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

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DNREC decisions should first be guided by Delaware Coastal Act 1971. At the July 9, 2024 open house I was shown a document which reads the purpose of DE beaches. Delaware Coastline is protected by law- Part VII Natural Resources Chap 6801. Purpose: " Beaches of the Atlantic Ocean are... declared to furnish recreational opportunity and provide storm protection.." and section Chap 6806. gives Authority to enhance, protect and preserve public and private beaches. This contradicts granting permits in compliance with state laws and regulations. # 1 Watershed Stewardship: Will these structures affect the beach and dunes? Digging and removal of dune to the proposed depth of laying cables and disposing of earth can not be mitigated and controlled by inspections after the fact and does not preserve and protect public beach! Permit denied! #2 Sebasqueous Permit Loss of habitat for medical used Horseshoe Crab, disruptive effect on fishing and bay ecosystem, shellfish. VA Beach residents disrupted by sounds of digging was detrimental to surrounding private housing. Indian Harbor and Tower Shores residents have their peace and quiet taken away. Permit denied! This project is being pushed ahead without evidence of any other successful use of the size turbines proposed. Decommission bonds need to be collected. HB 265 states that other alternatives need to be proposed but none were presented. Do taxpayers have any choice as protected in HB265? Benefits go to Maryland and Delaware is vulnerable. The term sheet says MD energy users will benefit \$9 /year. I have solar energy on my house and save \$1200+ / yr. Use all the money for the wind project to put solar panels on any Sussex county houses who want it. Sounds from this project really kill whales! There is current research quantifying this fact! Any questions? Please ask. John DeCapua, Tower Shores homeowner for 40 years!