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

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### Comments:

To DNREC, I am extremely opposed to the plan by US Wind to land ultra-high voltage cables at 3R's beach and bury them under nearly the entire length of our beautiful Indian River Bay. I will limit my comments to just the Delaware part of this project that unbelievably mostly benefits Maryland residents. Aside from the hideous destruction of Ocean City's ocean horizon view, Maryland won't have to deal with the potential hazards to their beach and bay which in itself is cause for rejecting the project. There are significant unknown hazards the US Wind project poses to our community that can be catastrophic to our 3R's beach and IR bay. As a case in point, the recent turbine blade disaster that Nantucket residents are dealing with is a prime example of how unproven these mega turbine projects are and how deceptive the wind turbine developers can be. The town of Nantucket was not notified for two days about the incident and finally made contact with officials only when large fiberglass pieces washed up on their beaches. The ensuing disaster resulted in closed beaches and a whole lot of finger pointing at BOEM and the Vineyard Wind developer of the project. The Nantucket town officials were completely overwhelmed by furious residents and businesses. At the town hall meetings on the disaster, the manufacturer of the turbines, the developer, federal and state officials provided little information about how such a failure could occur so soon in the project. There project was halted indefinitely and there was no timeline for completion of the cleanup. Offshore wind proponents cite how safe and clean the technology is, but this failure did happen and the local community suffered untold damage from it. Compounding the problem was a complete lack of emergency response planning related to turbine blade failure. In the US Wind project proposal and COP there is also a complete lack of emergency response planning as it relates to the cables buried at 3R's and under Indian River Bay. There is no risk assessment as to possible human electrocution at the beach or bay. Anyone with common sense would argue that nearly 1 million volts of electricity, water and people in close proximity are a very bad idea. Like Vineyard Wind and BOEM, US Wind must believe that nothing could go wrong so no reason to plan for it. We see how that turned out for Nantucket. Even though 60 feet cable bury at 3R's sounds very deep, ocean mother nature has a way of unburying a lot of things at the shore break. Also, the cables surface at only 15 ft below the heavily used parking lot. Just look at the issues DNREC is having with the North Indian River beach. Two breaching's of US1 already this year and no hurricanes to blame. There is no assurance the cables will stay buried at 60 feet five years from now. The US Wind proposal to bury the cables 4 – 7 feet under the Indian River Bay is ludicrous. They want to run them straight down the middle of a waterway that is heavily used by boaters, fisherman, recreational sports like water skiing, jet skiing etc. I can think of no better way than to scare off people from wanting to be on and in the bay than telling them there is nearly a million volts of electricity buried anywhere from 4 – 7 feet below them. If this goes forward, I will not, nor will not let my kids and grandkids swim anywhere near the cables. We users of the bay will

demand the cable location be marked as hazardous to anchoring. I don't like the fact that I don't know what a safe distance would be and I certainly don't like having to worry about my bay when there was no worries before this horrible project was even considered. For certain, the public will be coming down hard on DNREC and state officials if there is any "unforeseen" issue that results in 3R's beach being closed or the bay restricted to usage. If what happened at Nantucket is any indication, DNREC will be squarely in the crosshairs trying to do crisis management with US Wind. And this is a big problem because DNREC can barely manage the workload it already has. The North IRI inlet beach and the White Creek dredging debacle are just two examples of DNREC not being able to effectively manage its current responsibilities. If the US Wind project moves forward DNREC will have yet another operation to monitor which means other projects important to Delaware citizens get delayed or DNREC has to add more resources at taxpayer expense. This is US Wind's first off shore wind project. Is DNREC completely confident in the know-how being offered by a subsidiary of Italian company Renexia SpA, which is a holding company owned by Italian Toto Holdings SpA? Not exactly a well-established US based next door neighbor for support. And US Wind's public involvement tactics have been shady at best. At the very least, if this disastrous project moves forward please leave the Indian River Bay alone and require US Wind to use either of the two other land based cable routes to Dagsboro. It eliminates a substantial part of the risk by only compromising the 3r's or Towers beaches. That would be the best compromise in lieu of rejecting the project entirely. For so many reasons DNREC should do what it is charged to do in serving the public interests for environmental protection and NOT approve US Wind's state permits. Respectfully submitted, Jean Bew