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Comments on Docket #2024-P-MULTI-0007 -- US Wind Project

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Comments:

We have been tracking the discussion of the US Wind and other corporations attempting to install offshore windmills in Maryland and Delaware. It is difficult to list all of the reasons in a brief memo. #1 US Wind is a company owned by Renexia SpA {Italian owned} that is a division of ToTo SpA {Italian holding company} The other company involved is from Denmark. In Italy the first offshore windmill was installed in 1990 and as of 2023 the total wind and solar contribution to usable power stands at 6.4% with a minimal growth. There is a reason with the first one being the extreme initial cost to install and the 7X24X356 day maintenance that is required. Would these projects have any chance at all if there was not the funding by the US government with taxpayer money? It is clearly not an option. The Italians and the Danish would exit quickly. #2 The environmental impact not only will affect sea life but those making a living on the water. I have not talked to one local sport or commercial fisherman that is in favor. The amount of money being offered to local municipalities for their public support is vile, undemocratic and nothing short of a bribe for support. They are even offering the fisherman money because what it will do for certain, to their livelihood. A recent example of how the public feels about this is uproar on running cables through the Fenwick Island seashore park. Even with the support monies again offered to the municipalities that project was cancelled. This technology is an appealing story but is certainly not worth the cost and the pain that it comes with. Sincerely Doug and Dottie Lopez