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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

Comment on the Overlong Schedule

It is good to study things, but not to the point of paralysis.

From Dec. 11, 1941 to V. J. Day on August 15, 1945 was 44 months. In that time period we mobilized the nation and fought two wars. Now, to meet the climate emergency we see, on page 24 in the notes to the BOEM public workshop, that it could take up to 10 years to get permission to begin. This is ludicrous, and obviously unacceptable.

This near paralysis seems to be a result of the interplay of many overlapping laws. The cure must be legislative action in Congress. At first glance this seems like it might indeed be doable. Democrats want renewable energy now. Republicans want industry freed from red tape. Everyone knows there is a looming crisis. Everyone wants the country back in business. Offshore wind is a giant industrial expansion opportunity. Just for offshore California, fourteen companies recently volunteered to invest big private money into floating wind power.

Legislation is clearly needed to get this moving. Hopefully, Congress could work with the public and wind industry representatives to bring about the necessary legislation. The imperative is to bring about offshore wind power at a speed appropriate to the Climate Emergency. The theme would need to be: ***In Parallel, Not in Sequence***. Basically, all the usual environmental impact studies could be done, but in parallel with actual construction, not before. We need to immediately get building many offshore floating wind turbine arrays. At the same time, we can study the actual impacts.

The Climate Crisis is an emergency. For perspective, let us regularly refer to the speed with which our government acted in 1942. This superseding speedup legislation would apply to offshore wind, the necessary power lines, and auxiliary pumped storage projects. If our legislature is to rise to the Climate Emergency the Congress should:

- Enact a superseding federal law that contravenes all prior laws that impede deployment of offshore wind.
- Similarly, any state laws impeding offshore wind would also be superseded and set aside wherever necessary.
- Direct the military, and every level of government to support in every way rapid deployment of offshore wind.
- Mandate an absolute maximum of three months between a company's application to build offshore wind turbines and all governmental permissions to be finalized.
- One year maximum between granting permission and beginning of installation of turbines onsite.

Many sage voices are telling us that the world climate is at a critical juncture. Our priority as a nation must be to take immediate emergency action to abate the Climate Crisis. From the expressions of interest already received for offshore California it is clear industry is ready to jump on this. The United States Congress needs to facilitate its happening.

There is an abundant offshore wind resource all around the world. The potential of offshore generation of electricity is, in any practical sense, unlimited. Floating wind power technology

could rapidly catalyze worldwide conversion from fossil fuels. The technology we develop and prove in the deep water off the American shore could be taken around the world. It is an opportunity.