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

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Comments:

I am voicing my opposition to the plans to bring the power generated by US Wind turbines off the coast of Maryland onto and through 3r's beach, trenched through Indian River Bay and into Millsboro. My wife and I have made a life in the region largely because of the beauty and recreation of the bay. The ecological damages are already documented in other similar projects. This proposal has a further devastating possibility of damaging one of the worlds largest Horseshoe Crab reproductive areas. I own a business that services local restaurants, my business and the entire regional economy depends on tourism I believe the regional and the state economies will be detrimentally effected by offshore windmills as an eye sore. The energy being produced by this project will not benefit Delaware, any jobs being created by the turbine construction will not be Delaware jobs. This is not a Delaware project and should not be allowed to negatively affect our economy and environment. Additionally these large turbines are not financially viable on their own without government subsidies. There life spans are that of the duration of the subsidies and as soon as those come to an end a rebuild or refit is required which also begins the subsidies again. The turbines use power from the grid to keep the blades spinning when there is no wind amounting to a reduction in advertised output of approximately 23%, depending on actual wind speeds. The manufacturing costs and continual maintenance costs far exceed any ROI. Add to this the ecological and economical impact of toxic chemicals being released from mechanical malfunctions such as recently occurred in Massachusetts. These factors and others make; Windmills untenable for the state of Delaware. The current proposal to take responsibility for the power delivery of another states project is completely a lose lose proposal for the citizens of Delaware. Thank you for your consideration.