DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

[Docket Number: BOEM–2025–0582]

Call for Information and Nominations for Southern California Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Lease Sales Proposed in the 11th National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program

AGENCY: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Interior.

ACTION: Call for information and nominations; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) issues this call for information and nominations (Call) covering proposed Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas lease sales in the available portions of the Southern California Planning Area. Those sales are described in the U.S. Department of the Interior's (Department) recently published Draft Proposed Program for the 11th National OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program (11th National Program), which BOEM announced on November 20, 2025. This Call solicits industry nominations of acreage for possible inclusion in these proposed sales and requests information from the public on the Call Area (as defined in the section ''Call for Information and Nominations,'' subsection 3 ''Description of the Call Area'' below) for lease sale planning. Specifically, BOEM seeks information on geological conditions, archaeological sites, potential use conflicts, areas of special concern, and other socioeconomic, biological, and environmental information. This Call is not a final decision to lease and does not prejudge any future secretarial decisions concerning leasing offshore California.

DATES: All nominations and comments must be received by BOEM or postmarked no later than February 26, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Do not send nominations, indications of interest, or other proprietary information through the Federal eRulemaking Portal or to any email address provided in this document. To ensure security and confidentiality of proprietary information to the maximum extent possible, send nominations, indications of interest, and other proprietary information via mail directly to: Regional Supervisor, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Office of Strategic Resources, 760 Paseo Camarillo (CM 102), Camarillo, California 93010. Consistent with subsection 5 ''Protection of Privileged, Proprietary, and Personal Information'' below, you should mark all documents and every page containing such information with ''Confidential—Contains Proprietary Information.'' Send your nominations in an envelope labeled ''Nominations for Southern California Planning Area Lease Sales.''

All public comments should be submitted through one of the following methods:

1. Federal eRulemaking Portal: *http://www.regulations.gov.* In the field entitled, ''Search,'' enter ''BOEM–2025–0582'' and then click ''search.'' Follow the instructions to submit public comments and to view supporting and related materials available for this notice.

2. By mail to the following address: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Pacific Region, Office of Strategic Resources, 760 Paseo Camarillo (CM 102), Camarillo, California 93010. Send your comments in an envelope clearly labeled ''Comments on the Call for Information and Nominations for Southern California Planning Area Lease Sales.''

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Necy Sumait, Regional Supervisor, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Pacific Region, Office of Strategic Resources, 760 Paseo Camarillo (CM 102), Camarillo, California 93010, at *Pacific.Region@boem.gov* or (805) 384–6320.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Because the first of the proposed Southern California lease sales is tentatively scheduled to occur near the beginning of the 11th National Program and given the long lead time needed to prepare for a proposed sale, BOEM must initiate the lease sale planning process simultaneously with the development of the National Program. BOEM will use the information and nominations received in response to this Call to identify the areas to be carried forward for analysis and potential inclusion in future oil and gas leasing. Multiple steps would be required prior to holding any lease sale, including but not limited to the approval of the 11th National Program, completion of environmental analyses and other statutory requirements, and issuance of proposed and final notices of sale (NOS).

11th National OCS Program Development

Information on the development of the 11th National Program is available on BOEM's website at: *https://www.boem.gov/National-OCS-Program/.*

Environmental Review Process

BOEM intends to prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (Programmatic EIS), in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Department's regulations and manual implementing NEPA, analyzing a representative California proposed lease sale and reasonable alternatives. The Programmatic EIS will be supplemented as necessary for individual decisions on all future Central and Southern California lease sales included in the 11th National Program.

The Programmatic EIS will evaluate the potential effects that oil and gas activities resulting from a lease sale could have on the human, marine, and coastal environments. The Programmatic EIS may propose measures and lease stipulations to mitigate adverse impacts for the alternatives being analyzed. Consultations will be conducted, as appropriate. Consultation with Tribal Nations, States, and Federal agencies will address BOEM's obligations under the Coastal Zone Management Act, Endangered Species Act, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, Executive Order 13175, ''Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments,'' and other applicable laws and regulations. The information gathered from these consultations will inform the Secretary in making individual leasing decisions.

BOEM's Leasing Process

Information on oil and gas leasing can be found on BOEM's website at *https://www.boem.gov/oil-gas-energy/leasing.* BOEM's regulations for planning and holding an oil and gas lease sale are found at 30 CFR part 556, subpart C. These regulations include the following steps:

(1) Call for Information and Nominations (Call; *see* 30 CFR 556.301): *See* section below.

(2) Area Identification (Area ID; *see* 30 CFR 556.302): Based on the information and nominations submitted in response to this Call, BOEM will recommend an area for further leasing consideration and environmental analysis. Upon approval by the Secretary, BOEM will announce the proposed area identified for leasing in the **Federal Register**, in accordance with 30 CFR 556.302(a)(3).

