

From: [Beachhaven](#)
To: [Secretary, BPUBoard \(BPU\)](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Docket # Q020080555
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Dear Ms Camacho-Welch,

My name is Colleen Lambert and I'm the Mayor in Beach Haven, NJ. Our community, like all of the coastal towns I've been in touch with, is very concerned about the proposed Atlantic Shores wind turbine farm to be located as close as 10 miles off of our beaches. We feel there are currently too many unknowns and ask that you postpone the Environmental Impact Statement which is the appropriate course of action under EIS regulations.

Atlantic Shores' request for 1200-2400 megawatts, using a 12 megawatt turbine, would mean 100-200 turbines which would roughly fill half to all of the 10-20 mile offshore lease area. We're asking that you postpone any decision on the power level as it would pre-determine key elements of the project before the environmental impact statement is prepared and the impacts of that many turbines are known which, again, is not appropriate to do under EIS regulations. Should you proceed then we would request a power level of no more than 500 megawatts. That number (500) is based on excluding turbines in the 10-17.3 miles range from shore which is the same turbine exclusion zone of 17.3 miles that the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management has proposed for New York State projects. As a matter of equity we feel this should also be applied to all New Jersey projects as well.

In addition to providing equity it would also establish a buffer zone at the outer part of the lease area to prevent serious harm to the critically endangered North Atlantic Right whale from underwater noise levels from the turbines that would disrupt its behavior and jeopardize migration which is critical to its survival. That would preclude placing turbines no further out than about 18 miles. Applying both turbine siting restrictions leaves room for at most two rows of turbines or about 500 megawatts of power. There are numerous other concerns to marine and avian life that need to be addressed which is the purpose of the EIS but we need to take a step back and make sure all important aspects are known before proceeding. Of course, our first preference is to use the Hudson South Call area which is 44 miles out and was the initial site discussed but BOEM has indicated this isn't under consideration. That would be ideal in many respects and perhaps something for a conversation with BOEM.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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