (the "Payment").

Section four of the agreement states that, upon transfer and deposit of the Payment in the accounts of COSW, Canopy, and RWE Gulf, DOI will cancel Leases No. OCS-A 0539, OCS-P 0561, and OCS-G-37334 and inform the Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR) that these leases have been canceled. DOI is hereby canceling Leases No. OCS-A 0539, OCS-P 0561, and OCS-G-37334. To provide notice to ONRR, MMA is copying ONRR on this letter.

Upon transfer and deposit of the Payments, COSW, Canopy, and RWE Gulf also promptly submitted to DOI executed copies of BOEM Form 0004 (August 2026), applying to relinquish Leases No. OCS-A 0539, OCS-P 0561, and OCS-G 37334. In accordance with the agreement, DOI has received and has hereby processed the relinquishments of Leases OCS-A 0539, OCS-P 0561, and OCS-G 37334 (attached). MMA will update its records accordingly.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Rachelle Pierre at rachelle.pierre@boem.gov or (703) 787-1560 (Lease OCS-A 0539), Ms. Lakeisha (Keisha) Douglas at lakeisha.douglas@boem.gov or 805-384-6394 (Lease OCS-P 0561), and Ms. Johanna Lae at johanna.lae@boem.gov or 504-736-2935 (Lease OCS-G 37334).

Sincerely,

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