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6/5/2025

To: BOEM

From: T.Becker Power Systems

Subject: Public comment, 11<sup>th</sup> National OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program, docket I.D BOEM-2025-0015.

This is a public comment for Docket I.D 2025-0015.

- Santa Barbara County, California, and the State of California, are, per capita, substantial consumers of gasoline, diesel fuel and jet fuel derived from petroleum crude oil.
- Both Santa Barbara County and the State of California are, at this moment, constructing public works projects that will increase Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) in the County and the State.
- Both the County of Santa Barbara and the State of California intentionally blocked analysis of VMT reduction alternatives to VMT inducing public works projects.
- Both the County of Santa Barbara and the State of California have prepared and submitted environmental documents that contain false and misleading statistics concerning the effectiveness of “alternative transportation” programs.
- Both the County of Santa Barbara and the State of California have achieved no meaningful reduction in the consumption of fuels derived from petroleum crude oil that can offset the elimination of crude oil produced from federal leases.
- The State’s ACC II regulation was found by Congress to be a false, misleading RULE and was blocked from implementation.
- Electric vehicle sales have dropped by significant amounts in the first quarter of 2025.
- In Santa Barbara County, “environmental” groups have, in the past, accepted money from oil companies in exchange for supporting offshore oil projects with questionable “mitigations”. This acceptance of oil company money was confirmed by the California State Lands Commission.
- Currently, the Freeport Point Arguello Unit is in the process of developing a decommissioning proposal.
- I have submitted an alternative to the Point Arguello decommissioning proposal, calling for the Point Arguello rigs to be converted into offshore marine oil terminals. This would allow oil from federal leases to be put into the existing 300,000 BPD pipeline that is

owned by Sable oil, and is currently scheduled to begin accepting oil from Sable's offshore leases in August, 2025.

- In summation, The County of Santa Barbara and the State of California are large consumers of petroleum fuels and are constructing public works projects that will increase the consumption of petroleum fuels. The governments of Santa Barbara County and the State of California have submitted environmental documents containing false, inflated statistics concerning the effectiveness of alternative transportation programs, and environmental groups in Santa Barbara County, who are supported by members of various governing bodies in the county, have taken money from offshore oil developers.

Thank You,

Tom Becker

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