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GOVERNOR

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The Honorable Elizabeth Klein, Director
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
1849 C Street NW
Washington, DC 20240

Dear Director Klein,

In the weeks since the Department of Interior's offshore wind Final Sale Notice (FSN) announcement on August 29, 2024, I have heard growing concerns over the market readiness and BOEM timing of the two lease areas off the coast of Oregon. My office shared those concerns directly with your staff prior to the FSN announcement. Similarly, coastal and fishing communities and federally recognized Tribal nations have requested that BOEM halt the current leasing schedule until the State completes its "Roadmap" process to fully understand the risks and opportunities inherent in this emerging new renewable energy industry.

To augment the Roadmap process, my office has also been engaging with the Department of Energy and states of California and Washington to collaborate on offshore wind supply chain opportunities. I believe that Oregon's manufacturing industries and ports are poised to play an important and economically significant role in the current California lease area developments and in national market development. This strategic planning and supply chain analysis will be key to unlocking the potential of offshore wind in the Pacific Northwest, and I believe tribal nations must be partners in this work. I will continue to direct my agencies to support these efforts in support of this objective.

I am disappointed that BOEM's accelerated process over the last year has further divided stakeholder communities, and put the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians in the position of challenging BOEM in federal district court. Oregon's legislative Coastal Caucus is likewise now in full opposition to BOEM's proposed lease. My office has heard broader concerns this month from renewable energy, labor, fishing, and conservation communities on the risks that a failed competitive lease process would pose to Oregon's developing supply chain industry and to its environmentally sensitive offshore habitats.

I believe that Oregon has no choice but to withdraw from the BOEM Oregon Intergovernmental Renewable Energy Task Force in order to ensure that Oregon's interests are fully protected, and that we have adequate time to complete our state Roadmap with engagement and participation of key constituencies and the public. Given this, I request that BOEM halt all current leasing

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activities off the coast of Oregon and terminate the current auction. My administration must have full confidence that our state's Roadmap will be complete and all associated enforceable policies in place before BOEM proceeds with additional lease-related activities in future years.

I remain convinced that offshore wind holds exciting promise to be part of our nation's clean energy future, but in Oregon, actions of significance must be done the Oregon way. If you have any questions about this matter, please feel free to contact and work with my staff. Know that we look forward to working with you on lease opportunities at an appropriate time in the future.

Sincerely,



Governor Tina Kotek

cc. The Honorable Ron Wyden, Senator, Oregon
The Honorable Jeff Merkley, Senator, Oregon
The Honorable Suzanne Bonamici, Congresswoman, Oregon's 1st District
The Honorable Cliff Bentz, Congressman, Oregon's 2nd District
The Honorable Earl Blumenauer, Congressman, Oregon's 3rd District
The Honorable Valerie Hoyle, Congresswoman, Oregon's 4th District
The Honorable Lori Chavez-DeRemer, Congresswoman, Oregon's 5th District
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