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PROCEEDINGS -- 6:02 p.m.

3 MR. MOORE: Good evening, everyone.

- Welcome to the fourth hearing on the Cape Wind
- DEIS. I would like to welcome you to this 5
- 6 intimate little space. My name is Chris
- Moore, and I'm a facilitator from CDR
- Associates, which is an independent 8
- facilitation firm that helps people talk about
- important issues and share their views and 10
- also reach agreements. So I will be 11
- facilitator this evening. 12

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13 And I might comment on this that

14 this arena is probably the third of three that

- have probably been the most amazing in my 15
- life. One was the Fairbanks hockey arena, 16
- 17 where we had 1,400 people discussing wolf
- control, many of them dressed as wolfs, just 18
- as we have a bear over here. Another one was 19
- a discotheque, where everyone who made a 20
- statement, the floor flashed for emphasis. So 21
- this one is quite a place. 22

23 So I would ask -- I know that many 24 of you have chosen to sit way down at the end;

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- but if there's any way you can move up here a 2
- little bit closer, it would make it feel a 3
- little bit more like we're a group, rather 4
- than spread between here and Nantucket. 5
- 6 So let me talk a little bit about
- this evening and the process for this evening.
- This is an opportunity for you to share your 8
- views. It is not really a question-and-answer 9
- session. It is one where you will be able to 10
- come up, and we'll give you a sign-up to 11
- 12 participate and to make a statement; and for
- 13 our colleagues from MMS here, which is the
- Federal agency that is in charge of the EIS,
- 15 are going to be here to hear what you have to
- 16 say.

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- 17 So let me mention just a little bit
- about the process for this evening, to make 18
- 19 our evening go as efficiently and as
- productively as possible. First of all, I 20
- 21 want to mention just a few things about
- logistics. For those of you look, both the 22
- men's and the women's restroom. 23
- (Off the record.) 24

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2 MR. MOORE: Half the people who are

here will be able to speak. So I guess this

is a question to you: Are you willing to try

a two-minute time frame to speak?

I can see this group is really good 6

at consensus decision-making. So let's take a

straw vote, which means it's not binding, but

I need to see how many of you would accept a

two-minute limit on speaking. And how many 10

would want three minutes? 11

12 I'm going to ask you, I think that

13 it is a majority that would accept two

minutes. And I will ask if the rest of you

will let us do that. So two minutes. And the 15

public officials who come in, we will ask 16

them, they had five minutes, I'm going to ask

18 them to speak for three minutes.

When we get to the end of your --

20 when you come up to speak, if you would say

what your name is, and also, your card, if you 21

22 could sign your card as legibly as possible,

it will help Alan, up here, keep a record of

who you are, so that when the transcript is

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prepared, everyone will have their name on 2 3 that.

4 Also, as you speak, if you not go

lickety-splickety, talk very fast, because, if

you do, no one will understand what you're

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saying. So if you will speak slowly, that

will be helpful. 8

So I think that's about where we

are. Did I forget anything? Oh, yes: If you 10

have a written statement that is the backup of

what you said, if you would give them to your

13 colleagues here up front, and we'll make sure

that Alan can use it to go over to prepare his

15 transcript.

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16 So with that, I think we're ready

17 to start the meeting. And I'm looking forward

to a good meeting here.

19 I've just heard from my colleagues

20 that because of the echo in this room, it is

21 very hard to speak, hard to hear. So we encourage you to speak -- given your two

23 minutes, it's going to be a dilemma, because

you're going to speak rapidly, but people will

2 have trouble hearing you because of the echo.

3 So we will try our best.

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4 Let me mention that we will go for two hours, and then we'll take a break. We'll 5 6 go for another two hours, take a break. And 7 then we'll go for the third two hours and take 8 a break. Each of the breaks will be 15 minutes long. This is to allow folks up here, who it's hard to sit for six hours, and also 10 because we have agreed that we don't want to 11

promote carpal tunnel syndrome with Alan. He 13 needs a chance to stretch, because he will be

14 listening to every word you say, as well as

typing it out. 15

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So at this point I would like to turn it over to Bob LaBelle, of the Minerals Management Service.