(3) Proposed Notice of Sale (Proposed NOS; *see* 30 CFR 556.304): If BOEM proceeds with the leasing process after Area Identification and environmental

analysis, it will publish a Notice of Availability of a Proposed NOS in the **Federal Register**. BOEM also will send the Proposed NOS to the Governors of affected States for comment and recommendations on the size, timing, and location of the proposed sale. The Proposed NOS describes the size, timing, and location of the proposed sale; provides additional information on the areas proposed for leasing; lists proposed lease terms and conditions of the sale; and provides proposed stipulations to mitigate potential adverse impacts on the environment and other uses of the area.

(4) Final Notice of Sale (Final NOS; *see* 30 CFR 556.308) and Record of Decision (ROD): If BOEM decides to proceed with leasing, it will publish a Final NOS in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the date of the lease sale. The Final NOS describes the place, time, and methods for filing, opening, and publicly announcing bids. It also contains a description of the areas offered for lease, the lease terms and conditions of the sale, and stipulations to mitigate potential adverse impacts on the environment and other uses of the area. BOEM will also publish contemporaneously a ROD to complete its NEPA obligations with regard to the sale.

Call for Information and Nominations

1. Authority

This Call is published pursuant to the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA), as amended (43 U.S.C. 1331–1356) and the implementing regulation at 30 CFR 556.301.

2. Purpose of the Call

The purpose of this Call is to solicit industry nominations for areas of leasing interest and to gather comments and information from the public on the Call Area. Pursuant to 30 CFR 556.301, BOEM seeks comments from industry and the public on:

(a) industry interest in the Call Area, including nominations or indications of interest in specific blocks within the Call Area;

(b) geological conditions, including shallow hazards;

(c) archaeological sites on the seabed or near shore;

(d) potential use conflicts in the Call Area, including navigation, recreation, and fisheries;

(e) areas that should receive special concern and analysis; and

(f) other socioeconomic, biological, and environmental information.

BOEM will consider information submitted in response to this Call to:

- inform the Area ID process under 30 CFR 556.302;
- prioritize areas with potential for oil and gas development;
- develop potential lease terms and conditions;
- identify potential use conflicts and potential mitigation measures; and
- assist in BOEM's planning and environmental review process.

3. Description of the Call Area

The Southern California Planning Area is located offshore the State of California, extending from the 3-nautical mile (nm) boundary of the Submerged Lands Act on the east to the OCS boundary on the west. Its easternmost point is approximately 117.2° W, while its westernmost point is approximately 126.4° W. The southern boundary follows the southern extent of the OCS boundary, reaching a southernmost point of around 30.5° N. The northern boundary extends westward from the onshore boundary between Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties, reaching a northernmost point at approximately 35.8° N. The Call Area encompasses approximately 68 million acres, as depicted on the Call Area Map.

A map of the Call Area is available for download on the BOEM website at: *www.boem.gov/California-oil-and-gas-leasing.* Copies of Official Protraction Diagrams (OPDs) also are available for download on the BOEM website at: *https://www.boem.gov/Maps-and-GIS-Data/.*

4. Instructions on Responding to the Call

BOEM requests parties who are interested in leasing any whole or partial blocks within the Call Area to indicate their interest in, and comment on, blocks that they would like included in a proposed lease sale. Parties should explicitly nominate whole or partial blocks and rank them using the following indicators: 1 [high], 2 [medium], or 3 [low]. Parties are encouraged to be as specific as possible in prioritizing blocks and supporting nominations with detailed information, such as relevant geologic, geophysical, and economic data. BOEM will consider the areas where interest has been indicated but not prioritized as low priority areas.

Parties may also nominate blocks by OPD and leasing map designations to ensure correct interpretation of their nominations. OPDs and leasing maps are available on BOEM's website at *https://www.boem.gov/Maps-and-GIS-Data/.*

See subsection 5, ''Protection of Privileged, Proprietary, and Personal Information,'' regarding protection and release of information and how to submit proprietary information.

BOEM also seeks comments from the public regarding particular geological, environmental, biological, archaeological, and socioeconomic conditions, potential use conflicts, or other information about conditions that could affect the potential leasing and development of particular areas. Comments may refer to broad areas or particular OCS blocks.

5. Protection of Privileged, Proprietary, and Personal Information

BOEM will protect privileged or proprietary information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and OCSLA requirements. To avoid inadvertent release of such information, you should mark all documents and every page containing such information with ''Confidential—Contains Proprietary Information.'' To the extent a document contains a mix of proprietary and nonproprietary information, you should clearly mark the document to indicate which portion of the document is proprietary and which is not. Exemption 4 of FOIA applies to trade secrets and commercial or financial information that you submit that is privileged or confidential. BOEM considers nominations of specific blocks to be proprietary. Therefore, BOEM will not release information that identifies any particular nomination with any particular party, so as not to compromise the competitive position of any participants.

