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

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Like many who support searching for ways to reduce the use of fossil fuels to generate electricity, I support wind farms. I also know that they are complex projects with many substantial components to make them operational. I have two questions that I believe require answers before a decision is made regarding US Wind's onshore facilities request US Wind's proposal to bring cables ashore at 3 R's beach and have them installed and brought underground to a newly built substation is related to its project that is designed to benefit Maryland and its electricity rate payers. However, with these onshore facilities being in Sussex County, Delaware, Maryland residents are absolved from the disruptions and any long-term risks facing Sussex County's coastal area associated with bringing the power into Maryland from the turbines. Can you please explain why this is this fair and that these are consequences that the County should be taking on behalf of its citizens? US Wind promises various benefits to Sussex County in its bid to use Sussex County for its Maryland-related project. However, many of these benefits are stretched out considerably into the future. Even if one were to agree that these benefits are an appropriate trade for allowing US Wind to put its onshore facilities in Sussex County, can you provide the mechanisms that will be in place to guarantee that what is promised will be fulfilled?