MR. LaBELLE: Thank you very much, Chris. First off, I'd like to thank Chris and all the folks from CDR, who have done a great job. This is our fourth hearing in four days, and also all of the people from TRC, who are

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doing all the logistics for us, thank you very

much. Great job. Also, I'll thank all of you 2

for coming to take the time to give us the 3

information that we need to make this 4

environmental impact statement better. 5

6 MMS is a small agency. We were formed in 1983 with the Department of

Interior. We manage offshore oil and gas, 8

9 minerals, sand and gravel for the beach.

We manage this all on the Federal waters of the ocean, which in Massachusetts

12 starts three miles off the coast. In 2005 the

13 Energy Policy Act gave MMS a -- co-delegated

14 the authority to MMS for alternative energy on

15 the outer shelves for things such as wind,

16 waves, ocean current energy, and maybe someday

17 solar energy production offshore.

On the panel we have Maureen Borholdt, who is the program manager for the

Office of Alternative Energy Programs, and Dr. 20

Rodney Cluck, who is the MMS Cape Wind project

manager. Rodney's going to give you a brief 22

23 description of the project in just a moment. 24

So the purpose of this process is a

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full and fair discussion, so please, be

considerate, leave some time for your

neighbor. There's lots to talk about. And we

want to get the information so we can put it

6 to work.

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7 We're after your comments, your specific comments on this. We're not going to be answering you, we're going to be listening to you, and we will take every comment and 10 answer it in the final EIS, and they'll all be 11

12 posted online.

13 We're looking to identify issues of 14 concern, identification of measures that might help reduce impacts, and any additional 15 environmental information that we need. 16

17 Just a couple of thoughts about 18 what happens after the EIS process. The EIS

provides environmental information to the 19

20 decision-maker -- in this case, that's the

21 Secretary of the Interior. If a project

passes the EIS hurdle, MMS would then get 22

23 involved in such things as rentals, so that

24 the American public would get a fair return

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for the resource; decommissioning, taking

obsolete structures off the ocean when their

lifetime is finished and requiring financial

5 bonds to make sure that happens not at the

expense of the American taxpayer. Also

revenue sharing is in the law, 27 percent in

this case; and of course, most importantly, 8

ensuring human safety and environmental

10 protection, so that operations don't have bad

effects.

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12 For any approved projects, we 13 require many plans to be reviewed. This is

after the EIS if the project is approved.

15 Site assessment plans, how it's going to be

16 built, how it operates every day. We have an

17 inspection force that goes offshore, both

regulatory inspections and MMS, to make sure 18

19 everything is being done in a safe way, and

many reports that we require from the 20

21 operator.

22 So your comments -- we extended the 23 comment period. It's been open since January.

We extended it to April 21st because it's such

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- a lot of information in the document, and we
- did get some requests to extend it. You can 3
- comment online at that address or see any MMS
- person who's here, who can give you the 5
- 6 address for comments, or you can send it in by
- 7 regular postal mail at that address.
- 8 Next I'm going to introduce Rodney
- 9 Cluck, who will tell you about the project.
- 10 Thank you.

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- MR. CLUCK: Thanks, Bob. First, I 11
- want to say welcome to everybody. I want to 12
- go through this rather quickly. I hope you 13
- 14 can all see the screen somewhat. I want to
- tell you a little bit about the project and 15
- the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. 16
- 17 The project is 468 megawatts,
- located in Horseshoe Shoals. How far is it 18
- offshore depends on where you measure, of 19
- course, about six miles off the Cape, nine off 20
- Martha's Vineyard and 13 off Nantucket Island. 21
- 22 The project description, we're
- 23 looking at 130 turbines, at the highest point
- 24 440 feet high. We have 33-kilovolt inner

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- array cables, and you have two 115-kVa C 2
- transmission lines running into Yarmouth. 3
- This is the location where the 4
- cables would run into Yarmouth, through Lewis 5
- Bay. 6