Please be aware that BOEM's practice is to make all other comments, including the names and addresses of individuals, available for public inspection. Before including your address, phone number, email address, and any personally identifiable information in your comment, please be advised that your entire comment, including your personally identifiable information, may be made publicly available at any time. For BOEM to consider withholding from disclosure your personally identifiable information, you must identify, in a cover letter, any information contained in your comments that, if released, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of your personal privacy. You must also briefly describe any possible harmful consequences of the disclosure of information, such as embarrassment, injury, or other harm.

Even if BOEM withholds your information in the context of this Call, your submission is subject to the FOIA. If your submission is requested under the FOIA, your information will only be withheld if BOEM determines that one of the FOIA exemptions to disclosure applies. Such a determination will be made in accordance with the Department's FOIA regulations and applicable law.

BOEM will make available for public inspection all comments, in their entirety, submitted by organizations and businesses (except as provided above for proprietary information) or by individuals identifying themselves as representatives of organizations or businesses.

Matthew N. Giacona,

Acting Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Reclamation

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Change in Discount Rate for Water Resources Planning

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of change in discount rate.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Reclamation is announcing that the interest rate to be used by Federal agencies in the formulation and evaluation of plans for water and related land resources is 3.25 percent for fiscal year 2026.

DATES: This discount rate is to be used for the period October 1, 2025, through and including September 30, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Austin Olah, Bureau of Reclamation, Reclamation Law Administration Division, P.O. Box 25007, Denver, Colorado 80225; telephone (303) 445–3240; or email at *aolah@usbr.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Water Resources Planning Act of 1965 and the Water Resources Development Act of 1974 require an annual determination of a discount rate for Federal water resources planning. The discount rate for Federal water resources planning for fiscal year 2026 is 3.25 percent. The prior year's rate, as announced in the **Federal Register** on December 12, 2024 (89 FR 100533), was 3.00 percent for fiscal year 2025. Discounting is used to convert future monetary values to present values.

This rate has been computed in accordance with section 80(a), Public Law 93–251 (88 Stat. 34), and 18 CFR 704.39, which: (1) specify that the rate will be based upon the average yield during the preceding fiscal year on interest-bearing marketable securities of the United States which, at the time the computation is made, have terms of 15 years or more remaining to maturity (average yield is rounded to nearest one-eighth percent); and (2) provide that the rate will not be raised or lowered more than one-quarter of 1 percent for any year. The U.S. Department of the Treasury calculated the specified average to be 4.7330 percent. In accordance with the Water Resource Council Rules and Regulations, the maximum adjustment allowed for the current fiscal year rate is one-quarter of one percentage point from the previous fiscal year rate, which was 3.00 percent. Therefore, the fiscal year 2026 rate is 3.25 percent.

All Federal agencies will use the rate of 3.25 percent in the formulation and evaluation of water and related land resources plans for the purpose of discounting future benefits and computing costs or otherwise converting benefits and costs to a common-time basis.

Heidi Morrow,

Acting Director, Mission Assurance and Protection Organization, Bureau of Reclamation.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337–TA–1482]

Certain Processed Slabs and Methods for Making Same; Notice of Institution of Investigation

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on December 19, 2025, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, on behalf of Cambria Company LLC of Belle Plaine, Minnesota. A supplement to the complaint was filed on January 5, 2026. The complaint, as supplemented, alleges violations of section 337 based upon the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain processed slabs and methods for making same by reason of the infringement of certain claims of U.S. Patent No. 10,195,762 (''the '762 patent''); U.S. Patent No. 10,252,440 (''the '440 patent''); and U.S. Patent No. 12,370,718 (''the '718 patent''). The complaint, as supplemented, further alleges that an industry in the United States exists as required by the applicable Federal Statute.

The complainant requests that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a general exclusion order, or in the alternative a limited exclusion order, and cease and desist orders.

ADDRESSES: The complaint, except for any confidential information contained therein, may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS) at *https://edis.usitc.gov.* For help accessing EDIS, please email *EDIS3Help@usitc.gov.* Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on (202) 205–1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at (202) 205–2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its internet server at *https://www.usitc.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pathenia M. Proctor, The Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone (202) 205–2560.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, and in section 210.10 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.10 (2025).

Scope of Investigation: Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on January 23, 2026, *ordered that—*

(1) Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, an investigation be instituted to determine whether there is a violation of subsection (a)(1)(B) of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after importation of certain products identified in paragraph (2) by reason of infringement of one or more of claims 22–25 of the '762 patent; claims 14–20 of the '440 patent; and claims 1–2 and 4–16 of the '718 patent, and whether an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337;

(2) Pursuant to section 210.10(b)(1) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.10(b)(1), the plain language description of the