


DNREC Joint Permitting Hearing: US WIND PROJECT

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TO: DNREC Leadership

FRPM: Bob and Janet Schmermund, 308 LePointe Drive Bethany Beach, DE

DATE: September 9, 2024

SUBJ: Joint Permitting Hearing: US WIND PROJECT

As a homeowner of the Ocean Ridge West community in Bethany Beach, we are greatly concerned about the permitting of the US WIND PROJECT. We believe there are way too many unanswered questions about the potential impact of the project on the precious waterways, sea life, water fowl and wildlife all of us hold so dear.

As the old saying goes, "Measure twice, cut once." And in this case, I'd measure multiple times and have all the questions answered before moving ahead with this project. Rather than give you a laundry list of all our concerns, let us refer you to the letter from our esteemed friend and Ocean Ridge West neighbor, John Russell, and his September 6th letter dated to you that was also copied to Senator Hocker and Representative Gray, (see attached letter)

As a professional surveyor who specialized in hydrographic surveys, as well as an experienced boater and fisherman, John has an extraordinary and deep knowledge of the issues this committee should be addressing before this project is considered to move forward. Additionally, it is clear from his September 6th letter and the detailed supporting documentation, that John has spent a great deal of time and effort researching the critical issues and questions surrounding this project.

I would urge the DNREC leadership and the officials (elected and otherwise) to carefully read through John's commentary in its entirety and even more carefully take into consideration the questions and concerns he has raised. We understand the goal of seeking creative solutions to our ever increasing power needs, but we would strongly urge caution in even considering proceeding without a full vetting of the potential problems that could arise should such a project be undertaken. The more we know and understand beforehand, the better the solution will be.

Sincerely,

Bob and Janet Schmermund

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