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- The way we did this is we looked at 7
- several alternatives, and we developed 8
- alternative screening criteria to try to 9
- narrow the scope of alternatives. The
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- 11 criteria we included in using this are here on
- 12 the screen: wave height, water depth,
- 13 substrate -- for example, if there were rocks
- 14 in the bottom of the ocean in that area --
- 15 transmission-line distance. We looked at
- 16 minimum wind speed, if the technology was
- 17 currently available, and we did a limited
- economic analysis, just for NEPA purposes 18
- 19 only, to compare the economic performance
- 20 among those alternatives.
 - And this is what we came up with.
- The green up here is the proposed action by 22
- Cape Wind Associates at Horseshoe Shoal. We 23
- also looked at, in red, a smaller alternative, 24

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- which, rather than 130 wind turbine
- generators, would be 65 wind turbine
- generators.

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- 5 We looked at phased development,
- which means putting in 65 wind turbine
- generators first, monitor for environmental
- 8 effects and other types of safety impacts, and
- depending on what the results of that is, then
- you would either approve another 65 or not. 10
 - We looked at a condensed array,
 - which essentially is just taking the 130
- turbines, moving them closer together, to make 13
- 14 a smaller footprint.
 - We also looked at two other sites.
- We looked at the Monomoy Shoals alternative, 16
- here in blue, and to the south, the Tuckernuck
- site, here in orange. And then within the 18
- Environmental Impact Statement that you have 19
- you also have the no-action alternative, which
- means that the Government would take no action 21
- whatsoever. 22
- 23 In order to determine what the
- 24 impacts are on the resources, you have to

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- determine what factors produce those impacts.
- So we have sections on impact-producing
- factors. We looked at all possible factors,
- routine and nonroutine activities, that could
- possibly happen, through the construction,
- 7 operations, and decommissioning
- phases of development. 8
- 9 I'm going to give you a few
- examples up here just quickly. For 10
- 11 construction, routine impact could be noise
- 12 and vibration; nonroutine could be an oil
- 13 spill. Operations, foundation scour is a
- normal routine effect. A nonroutine effect
- 15 during operations could be monopole collapse.
- 16 For decommissioning, seabed site clearance
- would be routine, and nonroutine would be 17
- vessel collisions during those seabed site 18
- 19 clearances.
- So we have the impact-producing 20
- factors. Then we also have the impact of 21
- them. We assign impact levels to each 22
- resource. When I say "resource," I mean it 23
- could be bird, fish, socioeconomics, any of

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2 those aspects we looked at in the Draft

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- 3 Environmental Impact Statement. Negligible
- 4 means no measurable impact. Minor means
- 5 resources will recover completely. Moderate
- 6 means you'll have complete resource recovery,
- 7 but you have to have some type of mitigation
- 8 to do that. And then major means that
- 9 resources would not fully recover completely
- 10 even if you did whatever types of mitigation.

11 So the summary of impacts: Most of

- 12 the impacts we found for the Cape Wind project
- 13 are either negligible or minor. But we did
- 14 find some moderate impacts, and these moderate
- 15 impacts must offer some type of mitigation.
- 16 For avifauna, especially marine birds, we
- 17 found moderate impacts for the construction
- 18 and operations phases of development. For
- 19 fisheries there would be impacts during
- 20 construction, especially during monopole
- 21 installation, which you have to have
- 22 mitigation for those impacts.
- 23 Marine mammals, impacts for
- 24 construction as well as the operations phases.

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- 2 Visual, you'd be able to see the
- 3 things from shore during operations, and if
- 4 you were right in close proximity, right next
- 5 to a 440-feet structure, of course, that would
- 6 be a major visual effect.
- 7 Competing uses during operations
- 8 would be an impact during the Figawi race.
- 9 They may have to change or avoid the turbines.
- 10 And vessel traffic during operations within
- 11 the wind farm itself during times of heavy
- 12 fog, it could have impacts.
- So the time line: As you all know,
- 14 the draft is out. That's what we're
- 15 commenting on tonight here at the public
- 16 hearings. The Final Environmental Impact
- 17 Statement I'm hoping to finish this fall. And
- 18 that would be followed by a record of
- 19 decision, usually or approximately 30 days
- 20 after the Final Environmental Impact
- 21 Statement.
- 22 Again, welcome to everybody. I
- 23 look forward to listening to your comments
- 24 tonight. Thank you.

