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

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My first comment is that the entire premise that there is a "climate crisis" that must be responded to with incredibly costly and disruptive development projects is massively flawed and misguided and is scientifically disingenuous. Similarly, the entire "decarbonizing" thought process is also very misguided. It has been shown scientifically that the earth's atmosphere reached CO2 saturation long ago, and given the very short cycle of time that CO2 spends in the atmosphere, the emission of CO2 is actually not harmful. In fact, increased CO2 allows for more plant growth which increases agricultural crop yields, which in turn bolsters the food supply. Meanwhile, I have seen round after round of public comments with huge volumes of negative responses be continually ignored. Everyone knows that DNREC has been treating the mandatory public comment periods as nothing more than necessary formalities. It's quite clear that the massive opposition by the public is having no influence over this process and that the state is going to pursue offshore wind power regardless of public opposition. It's truly insidious, and every official responsible for pursuing these projects should be removed from their jobs. Failure to adequately address and respond to public opposition is an abdication of responsibility for a public agency. My objections to the offshore wind projects in general are very numerous, and I have expressed them point by point in the other appropriate comment periods. Offshore wind turbines will have negative effects on ocean wildlife, marine navigation and radar, vessel safety, commercial and recreational maritime interests and activities, local and regional economies, aesthetics, power generation reliability, cost-effectiveness and economics in general in terms of the short life cycle of the turbines. More specifically, regarding the issue of the power transmission lines coming ashore in the Delaware Seashore State Parks and being routed to the power plant in Millsboro: I have not seen any assurances given that ZERO EMF would be emitted from the underwater transmission lines. We have already seen scientific and anecdotal evidence, which indicates much more than a random coincidence, that the sonar and bottom profiling survey research in the ocean has turned vast areas of ocean bottom into dead zones with no fish activity. So, in addition to the windmills themselves causing disruption and danger to ocean life and birds, I am concerned that the power transmission lines would emit EMF that would disrupt or destroy sea life in areas around them. The marshlands and the inland bays are facing ever-increasing pressure from silting, poor water quality, lack of bottom habitat and other stresses. The project of burying the power transmission lines under the marshes and waterways would only increase this disruption of habitats and ecosystems. I am of the belief that it is very irresponsible to pursue these activities in the inland bays areas, especially for dubious and unquantified benefits.