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VISUAL SIMULATION BY US DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT NC Offshore Wind Planning E

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August 14, 2013

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VISUAL SIMULATION

BY THE US DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF OCEAN ENERGY MANAGEMENT

NC Offshore Wind Planning Effort

August 14, 2013
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

South Brunswick Islands Center
9400 Ocean Highway 17 West
Carolina Shores, North Carolina 28467

PARTICIPANT COMMENTS

Reported by:
Nicole Fleming
Court Reporter

1 MARTHA A. CASPER

2 6:06 p.m.

3 MS. CASPER: Well, I don't think
4 that -- that there was much information
5 here that I was interested in. I'm more
6 interested in how it affects the fishing
7 industry and the turtles and how much
8 money it's going to cost, and I really am
9 doubtful that it will supply enough power
10 to warrant building them.

11 And also the other thing that
12 troubles me the most is that they aren't
13 anywhere else in the continental United
14 States, so we don't have any information
15 to go on that tells us any -- anything
16 about our concerns, you know, about the
17 fish industry and the turtles and the --
18 and the cost of it. So, you know, it's
19 like we're guinea pigs if we do this, you
20 know, so to me I think it would have to be
21 a lot more convincing for me to be in
22 favor of something like this.

23 The other thing that concerns me
24 is that if the money that -- to do this
25 kind of project is mostly federal or

1 investors, then if it takes ten years to
2 set up these turbines, what happens if at
3 five years they just decide they don't
4 want to give them the money anymore. They
5 can take -- you know, withdraw their money
6 and then what happens?

7 I think that there's just a lot of
8 questions that need to be answered before
9 this kind of project is passed or taken
10 on, and I hope -- I'm assuming that the
11 people in this area will get a chance to
12 voice their opinion about whether this,
13 you know, goes through or not and that
14 it's not something that's just going to be
15 decided and -- and done despite public
16 opinion. So that's my concerns.

17 6:09 p.m.

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19 EILEEN MARRONE

20 6:18 p.m.

21 MS. MARRONE: And I am somebody
22 who is a great believer in alternative
23 energy, and I think it's essential we
24 start it. My concerns -- And I still have
25 an open mind about it. My concerns today

1 were the visual impact, particularly at
2 night with the red flashing lights, the
3 visual impact on people who have homes on
4 the beach.

5 And I'm also concerned about not
6 really having a good picture of the
7 environmental impact, the impact on
8 fishing; the impact on turtles; the impact
9 on, you know, dolphins. We just don't --
10 I just did not get any answers to that
11 now.

12 And another concern I had was that
13 it sounded like -- and I may have
14 misinterpreted this. It sounded like the
15 State would be doing an environmental
16 impact study but the developers would also
17 be doing environmental impact studies, and
18 I have questions about the accuracy of
19 studies that a developer would do. Those
20 are my points.

21 6:20 p.m.

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C E R T I F I C A T E

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA)
COUNTY OF WAKE)

I, Nicole Ball Fleming, court reporter in and for the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete transcription of my stenographic notes of the participant comments taken by me in this matter to the best of my ability and understanding.

I further certify that I am not associated with, nor related to any of the parties to this matter, nor do I have any interest in the outcome hereof.

Witness my hand, this 8th day of September, 2013.

Nicole Ball Fleming

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