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- MR. MOORE: Thank you very much,
- 3 Rodney. Before we begin with some of our
- 4 speakers, we also want to thank the University
- 5 of Massachusetts here at this campus for
- 6 allowing us to use this facility. We had
- 7 moved to this one because we wanted to have
- 8 enough space for everyone to be able to come
- 9 and speak. So thank you all.
- 10 So what I will do is call our first
- 11 six speakers. If you would come up and sit in
- 12 the chairs here. And as we go, I'll be
- 13 calling other speakers, so that ideally what
- 14 we'd like to do is always have the chairs
- 15 filled, so that it doesn't take as long to get
- 16 to the mikes.
- So the first people who we would
- 18 like to have speak are Cheryl Andrews Maltis,
- 19 Emily Quitsa Vanderhoop, Chuck Green, and
- 20 Charles Bishop, Pat Natale and Jane Nichols.
- 21 So if you would come up, and I will call the
- 22 other folks after you've gotten a chance to
- 23 speak.

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Let me explain the lighting system

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- 2 here. Many of you have been to other hearings
- 3 for the Cape Wind. But basically, we have the
- 4 three lights here. The green one will come
- 5 on, and it will ask you to start. The yellow
- 6 one will come on, and it will let you know
- 7 that you have 30 seconds before the end. And
- 8 then the red one, like a stop sign or a
- 9 stoplight, even though you don't have them on
- 10 Nantucket, it will tell you to stop. And I
- 11 will probably stand up and encourage you to
- 12 stop, please.

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- So, I think we are just about
 - 4 ready. So our first Representatives. Thank
- 15 you very much. So this begins our public
- 16 officials presentation. Thank you.
 - MS. VANDERHOOP: My name is Emily
- 18 Vanderhoop, and I'm a member of the Wampanoag
- 19 Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) and Martha's
- 20 Vineyard Island. I'm a licensed fishing
- 21 charter captain. And I'm also responsible for
- 22 continuing the legacy of my father, Captain
- 23 Bunny Vanderhoop, and all of his fathers
- 24 before him. That's a legacy of tradition

- 2 handed down for thousands of years from my
- 3 Wampanoag ancestors.
- 4 Conservation is not only my
- 5 responsibility but everyone's responsibility.
- 6 Of course alternative energy seems like a good
- 7 place to start, but preservation goes hand in
- 8 hand with conservation. It makes no sense to
- 9 fix one problem by creating another -- and
- 10 yes, these turbines would create a big
- 11 problem.

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- The footings for these machines
- 13 alone will destruct the ocean floor terribly.
- 14 Sedimentation will be entirely detrimental to
- one of the richest bait fish spotting grounds
- 16 on the East Coast. Without bait fish, there's
- 17 no big fish, like bass, fluke, and other fish
- 18 that sustain our fishing community. This
- 19 would result not only in loss of culture, but
- 20 loss of thousands of families' livelihood, not
- 21 to mention the disruption of the natural
- 22 migratory oceanographic food chain.

The future of our ocean depends on our protection. Choosing a safe location for

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- 2 wind farms is just as important as the
- 3 alternative energy goal. 130 footings in an
- 4 active ocean will obviously change, disrupt,
- 5 and hurt fish and their natural environment,
- 6 as well as fishermen and their families. The
- 7 turbines create a safety hazard for fishing
- 8 vessels and make search and rescue impossible.
- 9 Martha's Vineyard is our homeland.
- 10 As a Wampanoag, I have the right and
- 11 responsibility to protect our waters. We are
- 12 the People of the First Light. We are not the
- 13 people of an industrial park. Fixing problems
- 14 like global warming is and should be a
- 15 cooperative effort, not a decision based on
- 16 politics, misinformation, and made-up numbers.
 - Horseshoe Shoals would be
- 18 destroyed. Are you really ready to be
- 19 responsible for destroying an entire
- 20 community, fishing industry, and wildlife
- 21 pattern? Of course, the beauty of our sound
- 22 would be disrupted. Industrializing one of
- 23 the few natural places that we still have
- 24 doesn't make sense environmentally. I am a

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- 2 conservationist, and I'm an American Indian,
- 3 and I am all about saving this planet, but not
- 4 at the expense of my history, my future, and
- 5 my livelihood.

