

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Natural Resources
Washington, DC 20515

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Mr. Tim Tarpley
President
Energy Workforce and Technology Council
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Dear Mr. Tarpley,

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources at an oversight hearing titled, "*Restoring Energy Dominance: The Path to Unleashing American Offshore Energy*" on Tuesday, February 11, 2025.

Your testimony was extremely helpful in defining the Subcommittee's understanding of the issue and I appreciate the effort you took to prepare and present your testimony. While many questions were asked during the hearing, the Subcommittee has additional questions, attached, for your reply.

Please forward your responses to Jacob Greenberg, Clerk, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, at Jacob.Greenberg@mail.house.gov by March 3, 2025. Your assistance in meeting this deadline is requested, as failure to meet it will be noted in the printed transcript.

Once again, thank you for your extensive effort in making this a valuable hearing.

Sincerely,



Pete Stauber
Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources
Chairman

Enclosure

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“Restoring Energy Dominance: The Path to Unleashing American Offshore Energy”

Questions from Rep. Higgins for Mr. Tim Tarpley, President, Energy Workforce and Technology Council:

1. The workforce and supply chain supporting offshore energy has been affected by regulatory uncertainty. What impacts have these delays had on workforce development and investment in new energy technologies, and what role could permitting reform play in restoring industry confidence?
2. Lease Sale 261 was burdened with last-minute stipulations that significantly reduced its attractiveness to bidders. If not for a court intervention pulling back these stipulations, the sale could have been a failure. Alternative C in the Draft PEIS for the Five-Year Plan continues this pattern by limiting available acreage and imposing new regulatory hurdles. How do these restrictions affect the viability of future lease sales, and what message does this send to potential investors considering long-term commitments in the Gulf?
3. Lease Sale 262, originally scheduled for 2025, has already been pushed to 2026 due to BOEM’s tactically slow NEPA process. Beyond the immediate impact on industry planning and capital investment decisions, how do these persistent delays stifle technological innovation—innovation that has made the Gulf the cleanest major offshore oil and gas producing region in the world? Do you believe these delays are part of a broader strategy to discourage offshore development and create prolonged gaps between lease sales, ultimately weakening the industry’s ability to advance safer and more efficient energy production?

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Questions from Rep. Huffman for Mr. Tim Tarpley, President for Energy Workforce and Technology Council.

1. Is it a part of your business plan to drill or support drilling operations in areas of the Outer Continental Shelf beyond areas where leasing and drilling currently take place? If so, to which states and/or regions do you intend to expand business?