372–373. In order to compile the probate file, the BIA must obtain the family heirship data regarding the deceased from individuals and the tribe. This section contains the procedures that the Secretary of the Interior follows to initiate the probate of the trust estate for a deceased person who owns an interest in trust or restricted property. The Secretary must perform the necessary research of family heirship data collection requests in this part to obtain the information necessary to compile an accurate and complete probate file. This file will be forwarded to the Office of Hearing and Appeals (OHA) for disposition. Responses to these information collection requests are required to create a probate file for the decedent’s estate so that OHA can determine the heirs of the decedent and order distribution of the trust assets in the decedent’s estate.

Title of Collection: Probate of Indian Estates, Except for Members of the Osage Nation and Five Civilized Tribes.

OMB Control Number: 1076–0169.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension without change of currently approved collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: Indians, businesses, and tribal authorities.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 36,906 per year.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 41,139 per year.

Estimated Completion Time per Response: Varies from 0.5 hours to 45 hours.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 617,486 per year.

Respondent’s Obligation: Required to obtain a benefit.

Frequency of Collection: Once per respondent per year.

Total Estimated Annual Nonhour Burden Cost: $0.

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The authority for this action is the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq).


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Director, Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action—Indian Affairs.
Budget Reports are submitted 4 times per year.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

[Docket No. BOEM–2018–0015; MAAL040000]

Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Vineyard Wind LLC’s Proposed Wind Energy Facility Offshore Massachusetts


ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: Consistent with the regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is announcing its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the approval of a Construction and Operations Plan (COP) submitted by Vineyard Wind LLC (Vineyard Wind) that would allow it to construct and operate an 800 megawatt (MW) wind energy facility offshore Massachusetts. This Notice of Intent (NOI) serves to announce the EIS scoping process for the Vineyard Wind COP.

DATES: Comments should be submitted no later than April 30, 2018. BOEM’s scoping meetings will be held at the following dates and times. Please see the ADDRESSES section for the specific locations.

1. Monday, April 16, 2018, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., New Bedford, Massachusetts.
2. Tuesday, April 17, 2018, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Martha’s Vineyard, Massachusetts.

3. Wednesday, April 18, 2018, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Nantucket, Massachusetts.
4. Wednesday, April 18, 2018, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Hyannis, Massachusetts.
5. Thursday, April 19, 2018, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Kingston, Rhode Island.

ADDRESSES: Detailed information about the proposed wind energy facility, including the COP, can be found on BOEM’s website at: https://www.boem.gov/Commercial-Wind-Leasing-Offshore-Massachusetts/. Comments can be submitted in any of the following ways:

1. In written form, delivered by hand or by mail, enclosed in an envelope labeled “Vineyard Wind COP EIS” and addressed to Program Manager, Office of Renewable Energy, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 45600 Woodland Road, Sterling, Virginia 20166. Comments must be received or postmarked no later than April 30, 2018; or
2. Through the regulations.gov web portal: Navigate to http://www.regulations.gov and search for Docket No. BOEM–2018–0015. Click on the “Comment Now!” button to the right of the document link. Enter your information and comment, then click “Submit.”

Pursuant to the regulations implementing the provisions of NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), BOEM will hold public scoping meetings for the Vineyard Wind COP at the following places and times:

- New Bedford, Massachusetts; Monday, April 16, 2018; Fairfield Inn and Suites, Waypoint Event Center, Seafortom, 183 MacArthur Drive, New Bedford, Massachusetts 02740; Open House 5:00–8:00 p.m.; Presentation and Q&A 6:00 p.m.
- Martha’s Vineyard, Massachusetts; Tuesday, April 17, 2018; Martha’s Vineyard Hebrew Center, 130 Center Street, Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts 02568; Open House 5:00–8:00 p.m.; Presentation and Q&A 6:00 p.m.
- Nantucket, Massachusetts; Wednesday, April 18, 2018; Nantucket Middle School, Cafeteria, 10 Surfside Road, Nantucket, Massachusetts 02554; Open House 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.; Presentation and Q&A 12:00 p.m.
- Hyannis, Massachusetts; Wednesday, April 18, 2018; Double Tree Hotel, 287 Hyannis Road, Cape Cod Room, Hyannis, Massachusetts 02601; Open House 6:00–9:00 p.m.; Presentation and Q&A 6:30 p.m.
- Kingston, Rhode Island; Thursday, April 19, 2018; University of Rhode Island, Ryan Center, Alumni Lounge, 1 Lincoln Almond Plaza, Kingston, Rhode Island 02881; Open House 5:00–8:00 p.m.; Presentation and Q&A 6:00 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the Vineyard Wind COP EIS, the submission of comments, or BOEM’s policies associated with this notice, please contact Michelle Morin, BOEM Office of Renewable Energy Programs, 45600 Woodland Road, Sterling, Virginia 20166, (703) 787–1340 or michelle.morin@boem.gov.

Proposed Action: The proposed action is the construction and operation of a wind energy facility as described in the COP submitted by Vineyard Wind on Lease Area OCS–A 0501. In its COP, Vineyard Wind is proposing the construction, operation, and eventual decommissioning of an 800 MW facility, potentially constructed in two 400 MW phases up to five years apart. Vineyard Wind’s COP proposes installing up to 106 wind turbine generators, each with a capacity of between 8 and 10 MW. Foundations would likely be monopoles, jackets, or a combination of both. The proposed facility would also include two to four offshore substations or electrical service platforms. The potential export cable landfalls identified by Vineyard Wind include sites near the towns of Yarmouth, Barnstable, and Nantucket in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Onshore construction and staging would take place at the New Bedford Marine Commerce Terminal facility. At its nearest point, the project area is approximately 14 miles from the southeast corner of Martha’s Vineyard and a similar distance from the southwest side of Nantucket. Water depths where the turbines would be located range from approximately 37 to 49 meters (approximately 121 to 161 feet).

Once BOEM completes the EIS and associated consultations, BOEM will decide whether to approve, approve with modification, or disapprove the Vineyard Wind COP. If BOEM approves the COP and the proposed facility is constructed, the lessee must submit a plan to decommission the facilities prior to the end of the lease term.

Scoping Process: This NOI commences the public scoping process for identifying issues and potential alternatives for consideration in the Vineyard Wind COP EIS. Throughout the scoping process, Federal agencies, state, tribal, and local governments, and the general public have the opportunity to help BOEM determine significant resources and the impact producing factors, reasonable alternatives (e.g., size, geographic, seasonal, or other.