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- 6 If you are saying yes to this
- 7 project to protect and save the environment,
- 8 then you couldn't possibly be looking at or
- 9 understanding the facts. Maybe you've been
- 10 miseducated or maybe made your decision in
- 11 vain. The DEIS has misrepresented the
- 12 Wampanoag tribe, categorizing us in
- 13 environmental justice, when really we
- 14 represent cultural and historical resources.
- 15 The DEIS also misstates facts regarding views
- 16 from tribal lands. Yes, the wind farm will be
- 17 very visible from our tribal lands. Our
- 18 homelands are very important to preserve and
- 19 honor. We cannot conserve without considering
- 20 preservation and sustenance. Please say no to
- 21 the destruction of the Nantucket Sound.
- MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.
- 23 Charles is next. You're speaking for Charles
- 24 Gifford?

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- 2 MS. MURPHY: My name is Roberta
- 3 Murphy. I'm speaking on behalf of Chuck
- 4 Green. He's the tribal environmental counsel
- 5 and Town of Mashpee selectman.
- Back in 2006 the Town of Mashpee
- voted on this project. The overwhelming
- 8 response, 61 percent, was no to Cape Wind.
- o response, or percent, was no to cape wine
- 9 The damage to the local lifestyle, the
- 10 environment, and the economy would be too
- 11 great to bear. These damages are in no way
- 12 adequately reflected in the DEIS. We see no
- 13 benefit to this project. Not only will it not
- benefit to this project. Not only will it if
- 14 lower the use of fossil fuels; it will
- 15 actually increase the production needs.
- 16 Electricity costs to the end
- 17 consumer will increase, possibly as much as
- 18 three times what they are now, just as they
- 19 have in Denmark and England. It is crucial to
- 20 the people of Mashpee and the Wampanoags that
- 21 Nantucket Sound be as it is meant to be, a
- 22 source of life for all those who choose to
- 23 live on her, in her, and by her. Please
- revisit the DEIS and identify a more

- 2 appropriate range of alternatives. Thank you.
- 3 MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.
- 4 Charles?

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- 5 MR. BISHOP: My name is Charles
- 6 Bishop. I live on Cape Cod, and I'm here
- 7 tonight to present the testimony of State
- 8 Representative Demetrius Atsalis of Barnstable
- 9 and Yarmouth. Also a second elected official
- 10 has asked to be associated with these remarks,
- 11 Ronald Bergstrom, a member of the Barnstable
- 12 County Assembly of Delegates from Chatham and
- 13 also a Chatham selectman.
- The winds of change have certainly
- 5 been at work over these past six years, as we
- 16 have witnessed the course of events
- 17 surrounding the Cape Wind project and its
- 18 plans to industrialize 25 acres of Nantucket
- 19 Sound. During this time dozens of public
- 20 hearings, informational meetings, and debates
- 21 have taken place. The fact that so much
- 22 activity and attention have been given to this
- 23 project is a good thing.

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However, the ever-growing fictional

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- 2 themes promoting the benefits of this project
- 3 continue to grow, while misleading the public.
- 4 This is not a good thing. Proponents of the
- 5 wind development continually confuse the facts
- 6 in an attempt to redirect the law. This
- 7 misdirection is not limited to all those
- 8 promoting this ill-conceived project, but the
- 9 lion's share of my concern for such action is
- 10 clearly focused on Cape Wind, its backers,
- 11 so-called environmental groups, and the
- 12 Conservation Law Foundation.
- 13 With so much money at stake, it
- 14 should surprise no one that many people,
- 15 campaigns, and developers want a piece of this
- 16 billion-dollar pie. With the pro-wind banner
- 17 proclaiming universal peace, clean air, no
- 18 mere sick babies, and energy independence,
- 19 many backers seem blinded by the promises
- 20 being made by Cape Wind.
 - For nearly five years my position
- 22 on the Cape Wind project and its location have
- 23 remained constant. I wish to be on record
- 24 once again. There is an absolute need to

