



Mr. Bruce Burcat

Chair - Delaware Offshore Wind Working Group

Re: Comments for the December 11, 2017 meeting

Clean Air Council is a member supported, regional non-profit environmental organization for fifty years dedicated to preserve everyone's right to breathe clean air. The Council has members in Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Clean Air Council appreciates Governor John Carney establishing the Offshore Wind Working Group to examine recommendations for this renewable wind energy generation off the coast of Delaware. The Working Group has tried to examine all aspects of such a development.

The Council is particularly concerned about climate change and its impacts. The consequences of not acting now are dangerous. Air quality will be drastically affected. The effects of extreme weather will be devastating to Delaware's health, agriculture, property and economy. As the Delaware Sea Level Rise Advisory Committee convened by DNREC concluded, by 2100 up to 11% of the land mass of Delaware could be inundated.

Clean Air Council supports offshore wind for the State of Delaware. With a commitment to this clean energy source, Delaware can be a leader toward shifting our country away from fossil fuels. It would also help Governor Carney fulfill his pledge to adhere to the Paris Accord.

Sincerely,

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