



Barnegat Light Taxpayers' Association

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Dear Members and Friends of the BLTA.

The BLTA is not monetarily supporting the organization (see below); however, we are sharing the content FYI as we try to keep you updated and informed with regard to the Offshore Wind Project.

Additionally Atlantic Shores has scheduled a virtual Open House for July 20-22 if you are interested in hearing more from them about the potential wind farm project.

Barbara Truncellito, President

Hello,

This morning (*June 30, 2021*), the NJ Board of Public Utilities (BPU) approved a project of 1509.6 megawatts (MW) of power in the Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind lease area off of LBI. This initial project would use large 13.6 megawatt turbines, 853 feet high, and require 111 turbines. It would start 10.5 miles offshore in the "southern" part of the offshore lease area, and will very likely be followed by additional projects using the entire lease area.

We had asked the NJ BPU to defer such a decision until an environmental impact statement was done so they could see the impacts of such a massive project, and if they must decide now, to limit its size to less than 500 MW. That number was based on applying the same inner area turbine exclusion zone that the federal agency has given NY State to mitigate visible impact, and an outer area turbine exclusion zone to protect the critically endangered North Atlantic right whale from disorienting turbine noise as it migrates along there.

The Board spent considerable time congratulating itself on the job it was doing, but there was no discussion at all of any of the environmental and shore community economic impact issues that we, and others, had raised in the written material in the case docket.

Notwithstanding this, do not be discouraged. The real decision-maker here is the federal government, through the Interior Department. As we have said we will pursue all avenues, including legal intervention, to get the turbines moved farther out. The more that government officials ignore factual evidence put before them and make arbitrary decisions, the stronger

our case actually gets.

We urge you to visit our *LBI Coalition for Wind Without Impact* website periodically for up-to-date information, actions you can take, and how you can help achieve our collective goals to have the turbines placed out of sight in a much more appropriate area. We are mounting a powerful legal response with a highly experienced law firm and are actively raising the funds needed for these efforts. **To Save LBI we need your financial support.** For information on how to donate, actions you can take, and volunteer information, please go to: <https://www.savelbi.org/take-action>

Thanks,
Bob Stern

Remember to visit the [BLTA Website](#) often as it is a resource for all things Barnegat Light and all things LBI. If you're not currently a member of the BLTA, we hope you will join us. Share this link with another Barnegat Light resident and encourage them to [become a member](#) of the BLTA! They can join by accessing our website!

If you are a Facebook user (and a paid member of the BLTA) we encourage you to join our [Facebook group](#)!

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