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- 2 increase our production of green renewable
- 3 energy, including wind energy. In order to
- 4 establish a uniform process for the siting of
- 5 offshore wind projects, a national
- 6 standardized policy is needed and long
- 7 overdue. Along with this new siting
- 8 procedure, new and emerging renewable energy
- 9 technologies need to be investigated. This
- 10 week alone it was announced that a new
- 11 deepwater technology is available and could
- 12 possibly be used in ocean areas that would
- 13 mitigate the need to place these energy
- 14 producers in shallow locations that draw
- 15 concerns from people living near the
- 16 coastline.

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- 17 However, Cape Wind is not the way
- 18 to develop sound public policy. We need to be
- 19 clear in this matter: This project is not
- 20 about the war in Iraq, it is not about global
- 21 warming, and this project is not even about
- 22 failed promises of low-cost energy. This
- 23 project is about incomplete public policy,
- 24 money, and opportunity. Thank you.

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- 2 MR. MOORE: Thanks very much.
- 3 Before we ask Pat to come up, will William
- 4 Marasco, Charles Gifford, and Margaret Serpa
- 5 please come up also to chairs. Now we'd like
- 6 to have Pat Natale.
- 7 MS. LOWELL: My name is Frances
- 8 Lowell, and I'm speaking on behalf of Pat
- 9 Natale, State Representative of the 30th
- 10 Middlesex District.
- 11 For nearly five years we have
- 12 witnessed the course of events surrounding the
- 13 Cape Wind project and its plans to
- 14 industrialize 25 acres of Nantucket Sound.
- 15 During this time many public hearings,
- 16 informal meetings, and debates have taken
- 17 place, showing a great interest in and
- 18 garnering much attention to this project.
- 19 This interest shown proves to be a positive
- 20 thing.
- 21 However, the ever-growing fictional
- 22 arguments pushing this project are misleading
- 23 the public and in the end could prove to be
- 24 quite detrimental to the very environment that

- 2 they now enjoy. Central to the controversy
- 3 are the project's economics and the true
- 4 impact on the Cape and Islands electricity
- 5 bills.

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- 6 While many stakeholders have
- 7 examined Cape Wind's economics, at this point
- 8 we do not have a truly independent assessment
- 9 of the Cape Wind economics and the impact on
- 10 Cape Cod's electricity rates. Additionally,
- 11 Cape Wind's capital investment is well above
- 12 \$1 billion, and with a combined state and
- 13 Federal subsidies over the life of the project
- 14 will be estimated to be 1.2 billion. With so
- 15 much money at stake, it should be no surprise
- 16 that many people, campaigns, and developers
- 17 want a piece of this billion-dollar pie.
- 18 In order to establish a uniform
- 19 process for the siting of offshore wind
- 20 projects, a nationalized standardized policy
- 21 is needed. Along with this new siting
- 22 procedure, new and emerging renewable energy
- 23 technologies need to be investigated.
- 24 However, this project is not the

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- 2 way to develop sound public policy. It needs
- 3 to be clear that this project is about
- 4 incomplete public policy, money, and
- 5 opportunity.

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- 6 There is an absolute need for
- 7 cost-effective clean energy, and it is obvious
- 8 our state and nation require alternative
- 9 sources of electrical power. One definitive
- 10 step toward this goal is our
- 11 soon-to-be-enacted Massachusetts energy bill,
- 12 which will position our state as a leader in
- 13 energy efficiency. I urge MMS to set the
- 14 highest standards for all future wind projects
- 15 and reject this project, its scope and size,
- 16 until an enforceable, uniform process is
- 17 established. Thank you.
- 18 MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.
- 19 We're going to change our sequence and have
- 20 Cheryl Andrews Maltis, from the chairman of
- 21 the Wampanoag tribe.
- 22 MS. MALTIS: Good evening. Again,
- 23 my name is Cheryl Andrews Maltis, and I am the
- 24 chairwoman of the Wampanoag tribe of

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- 2 Massachusetts. We're from the island of
- 3 Martha's Vineyard. We are smack dab in the
- 4 middle of this controversial experimental wind
- 5 program.

