Exhibit A

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Freedom of Information Act Request Letter
U.S. Department of Commerce
NOAA Fisheries
Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 USC 552

I request that a copy of the following documents/records [or documents/records containing the following information] be provided to me:

1) For the period November 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023, please provide the a) incidental harassment authorizations ("IHA") associated with the **below vessels**;

b) the High-resolution geophysical survey noise devices carried on each of the **below vessels**;

c) please identify which of the **below vessels** utilized exploratory drilling, and if so, identify the type of drilling system employed, and the noise source levels of it; and,

d) identify which of the **below vessels** are associated with Ocean Wind I, Ocean Wind II, and Atlantic Shores South, and the attendant IHA:

- Brooks McCall
- Miss Emma McCall
- Regulus
- Fugro Enterprise
- Go Discovery
- Go Pursuit-
- Go Seeker
- Go Explorer
- Shearwater (Aka Alpine Shearwater)
- Gerry Bordelon

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- Marcelle Bordelon
- Go Adventurer
- HOS Browning
- Geoquip Saentis
- Deep Helder-
- Northstar Navigator
- Time and Tide
- Bella Marie
- Atlantic Surveyor

2) Please provide the Field Verification of Exclusion Zone plan for the high-resolution geophysical surveys for the following companies:

a) Atlantic Shores
b) Ocean Wind
c) Community Offshore Wind
d) Leading Light
e) Attentive Energy
f) Bluepoint

3) Please provide:

a)the noise measurements or calculations used to determine the noise source level of 203 dB for the Sig Electric 820 unit, utilized in some IHAs.

b)all documentation explaining why that result is applicable to the use of the Dura Spark unit in its settings and power input ranges.

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4)For all vessels using the Dura-Spark unit, please provide:

a) Electrode number setting;
b) Power inputs;
c) Noise source frequency spectrum
d) mathematical equations and inputs used
e) All other settings used during November 1 2022-August 31, 2023;
f) All logs, if those exists;
g) Provide all data showing the decrease in noise level over distance and how it compares to relevant measured results
h) Provide all internal calculations for the Wood et al. approach in Table 9 of the Jasco Report: https://www.boem.gov/sites/default/files/documents/renewable-energy/state-activities/Appendix%20II-L1_Hydroacoustic%20Modeling%20Report_0.pdf

4) Again, regarding the Atlantic Shores South Acoustic and Exposure Modeling JASCO Applied Sciences (USA) Inc. Report here: https://www.boem.gov/sites/default/files/documents/renewable-energy/state-activities/Appendix%20II-L1_Hydroacoustic%20Modeling%20Report_0.pdf

Please provide:

a) Per equation C-12 the broadband and low frequency (less than 1000 Hertz) noise source levels input to or derived from the models used, and the technical basis for those numbers.
b) Provide the fundamental noise transmission equations and inputs used, and other assumptions made in the models used.
c) Provide all the references cited in Paragraph E.7 titled Model Validation Information.
d) Regarding affected range estimates, provide the resulting transmission spreading loss and frequency-based attenuation components.
e) Provide the assumptions made in the Jasco Animal Avoidance Model, and the basis for them.

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f) Provide all data showing the decrease in noise level over distance and how that compares to measured results.

5) For the Atlantic Shores project application for incidental take authorization for construction:

a) What equations, inputs and other assumptions are made to determine the affected range of Level B takes using the 160 dB criteria?
b) What equations, inputs and other assumptions are made to determine the affected range of Level B takes using the Wood et al probability of response approach for baleen whales, and how is that range defined?
c) What equations, inputs and other assumptions are made to determine the Level B takes using the Wood et al probability of response approach?
d) Regarding noise source attenuation, provide the bases for assuming an attenuation of 10 dB, for both the broadband and the low frequency noise components.

6) For the Atlantic Shores South projects and Ocean Wind I, please provide:

a) the estimated noise source levels for the turbines to be used and how they were derived
b) the affected ranges of noise levels above the 120 dB continuous noise Level B whale disturbance criterion- from one turbine and for the full wind complex
c) the basic equations and inputs used and other assumptions made to derive those affected ranges.
d) the decrease in noise level over distance and how it compares to any relevant measured results.
e) the basic equations and inputs used and other assumptions made to derive Level A take numbers for each phase of development
f) all logs and reports of HRG device operation, vessel location and date and time, and observations of marine mammals

Thank you for your consideration of this request.
Very truly yours,

/s/ Thomas Stavola Jr. Esq.
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