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Thank you for participating in the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority's (NYSERDA) public meeting on June 29 regarding New York State's Offshore Wind Master Plan and NYSERDA's participation in the U.S. Department of Interior's Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's auction for a commercial offshore wind energy lease off the coast of Long Island. As stated in the announcement about NYSERDA's participation in the BOEM auction, our plans are designed to lead to the successful construction of a cost-effective offshore wind facility by a private developer in the shortest possible period of time. A critical part to developing offshore wind is the power offtake mechanism. If NYSERDA is successful in acquiring the lease area, we believe the roadmap for creating this offtake mechanism will be simpler and quicker, due in part to its competitive character, speeding the construction of offshore wind projects in New York.

As discussed during the meeting, we will be transparent with respect to our actions regarding the auction. The slides from the June 29 meeting have been posted to NYSERDA's [website](#). Additionally, we submitted our qualifications for the lease auction to BOEM on July 6, 2016. Please check NYSERDA's website for additional updates on our progress with the auction and the Offshore Wind Master Plan.

Best,

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