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MANAGEMENT, REGULATION, AND ENFORCEMENT
Washington, DC 20240

October 15, 2010

VIA EMAIL

Ron Huber
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POB 1871
Rockland Maine 84841

REF: MMS-2011-0004

Dear Mr. Huber:

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement (BOEMRE) received your FOIA request dated September 27, 2010 on October 1, 2010 and assigned it Request No. MMS-2011-0004. In your request, you sought records regarding ocean wind energy development in Maine state waters and waters offshore of Maine in Federal and EEZ waters of the Gulf of Maine.

On October 7, 2010, BOEMRE sent you a letter requesting additional information that would help us determine if you qualify for a fee waiver.

On October 13, 2010, BOEMRE received your letter dated October 12, 2010 that detailed your justification for a fee waiver. After careful review, we have determined that you provided sufficient justification to show that the release of the information will contribute significantly to public understanding of the operations of the Government and is not primarily in your commercial interest. As a result, we are writing to inform you that we have determined to grant your request for a fee waiver.

Please be aware that BOEMRE grants fee waivers on a case-by-case basis and will handle each request individually.

As of October 15, 2010, your FOIA request is now perfected. We will advise you of the status of our response within 20 workdays if we anticipate a delay. Unusual circumstances may warrant an additional 10-workday extension.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Shari Baloch /s/

Shari Baloch
FOIA Officer
BOEMRE/OEMM