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Good morning,

My name is Robin Shaffer. I live at [REDACTED]. My phone number is [REDACTED].

My testimony regarding the BPU hearing on 5/19/22:

I am not in favor of any easement for Orsted to place electric transmission cables through green acres parcels in Ocean City. My reasons are as follows:

- 1) potential harm to wildlife,
- 2) need for further environmental studies
- 3) adverse effects of high voltage lines close to people
- 4) possibility that buried cables could collapse and cause sinkholes,
- 5) possible consequences of extreme weather events uncovering the cables

Why is an industrial development along a major route for migratory mammals, waterfowl and fish being fast tracked? The development needs extensive study to determine the unintended consequences that could arise offshore of fragile barrier islands like ours.

Please see examples of the wildlife that could be harmed by this project (attached).

This board has a responsibility to consider the potential ramifications of the worst case scenarios if this project moves forward. Is the BPU prepared to address concerns if cancer clusters among OCNJ residents are caused? If wildlife is harmed? If the local economy is damaged? The summer tourism season along the shore brings \$19 billion in sales tax revenue into NJ coffers? Is the BPU prepared to defend a significant loss in this revenue if the Orsted project moves forward?

Thank you for your consideration.

Robin Shaffer







