

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF COOS
STATE OF OREGON

IN THE MATTER OF OPPOSING THE) PROCLAMATION
BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT (BOEM)) # 2
COOS BAY OFFSHORE WIND PROJECT)

NOW BEFORE the Board of Commissioners, sitting for the transaction of County business on the 24th day of October, 2023, is the matter of Proclaiming that Coos County, Oregon is opposed to The Coos Bay Offshore Wind Project by BOEM. The Board of Commissioners makes the following findings:

WHEREAS, there is a potentially devastating project looming approximately 14 miles off the Coast of Coos County. It is a floating wind energy project being pushed by promoters, various green groups and BOEM (Federal Ocean Energy Management),

AND;

WHEREAS, windmills are often restricted (shut down) by inadequate wind or too strong winds, AND;

WHEREAS, the windmill blades have to be replaced approximately every 5 years and are buried in a landfill in Wyoming, AND;

WHEREAS, the main bodies of the windmills only last approximately 20 years.

Unfortunately, many defunct wind towers are left in place as a blight on the landscape due to the high cost to recycle, AND;

WHEREAS, windmills are prone to leaking fluids which will pollute the ocean, AND;

WHEREAS, a two-megawatt windmill is made up of 250 tons of steel that required 300 tons of iron ore and 170 tons of coking coal, all mined, transported and produced by hydrocarbons. A windmill could spin until it falls apart and never generate as much energy as was invested in building it. Per Thomas Homer-Dixon. Carbon Shift, AND;

1 **WHEREAS**, the leased area will be restricted to other travel such as fishing, commercial
2 traffic and aviation. The leased area is in the flight approach and departure path of the
3 north bend airport, AND

4 **WHEREAS**, while not a concern of BOEM, we do not want to guarantee the project by
5 having the Oregon legislature enact “feed in tariff” which guarantees that the investors
6 can’t lose their investment if something goes wrong with the project. Pacific Power rates
7 range from 7 cents to 11 cents per kilowatt. Off Shore Wind energy rates will range from
8 54 cents to over \$1.00 per kilowatt. So, if the project goes toes up, the rate payers, you
9 and I, have to pay the investors. If your residential bill is currently \$200 per month, then
10 to pay off the investors, your bill would go to, at a minimum \$1,500 per month. If you run
11 a business with a \$500 per month bill, you would see an increase to a minimum of \$3,750
12 per month until the investors were made whole, AND;

13 **WHEREAS**, while not a concern of BOEM, we do not want to pay for the onshore
14 upgrades to the current power system, AND;

15 **WHEREAS**, the only two off shore wind projects (The Dominion Wind Project and The
16 Block Island Wind Project) in the United States were financed by passing all the costs to
17 the rate payers, AND;

18 **WHEREAS**, the Virginia legislature has decided that all of the Dominion Wind Project
19 costs, including any overruns, will be passed on to the ratepayers, in spite of ratepayer
20 concerns, AND;

21 **WHEREAS**, the Block Island Wind Project was initially rejected by the Rhode Island
22 PUC as being an excessive cost to the ratepayers. So, what did the Rhode Island General
23 Assembly (Legislature) and Governor do? They changed the state law regarding the
24 commercial reasonability of contract pricing. The Rhode Island PUC approved the
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1 project, and the ratepayers have been stuck with the higher bills ever since. Think it won't
2 happen in Oregon? Remember not very long ago, the Governor was willing to sign on to
3 any greenwashed project, such as the Cap-and-Trade bill, AND;

4 **WHEREAS**, in recent years, \$8,600,000,000.00 (8.6 billion) has been lost by investors in
5 wind and solar projects. This includes the \$1,000,000,000.00 (1 billion) dollar Ponzi
6 scheme that DC Solar pled guilty to in January 2020, AND;

7 **WHEREAS**, wind Power is a Greenwashed Illusion that has the potential to dramatically
8 raise ratepayer power costs, destroy the local fishing industry, decimate endangered bird
9 populations, and waste taxpayer dollars.
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12 NOW, THEREFORE, THE COOS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
13 PROCLAIMS:

14 Coos County, Oregon is opposed to the BOEM Offshore wind project, which could
15 potentially have drastic impacts on Coos County, Coos County's Fishing Industry, Coos County's
16 Endangered Species Populations, and the residents of Coos County.
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19 Dated this 24th day of October, 2023.
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22 Approved as to form:

23 Coltan Totland
24 Office of Legal Counsel

25 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

26 Richard B. ...
Chair

27 Ray ...
Commissioner

John ...
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