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

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I am 100% in favor of the proposed wind farm off the coast of Delaware and Maryland. It is critical that we embrace and seek out all opportunities to develop clean and renewable energy sources. This proposal is a wonderful opportunity. I have owned a home in Bethany Beach for more than 40 years. My family and friends have spent those summers enjoying all that coastal Delaware and Maryland have to offer. I have seen multiple simulations that show what the farm will look like from shore. No reasonable person can truthfully say that the farm will have any impact on their enjoyment of their time at the beach. Just this past week I observed an enormous container vessel moored off the coast for several days. Not for a moment did it "ruin" my day, or have any impact on me. Neither will the proposed wind farm. Anyone who spends hours on end staring at the horizon and getting upset at objects that are 10-25 miles offshore has issues that DNREC cannot possibly address. As I have seen over the 40 years I've been a Bethany Beach homeowner, just about any change in town has been met with cries of "it will ruin the town" or "it will drive the tourists away". And every time it's been utter nonsense. My favorite example is when an old 2-story hotel (on Hollywood Street) was redeveloped as a modern 3-story hotel with a fancy restaurant and under-building parking, people turned themselves inside-out with those exact claims, plus cries that it will change the character of the town and destroy it forever. Ten years later it remains a wonderful asset to the town and to the tourists who have a nice place to stay. The same will hold true for the proposed wind farm. It will be an asset to all of us by providing needed electricity, reducing pollution, and ultimately slowing the impact pollution has been having on sea rise and storm intensity. Please provide your approval to the project so Delaware and Maryland can move into the future with clean and renewable energy.