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

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The Delaware beaches have been a treasured vacation spot for me since childhood. For the past eight years I have made Fenwick Island my home. I am witness to the ever-changing beach landscape. It is astonishing to see tons of sand shift in just a few hours during a September hurricane or a February Nor'Easter. I am adamantly opposed to allowing tunneling under 3Rs beach for the wind farm cable. Our ecosystem is regularly pummeled by nature. I watched the restoration of the Bethany Beach less than a year ago only to have it completely washed away just six months later by a storm. There have been ongoing problems in Block Island with keeping the wind farm tunnel cable buried. There is only one turbine in Block Island with a much smaller cable than the one planned for our area. Our small beach community with its limited emergency responder force is not equipped or trained to deal with potential emergencies related to an unearthed cable or other unforeseen emergencies on our beaches. Delaware was the first state in the nation to pass a coastal zone act in 1963. This prevented industrial development along our coastline. As a consequence, almost the entire Delaware coast is protected and public beach. We should continue to honor this 60-year-old commitment to protecting the precious shoreline of this fragile barrier island. Why would we relinquish the future of our pristine beaches by allowing a power connection that benefits Baltimore when Ocean City, Maryland would not agree to it?