

July 31, 2024

**Joris Veldhoven, CEO
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Re: Public Discussion on Long Beach Island, NJ

Mr. Joris Veldhoven,

My name is Bob Stern. I am the president and a founder of the Save Long Beach Island (Save LBI), the coalition of citizens dedicated to protecting our oceans and New Jersey Shore communities.

A few weeks ago we invited Atlantic Shores to participate in a panel discussion at the [LBI Foundation of the Arts & Sciences](#). We received no response, so **I am formally requesting your participation in a public information session to be held on LBI** at a mutually convenient time and place.

The recent catastrophic collapse of a wind-turbine blade during testing at the Vineyard Wind project off the coast of the Massachusetts islands Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket raises new questions and concerns over the short- and long-term viability of offshore wind-turbine projects and their impact on marine life and human life.

The purpose of the meeting is to gain a full and thorough understanding of what Atlantic Shores is doing to protect our marine and shore communities from environmental damages, including proactively preventing this type of catastrophe from happening. Our communities are very concerned about the 357 wind turbines ASOW plans to erect as part of the Atlantic Shores South project off the coast of the Brigantine/Atlantic City area and the Atlantic Shores North project off the coast of LBI. We understand that the new generation Vestas turbines you plan to use are even larger than the GE turbines that have failed so catastrophically. And your projects are MUCH closer to the shore than the Vineyard Wind installation.

As we see it, you have an obligation on behalf of Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind to engage and inform the residents of LBI and surrounding shore communities about the potential impacts on our environment and way of life – including the safety protocols ASOW has in place and details on the design, materials, testing, construction, operation, and decommissioning of the turbines.

Topics to be covered at the session might include, but will not be limited to:

- The consequences of siting the hundreds of wind turbines planned for the Atlantic Shores South and North projects in the migration path of the critically endangered North Atlantic Right Whale and in the avian migratory path known as the Atlantic Flyway.
- The consequences of siting turbines directly in areas that are now used for commercial and recreational fishing.
- The 24/7 visual and aural impact of siting wind turbines only 8-9 miles from the pristine shores of LBI and beach communities to the south, closer than anywhere in the U.S. and perhaps the

world. Can you show us where off the coast of Denmark (or other countries in that region of the world) a wind-turbine installation of this scale been situated this close to shore?

- The impact of airborne and waterborne noise during construction and operation of the turbines.
- The impact on shore breeze, local air temperature, and wave height.
- The impact on our military air radar at Gibbsboro, airport radar, aircraft radar, and shipboard radar.
- ASOW's commitment for the full removal of all offshore facilities, and a discussion on the technical feasibility, history, and plans for removing the turbine blades, towers, foundations, and cable runs, including how/where they will be processed and disposed of.
- The impact on NJ ratepayers and on the NJ economy from the costs of these projects.

I look forward to hearing back from you at your earliest convenience. Thank you in advance for a willingness to seriously engage the real concerns of the impacted communities. That willingness to transparent engagement will demonstrate the type of corporate citizen ASOW intends to be.

Sincerely,

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