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

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Though we are not in opposition of wind energy, this US Wind project i's very problematic and needs much further study before any approvals are granted. There has not been adequate study and analysis of the environmental impact on the south Indian River Bay Area which leads to the mouth of Beach Cove, and the effect upon the important marine life that depend on this fertile area to live a healthy existence –, including a significant horseshoe crab and turtle population that utilize these areas as nursing grounds, and the migratory bird population such as the red knot that utilize this area annually and rely on the horseshoe crab eggs for their existence while migrating. What studies have been done about the effects of this US Wind project on the sensitive horseshoe crab, turtle and migratory bird population that live in the South Indian River Bay area (leading towards the mouth of Beach Cove))?? This highly sensitive environmental area is being considered as the place to bring the US wind cables through/under the south Indian river Bay area and beautiful adjacent marshlands. How can DNREC and the State of Delaware contemplate moving forward with this project without a complete analysis of this environmental impact? This is not a suitable place for wind cables! Other marine Wind projects in the northeast have had significant issues with their cables becoming uncovered. There has also been a recent reporting of a marine wind turbine disintegrated and leaving a significant debris trail in the ocean and eventually on beaches. What studies have been done to address these concerns with the proposed US Wind project? What environmental impact analysis have been conducted regarding the horseshoe crab population in the ocean that would be affected by this proposed US Wind project? In addition the proposed site for bringing the US Wind cables through the protected marshlands in the are of the south Indian River Bay stands to negatively affect navigation in the narrow channel through South Indian River Bay towards Beach Cove to the south. It would be ill advised to approve this US Wind project without much further study and analysis of the proposed cable laying operation being proposed to come through this protected environmental sensitive area and the potential to significantly disrupt navigation of the narrow boating channel that leads From the South Indian river bay towards Beach Cove. We also oppose this project because i the turbines are being proposed much too close to the Delaware shoreline. No huge wind turbines should ever be contemplated for permitted any closer than 30 miles from the Delaware shore line.