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Comment: I commend the state for trying to address our future energy needs. As I am sure you are keenly aware of all the complexities that contribute to this process, I will be brief. My comment is simply this; why do we continuously look to develop more and more opportunities at the expense of our environment (greenhouse, fishing, and pollution issues to name a few), national security (more and more exporters are nationalizing their resources under increasingly totalitarian and hostile regimes), and our ability to renew these resources. Plans like the liquefied natural gas platform in the Atlantic would make much more sense once we have clearly lead the charge to conserve more. There is absolutely no discussion about educating the public and insisting that it is vital we pay attention to this crisis. This does not mean that we have to lower our living standards as a result, just not be so wasteful. If we did this and we still needed extra development then we would have to. But until then we are just placating the public like a spoiled child. As anyone who has witnessed this behavior the results are much more costly in the end. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Doug Kramer Long Beach, NY