An Industry Perspective on Offshore Wind Energy

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Drivers for Offshore Wind Energy

- Access to wind resource
- Access to customer demand
- Only option for large-scale renewable energy in some places
- Economic opportunities
- Limited impacts
- Demonstrated technology
European Offshore Wind Projects

Market Hurdles

• Long-term policy support
• Evolving foundation designs
• Infrastructure development
• Cost reductions
• Permitting regime
AWEA Comments on MMS Proposed Rule

- Publish Final Rule by end of this year
- Minimize administrative delays in leasing process
- Reduce opportunities for misuse by speculators and opponents
- Adjust approach to revenue collection
  - Omit minimum bids
  - Revise operating fee computation
- Revise financial assurance provisions
- Separate Alternate Use from the Final Rule
Questions?

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