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**Statement on Today's News of Major Federal Lease Sale for Offshore Wind Energy
Development in the New York Bight**

Statement by Fred Zalcman, Director of the New York Offshore Wind Alliance

ALBANY, NY (January 12, 2022). Fred Zalcman, Director of the New York Offshore Wind Alliance (NYOWA) offered the following statement after the announcement by the federal Bureau of Ocean Management (BOEM) that it will conduct an offshore wind lease auction for the New York Bight on February 23, 2022.

“These new federal lease areas will create the opportunity for up to 7 gigawatts of new offshore wind development, almost 480,000 acres and enough new generation to power more than 3 million New York homes. The Biden Administration’s actions today will allow New York's to realize our nation-leading goal of 9 GW of offshore wind by 2035.”

He continued, “Now companies will compete for these leases, and then compete to build offshore wind energy projects. These new lease areas further secure New York as the center of gravity in the U.S. for offshore wind. These leases will lead to investments in port facilities, manufacturing, and workers right here in New York.”

“The New York Offshore Wind Alliance welcomes the innovative ideas in this lease sale – incentives for investment in the domestic supply chain and requirements for early engagement with interested communities and stakeholder groups, including environmental justice communities, the fishing community, and organized labor. Furthermore, the areas identified in the Final Sale Notice (FSN) were painstakingly developed through several years of rigorous analysis and engagement with the public. The sale optimizes the productive use of the Northeast's world-class wind resource, while still respecting the marine environment and migratory species, as well as the needs and interests of other ocean energy users, such as commercial fishers, and navigators.”

“We welcome new leaseholders. Greater competition means better prices for ratepayers and reflects the attractiveness of the US offshore wind market.”

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About the New York Offshore Wind Alliance: The New York Offshore Wind Alliance (NYOWA) is a diverse coalition of organizations with a shared interest in promoting the responsible development of offshore wind power for New York. NYOWA is a project of the Alliance for Clean Energy New York (ACE NY). www.nyowa.org