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RE: BSEE Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (CESU) Membership, North Atlantic Coast Region

Dear Dr. Fish and Elin Torell,

The purpose of this letter is to request membership for Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement's (BSEE) Renewable Energy Regulatory Compliance (RERC) Program in the Director's Office in the North Atlantic Coast Region Cooperative Ecosystem Study Unit (NAC CESU). BSEE RERC is already a member of the CESU Council and would like to join the NAC CESU to gain access to the non-federal partners of the unit, reduce overhead costs for offshore wind renewable energy studies, and network with partners on science and research enterprises.

BSEE RERC has read the CESU multi-partner agreement and hereby agrees to support CESU's mission, goals, and fulfill the required roles and responsibilities as a federal agency partner as outlined in the CESU agreement.

BSEE RERC will join other Bureaus of the Department of the Interior that are also members of the NAC CESU.

As outlined in CESU's guidance, BSEE RERC agrees with sharing renewable energy specific research endeavors, products, technical assistance, and educational support about CESU partners.

The technical representatives for BSEE RERC will be Gerard Moore, Deputy RERC Director ([Gerard.Moore@bsee.gov](mailto:Gerard.Moore@bsee.gov); 703- 787-1077), and Eboné Pierce, RERC Operations Research Analyst ([Ebone.Pierce@bsee.gov](mailto:Ebone.Pierce@bsee.gov); 504-429-1563). The administrative representative for BSEE will be Rebecca Kruse ([Rebecca.Kruse@bsee.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Kruse@bsee.gov); 703-787-1523).



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Please contact me at the information outlined above with any questions, concerns, and for additional information regarding BSEE's intent to partnering with North Atlantic Coast Region, CESU membership.

Respectfully,

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