

*d. Non-Procurement Debarment and Suspension Regulations*

Pursuant to 43 CFR part 42, subpart C, an OCS renewable energy Lessee will be required to comply with the Department of the Interior's non-procurement debarment and suspension regulations at 2 CFR parts 180 and 1400. The Lessee must also communicate this requirement to persons with whom the Lessee does business relating to this lease by including this requirement as a condition in their contracts and other transactions.

*e. Changes to Auction Details*

The Regional Director of BOEM's Gulf of Mexico Regional Office has the discretion to change any auction detail specified in the FSN, including the date and time, if s/he deems that events outside BOEM's control may interfere with a fair and proper lease sale. Such events may include, but are not limited to, natural disasters (e.g., earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, and blizzards), wars, riots, act of terrorism, fire, strikes, civil disorder, Federal Government shutdowns, cyberattacks against relevant information systems, or other events of a similar nature. In case of such events, BOEM would notify all qualified bidders via email, phone, and BOEM's website at: <https://www.boem.gov/renewable-energy/state-activities/gulf-mexico-activities>. Bidders should call (504) 736-7502 if they have concerns.

*f. Withdrawal of Blocks*

BOEM reserves the right to withdraw all or portions of the Lease Areas prior to executing the leases with the winning bidders. If BOEM exercises this right, it will refund bid deposits to winning bidders, without interest, as provided in 30 CFR 585.224(f).

*g. Appeals*

The bid rejection procedures are provided in BOEM's regulations at 30 CFR 585.225 and 585.118(c). Under 30 CFR 585.225:

(a) If BOEM rejects your bid, BOEM will provide a written statement of the reasons and will refund any money deposited with your bid, without interest.

(b) You will then be able to ask the BOEM Director for reconsideration, in writing, within 15 business days of bid rejection, under 30 CFR 585.118(c)(1). The Director will send you a written response either affirming or reversing the rejection.

The procedures for requesting reconsideration of a bid rejection are described in 30 CFR 585.118(c).

*h. Protection of Privileged or Confidential Information*

BOEM will protect privileged or confidential information that the Lessee submits, as authorized by the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 30 CFR 585.114, or other applicable statutes. If the Lessee wishes to protect the confidentiality of information, the Lessee should clearly mark it "Contains Privileged or Confidential Information" and consider submitting such information as a separate attachment. BOEM will not disclose such information, except as required by FOIA. If your submission is requested under the FOIA, your information will only be withheld if a determination is made that one of the FOIA's exemptions to disclosure applies. Such a determination will be made in accordance with the Department's FOIA regulations and applicable law. Labeling information as privileged or confidential will alert BOEM to more closely scrutinize whether it warrants withholding. Further, BOEM will not treat as confidential aggregate summaries of otherwise nonconfidential information.

**XV. Compliance With the Inflation Reduction Act (Pub. L. 117-169 (Aug. 16, 2022) (Hereinafter, the "IRA"))**

Section 50265(b)(2) of the IRA provides that "[d]uring the 10-year period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act . . . the Secretary may not issue a lease for offshore wind development under section 8(p)(1)(C) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1337(p)(1)(C)) unless—(A) an offshore [oil and gas] lease sale has been held during the 1-year period ending on the date of the issuance of the lease for offshore wind development; and (B) the sum total of acres offered for lease in offshore [oil and gas] lease sales during the 1-year period ending on the date of the issuance of the lease for offshore wind development is not less than 60,000,000 acres." Section 50264(d) of the IRA provides that ". . . not later than March 31, 2023, the Secretary shall conduct Lease Sale 259[.]". Lease Sale 259 was held on March 29, 2023, and at least one lease from the sale has been issued, satisfying the requirements in section 50265(b)(2) of the IRA for any lease issued by March 29, 2024. BOEM expects to issue any leases resulting from GOMW-1 no later than the one-year anniversary of Lease Sale 259.

Authority: 43 U.S.C. 1337(p); 30 CFR 585.211 and 585.216.

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**INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**

**[USITC SE-23-034]**

**Sunshine Act Meetings**

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** United States International Trade Commission.

**TIME AND DATE:** July 27, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** Room 101, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, Telephone: (202) 205-2000.

**STATUS:** Open to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

1. *Agendas for future meetings:* none.
2. Minutes.
3. Ratification List.
4. Commission vote on Inv. Nos. 701-TA-442 and 731-TA-1095-1096 (Third Review) (Lined Paper School Supplies from China and India). The Commission currently is scheduled to complete and file its determination and views on August 4, 2023.
5. *Outstanding action jackets:* none.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Sharon Bellamy, Acting Supervisory Hearings and Information Officer, 202-205-2000.

The Commission is holding the meeting under the Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b). In accordance with Commission policy, subject matter listed above, not disposed of at the scheduled meeting, may be carried over to the agenda of the following meeting. Earlier notification of meeting was not possible.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: July 19, 2023.

**Lisa Barton,**

*Secretary to the Commission.*

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