

# DNREC Virtual Public Hearing

## US Wind Coastal Construction Permit Application (Docket #2024-P-MULTI-0007)

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# Purpose of Public Hearing

To provide the public an opportunity to offer comment on the applications submitted to the Department by U.S. Wind, Inc. The Applicant is proposing to develop a wind energy project off the coast of Maryland. Portions of the export cables and transition vaults fall within the defined beach area (1,000-feet landward and 2,500-feet seaward of the mean highwater line) under the jurisdiction of the Division of Watershed Stewardship.

Authorization under review by the Division of Watershed Stewardship:

- Coastal Construction Permit

# Public Notice

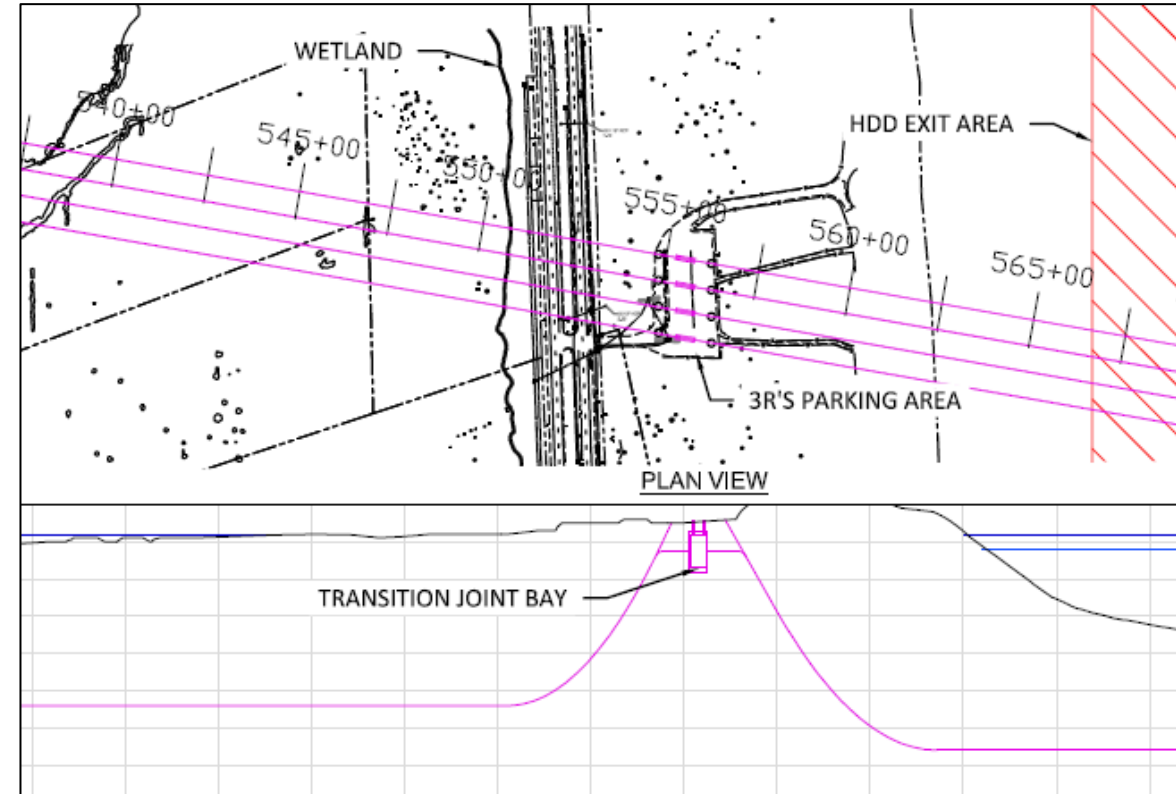
Legal notice of this proposed project was published on April 28, 2024, in the Delaware State News, the News Journal, and the Cape Gazette. Notice was also posted online on the State of Delaware Public Meeting Calendar and on the DNREC web site. The public comment period will be open through September 9, 2024.

# Project Location



# Project Overview

- The proposed buried cable and transition vaults are within the regulated area as defined in the “Regulations Governing Beach Protection and the Use of Beaches.”
- The four proposed transition vaults will be 47-feet long, 12-feet wide and 11-feet, 9 inches deep and will be buried just below grade in the parking lot. The only visible part will be the manhole covers. The transmission cables will be horizontal directional drilled underground from the 3R’s parking lot into the ground landward approximately 40-feet deep under Route 1 and seaward approximately 60-feet deep under the beach and dunes.



# Project Overview

- The cables are proposed to extend seaward of the DNREC Building Line (the position of which is defined by a formula within the regulations), requiring a permit rather than a Letter of Approval.



# Regulatory Review

- Proximity of permanent structures (cable conduits and transition vaults) to the beach and dunes
  - Will these structures affect the beach and dunes?
- Potential damage or disturbance to the beach and dunes during the construction
- Mitigation measures, such as:
  - Erecting fencing to protect dunes or other vulnerable areas
  - Planting dune vegetation in areas where vegetation may have been disturbed



# Exhibits

- **Exhibit 1** - The Beach Preservation Act (7 Del C Chapter 68)
  - <https://delcode.delaware.gov/title7/c068/index.html>
- **Exhibit 2** - The Regulations Governing Beach Protection and the Use of Beaches (7 Admin. Code Chapter 5102)
  - <https://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title7/5000/5102.shtml#TopOfPage>
- **Exhibit 3** - Coastal Construction Permit Application
  - <https://documents.dnrec.delaware.gov/Admin/Hearings/2024-P-MULTI-0007/exhibits/watershed/US-Wind-Coastal-Construction-Application.pdf>
- **Exhibit 4** - US Wind Narrative
  - <https://documents.dnrec.delaware.gov/Admin/Hearings/2024-P-MULTI-0007/exhibits/2024-US-Wind-DNREC-Application-Narrative.pdf>



# Exhibits

- **Exhibit 5** - Public Notice of the Department's Receipt of Applications, the DNREC Public Information Session to be held on June 5, 2024, and the DNREC Public Hearing to be held on July 9, 2024, as published in the Delaware State News, the News Journal, the Cape Gazette, and as posted on the DNREC web site.
- **Exhibit 6** - Notice of the DNREC Public Hearing scheduled for July 9, 2024, as published on the State of Delaware Public Meeting Calendar.
- **Exhibit 7** – DNREC News Release: *DNREC to Hold Virtual Joint Public Hearing July 9 on Proposed Offshore Wind Project*, dated July 3, 2024.
- **Exhibit 8** – DNREC Public Hearing Presentation

US Wind, Inc.  
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Thank you for joining us. We will accept comments on this matter through September 9, 2024. Comments may be submitted in writing via:

Comment form (<https://dnrec.delaware.gov/public-hearings/comment-form/>),

Email ([DNRECHearingComments@delaware.gov](mailto:DNRECHearingComments@delaware.gov)), or

USPS to Lisa Vest, Hearing Officer, DNREC Office of the Secretary, 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901

A copy of the Court Reporter's full, verbatim transcript will be posted on this hearing's web event page as soon as it becomes available.

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