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i cannot attend but did have comments for the record on some items below:

3. i do not believe the citizens of this state are cognizant of this construction and i believe they should have more of an opportunity to voice their opinion on it. i am therefore against it as not being properly presented to the citizens of nj.

4. the lease is fine, the amount is too low and should be \$1500 a year. you are forcing donations on the people of nj and have done so so many times, it adds up to endless overtaxation. raise the lease price to something to start covrint the costs here.

5. deny the farm lease. when the taxapyers of nj have paid for property for nature, it should not be backhanded turned into farm leases. it should be honored instead of sneaking behind their tax dollars and turning it into more profitability for the nj dep, which is a wastul state agency. this agency is the pits and needs to be looked info much more carefully for the harm they do to life in this atate. they are sneaky and backhanded in every situation imo. its time to save nature which is in sixth extinction. why is that being ignored?in addition the low rate paid by this guy means we are all paying for him to be in business. that is not what the taxpayer intended with their owning that land. this is a 20 year lease, way way out of order imo. why are taxpayers paying for this guy to be in business for his own profiteering? none of us paying the high taxes to live in this state need to be asked to do this anymore. i think we are being fed lies by the njdep on the 20% reducation in price and that hutning should not be taking place in nj at all and certainly fences on farmland are all over nj.

6/ if this can be accomplished by a line on private proierty, that should be required, not delaware and raritan state parks land. no way should we be continually approving incursions into state park and other land owned by all nj citizens.

7. growing any food crops of any sort on this land by a small airport allowing leaded gas is growing food that is enough tokill life. there have been many many stdies on the lead that issues from airports and how unhealthy it is from that use of leaded gas by smal planes. no way should you put any kind of food plot on that land for a farm. the lead that small airplanes are spewing is in fact killing much life on earth. it is time to require them to use unleaded gasoline. all products used as food are impacted. this makes no sense at all with present conditions. lead kills.

8. i do not believe this exchange of land with the state of nj being on the short end of this deal is at all beneficial for the citizens of nj. it should be denied.

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November 2, 2023

State House Commission Chairman and Members
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Dear Chairman and Members of the State House Commission,

On March 9, 2023, the State House Commission voted to authorize the Murphy Administration to facilitate leases and/or easements of State and local lands, including sensitive coastal areas, to Orsted. All authorizations were advanced to facilitate Ocean Wind projects which were recently abandoned. I am requesting that when the Commission meets on or about November 20th the Commission vote to rescind these and any other prior authorizations.

By way of example, the Commission voted to authorize the State to give Orsted an easement under a half-acre of beach in Ocean City despite strong local opposition, and to authorize the State to lease 2.5 acres of land to Orsted on Island Beach State Park.

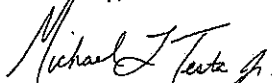
Regardless as to whether the Commission votes to rescind prior authorizations, I respectfully request that the Commission be provided an update on November 20th as to the status of every lease and/or easement authorized by the Commission. Were they ever perfected? Are they currently pending? If they have been perfected, what steps will be taken to get the rights back from Orsted? If they haven't been perfected, is there a reason not to rescind all authorizations to ensure the State lands remain free of future claims?

Though I voted "no" on the authorizations in the minority, I suspect that even Commission members who voted to support the resolutions on March 9 would like an opportunity to rescind them. And I know Senator Oroho and Assembly Minority Leader DiMaio – who did not vote for earlier authorizations – have indicated support for a new vote and an update.

Please let me know in advance of the November 20th meeting if the Commission will be given an opportunity to vote to rescind prior authorizations and if an update on the status of land conveyances will be provided.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,


Michael L. Testa, Jr.

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Commissioner

Dear Chairman and Members of the State House Commission,

The Department of Environmental Protection is in receipt of a November 2, 2023 letter from Senator Michael L. Testa, Jr. to the State House Commission about the Commission's approvals related to the Ocean Wind/Orsted offshore wind project (Project). In his letter, the Senator specifically requested an update as to the status of each of these authorizations.

At the request of the Commission and in response to the Senator's inquiry, the Department provides the following updates:

Ocean City Easement Grant:

- At its March 9, 2023 meeting, under Agenda Item #6, the Commission approved the Department's request to remove Green Acres restrictions from a 0.579-acre portion of the Ocean City public beach to authorize the placement of underground utility lines to facilitate onshore connection necessary to implement the Project.
- As indicated on the meeting agenda, Ocean Wind was proceeding in accordance with a September 28, 2022 Board of Public Utilities order (Order) authorizing acquisition of easement rights. The Department is aware that Cape May County unsuccessfully sought judicial intervention to prevent recording of the easement, which was subsequently recorded on September 5, 2023. A copy of the recorded easement is attached.
- Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:3-87.1(f)(2), Ocean Wind is provided three (3) years from the Order to provide necessary compensation for the easement acquisition.

State Lease at Island Beach State Park:

- At its March 9, 2023 meeting, under Agenda Item #7, the Commission also approved the Department's request to enter into a 24-year lease with Ocean Wind to allow the crossing of Island Beach State Park by the underground utility cable for the Project.
- The approved lease between Ocean Wind and DEP was executed on October 5, 2023, at which time Orsted made full payment of the rent for the entire 24-year lease term, the two-year right of entry issued by the DEP for additional workspace and the \$4.0 million mitigation payment associated with the lease. These payments totaled approximately \$5.988 million.
- On October 15, 2023, as allowed in the lease, Ocean Wind began staging activities in the areas covered by the Right of Entry and the lease.
- On November 7, 2023, Ocean Wind provided DEP with a summary of construction work completed after October 15, 2023.
- To date, Ocean Wind has not requested that DEP terminate the lease.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide an update on these previously approved matters.

11/17/2023

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Subject: Re: Follow-Up Teams Prep Meeting RE: 11/20 State House Commission Meeting

Following statement approved from DOT. This can be read into the record and they can follow up to submit officially on letterhead if helpful.

"Following the State House Commission approval at its meeting on March 3, 2023, of the NJDOT's proposed utility easement transfer to Ocean Wind, LLC, we perfected the agreement, and the State was paid in full in accordance with the terms in the agreement as approved by State House Commission. A deed of easement was signed by both parties on October 4, 2023, and recorded on book 19508 page 270 with Ocean County Clerk."

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