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Dr. Walter Cruickshank  
Acting Director  
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management  
Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20240

RE: BOEM Intergovernmental Taskforce (Offshore Renewable Energy) for Louisiana

Dear Dr. Cruickshank:

I am writing to request establishment of an intergovernmental task force for offshore renewable energy for the State of Louisiana. The purpose of the task force would be to facilitate coordination and consultation among federal, state, and local governments on renewable energy commercial leasing proposals in federal waters offshore of Louisiana.

I hereby designate Harry J. Vorhoff of the Governor's Office – Coastal Activities as the primary point of contact for Louisiana. Mr. Vorhoff will work with BOEM to establish the task force and coordinate involvement of state agencies and local governments. Mr. Vorhoff can be contacted at (225) 342-6952 or [harry.vorhoff@la.gov](mailto:harry.vorhoff@la.gov).

Louisiana looks forward to working with BOEM on establishment of the task force.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Bel Edwards".

John Bel Edwards  
Governor

cc: Michael Celata, Regional Director, Gulf of Mexico, Bureau of Ocean Energy  
Management  
Tom Harris, Secretary, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources  
Don Pierson, Secretary, Louisiana Economic Development  
Chip Kline, Executive Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Activities