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Ms. Kate Huckelbridge
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California Coastal Commission
455 Market St., Ste. 300
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Dear Ms. Huckelbridge:

The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is submitting this Consistency Determination for the Morro Bay Wind Energy Area (WEA) in compliance with Section 930.34 *et seq.* of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Federal Consistency Regulations (Title 15 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 930 Subpart C).

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct) authorized BOEM to issue leases, easements and rights of way to allow for renewable energy development on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). EPAct provided a general framework for BOEM to follow when authorizing these renewable energy activities. BOEM has further issued their own implementing regulations, which support the requirement of the completion of a Consistency Determination when offshore leasing activity is expected. *See* 74 Fed. Reg. 19,638 (Apr. 29, 2009); *see also* 30 CFR part 585 and 43 U.S.C § 1337(p)(1)(C).

If you have questions about the attached Consistency Determination for the Morro Bay WEA, you may contact Lisa Saylor Gentry at (805) 384-6390 or she can be reached by email at lisa.gentry@boem.gov.

Sincerely,

Douglas P. Boren
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