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Comments:

As a homeowner in Bethany Beach, I enthusiastically support the efforts of US Wind, Inc. to develop wind turbines off the Delaware coast. The reasons usually offered from those who oppose their construction – destruction of our ocean views, negative impact on property values, negative effect on tourism – miss the mark, it seems to me. Yes, the proposed towers are tall, but they will be placed so many miles offshore that they will likely be a tiny speck on the horizon, if they are visible at all. Effect on my property values? I believe the rampant residential and business development in Sussex County in recent years, and the subsequent growing traffic, are significantly greater threats to my property values than the specks on the horizon posed by wind turbines. And as for a negative impact on tourism, people who come to the beach are unlikely to stay away because of the existence of barely visible wind turbines many miles offshore. So why do I support the construction of wind turbines here? Quite simply, the scientific evidence is overwhelming that our climate is changing -- indeed, has changed -- and renewable energy sources offer one of the few ways to try to turn back that tide (pun intended). People who deny the existence of climate change are denying reality. Continued reliance on fossil fuels will continue to raise land, air, and water temperatures, leading to more massive storms, rising seas, and increased flooding. If we really want to protect our beautiful Delaware shores, we must look to new, renewable sources of energy such as wind turbines. It is easy to voice fears and complaints about the potential destruction of our beach views, but it takes hard decisions and concrete steps to assure we actually have a beach from which to look out on in the future. I for one admire the graceful design of the modern turbines and believe that windmills on the horizon represent hope for the future. I would welcome them as part of our sea view, and, alas, am sorry they will be so hard to see.