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- 6 I just want to say for the record
- 7 that in our position as the former tribal
- 3 historic preservation officer as well as the
- 9 chairwoman of our tribe, we feel that the
- 10 environmental impacts statement is in fact
- 11 flawed. It ignores certain concerns and
- 12 minimizes certain impacts that we feel very
- 13 strongly needed to have more attention paid to
- 14 them. Again, this is an industrial experiment
- 15 without a regulatory process to evaluate the
- 16 proposal, regulations to measure compliance,
- 17 and a regulation to measure the true benefit
- 18 to the local and regional economy and
- 19 population.
- 20 While we are in favor of wind power
- 21 and alternative energy, we are simply not in
- 22 favor of this project as it is in this
- 23 location, and we do not stand alone. I'll
- 24 read for the record a resolution from the

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- 2 United South and Eastern Tribes, of which we
- 3 are a member. And the resolution is
- 4 Opposition to Cape Wind's Wind Farm Proposal,
- 5 Horseshoe Shoals, Nantucket Sound,
- 6 Massachusetts.
- 7 "Whereas United South and Eastern
- 3 Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal
- 9 organization comprised of 25 Federally
- 10 recognized tribes, and whereas the actions
- 11 taken by the USET board of directors
- 12 officially represents the intentions of each
- 13 member tribe, as the board of directors is
- 14 comprised of delegates from the member tribes'
- 15 leadership; and whereas the Wampanoag Tribe of
- 16 Gay Head (Aquinnah) is a member tribe of the
- 17 Great Nation of the Wampanoag People, they are
- 18 known as the People of the First Light. The
- 19 name defines who they are and differentiates
- 20 them from all other tribal nations. Their
- 21 name and its definition are the cultural and
- 22 spiritual identity and the essence of who they
- 23 are. Since time immemorial the Wampanoag
- 24 people have inhabited the area of the

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2 easternmost lands and waters and have

- 3 maintained their traditional spiritual and
- 4 cultural connection to them.

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5 "And whereas as the People of the

- 6 First Light, one of the most important aspects
- 7 and fundamental components of their religious
- 8 and cultural beliefs and practices is their
- 9 ability to experience, embrace, and give
- 10 ceremony and prayers of thanksgiving to the
- 11 first light, these ceremonies, spiritual and
- 12 religious practices are dependent upon
- 13 maintaining the ability to view the first
- 14 light, the eastern horizon vista and viewshed
- 15 without obstructions. Additionally, there are
- 16 other impacts, such as the celestial and
- 17 solstice ceremonies, which will also be
- 18 adversely impacted.
 - "And whereas the right to practice
- 20 their religious ceremony in the traditional
- 21 manner will be forever denied by a proposed
- 22 experimental wind farm, consisting of 130,
- 23 plus or minus, windmill turbines, with
- 24 propeller blades reaching approximately 440

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- 2 feet above the surface of the water, on about
- 3 25 square miles (about the size of Manhattan),
- 4 slated to be located in the shallow waters of
- 5 Horseshoe Shoals and Nantucket Sound, in the
- 6 middle of the shoals of Cape Cod, Martha's
- 7 Vineyard, and Nantucket." I'll just finish:
- 8 "Therefore the Wampanoag tribe opposes this
- 9 placement of this wind farm in the traditional
- 10 Wampanoag waters of their religious and
- 11 ceremonial sanctuary." And the USET board of
- 12 directors supports the Wampanoag tribe of Gay
- 13 Head and their position to oppose this. And
- 14 again, that's 25 Federally recognized tribes
- of the United South and Eastern Tribes.
- 16 MR. MOORE: Thank you.
 - MS. NICHOLS: My name is Jane
- 18 Nichols. I live on Cape Cod, and appear to
- 19 give testimony of State Representative Jeffrey
- 20 Davis of Sandwich, Mashpee, Bourne, and
- 21 Barnstable.

