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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
EERE PROJECT MANAGEMENT CENTER
NEPA DETERMINATION**



RECIPIENT: Duke Energy Business Services LLC

STATE: NC

PROJECT TITLE : Carolinas Offshore Wind Integration Case Study

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number	Procurement Instrument Number	NEPA Control Number	CID Number
DE-FOA-0000414	DE-EE0005368	GFO-0005368-001	0

Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Order 451.1A), I have made the following determination:

CX, EA, EIS APPENDIX AND NUMBER:

Description:

A9 Information gathering, analysis, and dissemination

Information gathering (including, but not limited to, literature surveys, inventories, site visits, and audits), data analysis (including, but not limited to, computer modeling), document preparation (including, but not limited to, conceptual design, feasibility studies, and analytical energy supply and demand studies), and information dissemination (including, but not limited to, document publication and distribution, and classroom training and informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring. (See also B3.1 of appendix B to this subpart.)

Rational for determination:

Duke Energy Business Services, LLC (Duke Energy) would utilize DOE and cost share funds to develop and publish a study, assessing the impact of offshore wind development in the waters off the coasts of North and South Carolina using modeling and existing information.

1. Site Selection
2. Capacity and Energy Profile
3. Interconnection and Delivery
4. Dynamic Stability Analysis
5. Operating Reliability Impacts
6. Production Cost Impacts
7. Project Management and Reporting

Budget: \$534,911 (DOE); \$133,728 (cost share)

There is no fieldwork associated with this project. There should be no generation of air emissions or hazardous wastes associated with this project. This project is comprised of information gathering, analysis, and modeling; therefore the DOE has categorized this into Categorical Exclusion A9.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

If you intend to make changes to the scope or objective of your project you are required to contact the Project Officer identified in Block 11 of the Notice of Financial Assistance Award before proceeding. You must receive notification of approval from the DOE Contracting Officer prior to commencing with work beyond that currently approved.

Note to Specialist :

EF2a by Christopher Carusona II

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature: *Brenda Lee*
NEPA Compliance Officer

Date: 12/8/2011

FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETERMINATION

Field Office Manager review required

NCO REQUESTS THE FIELD OFFICE MANAGER REVIEW FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON:

- Proposed action fits within a categorical exclusion but involves a high profile or controversial issue that warrants Field Office Manager's attention.
- Proposed action falls within an EA or EIS category and therefore requires Field Office Manager's review and determination.

BASED ON MY REVIEW I CONCUR WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE NCO :

Field Office Manager's Signature: _____
Field Office Manager

Date: _____