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- "Unfortunately, I am unable to
- 23 attend the public hearing regarding the Draft
- 24 Environmental Impact Statement. Please allow

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- this letter to serve as my public comments
- 3 regarding this matter.
 - "Politicians often skirt
- controversial issues to avoid conflict, and I
- 6 believe that no matter what your stance is on
- 7 an issue, you must have consistency. It is my
- 8 belief that the wind farm proposal remains
- 9 flawed. I have major concerns that the
- 10 commercial fishing industry in our region will
- 11 be negatively impacted by the installation of
- 12 the proposed wind farm. I have met with
- 13 fishermen, who earn the majority of their
- 14 income in the area of the proposed site, and
- they have expressed to me their serious
- 16 concerns to the impacts this project would
- 17 have on their livelihood.
 - "In addition, testing this massive
- 19 project in one of New England's most visited
- 20 tourist destinations in my mind is not
- 21 prudent. I believe we should test a project
- 22 of this scale in another region, and not one
- 23 reliant on a seasonal tourism base, such as we
- 24 have here on the Cape. It is projected that a

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- decline in tourism would lead to a loss of up
- to 2,500 jobs, according to the Beacon Hill
- 4 Institute. This is simply unacceptable.
- 5 "Thank you for hearing my concerns,
- 6 Jeffrey Davis Perry."
 - MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.
- 8 William Marasco?
- 9 AUDIENCE MEMBER: This is a
- 10 statement from William Marasco, Town of
- 11 Yarmouth selectman. "I am in opposition to
- 2 the findings of the MMS report. The report
- 13 minimizes environmental, economic, and
- 14 conservation impacts. It is only by a
- 15 loophole in Federal and state laws that
- 16 Nantucket Sound is even considered for
- 17 industrialization. Nantucket Sound ought to
- 18 be a conservation trust, much like Cape Cod
- 19 Bay, the National Seashore, or our national
- 20 parks. This project does not stand
- 21 economically on the energy it produces. It is
- 22 only through a windfall in tax credits that
- 23 this project is economically feasible. If our
- 24 state dollars are going to subsidize this

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- project, then it needs to be in the best place 2
- 3 for its citizens, not for its developer or

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- corporate sponsors. It is clear that we need
- alternative, clean energies, but that does not 5
- 6 trump the need for preservation of Nantucket
- 7 Sound. We do not, however, have to choose
- 8 between the two. It is clear that Nantucket
- Sound is not the best place for this project,
- and, as technologies develop, alternative 10 sites on land or offshore are more feasible 11
- and economically friendly, and these other
- sites would be embraced by our local 13
- 14 community. If a better site were found,
- rather than defending this ill-conceived site,
- we would all be working together, rather than 16
- 17 apart. It is time that we not allow the
- special interests of a developer and greed of 18
- a few to trump the interests of our citizens. 19
- The impacts of this project would be to 20
- destroy a nature sanctuary, a critical marine 21
- habitat, and an area of particular 22
- 23 environmental concern that has been preserved
- 24 for centuries. It would forever change the

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- character of Cape Cod, and just as any 2
- industrial, chemical, or power plant would 3
- cause irreversible harm to our community, so
- would this industrial power plant. Just 5
- because it doesn't burn oil or nuclear fuel
- doesn't mean that it isn't an industrial power 7
- plant, with massive platforms, high-energy 8
- cables, and powerful electrical turbines. 9
- There are better alternatives to this site, 10
- 11 and I would urge the MMS to review the new
- 12 information submitted and find a better site
- 13 for this project and preserve Nantucket Sound,
- 14 just as it would preserve any national park or
- nature sanctuary. Thank you." 15
- MR. MOORE: Charles Gifford. And 16
- also I wanted to make sure that Chuck Green is 17
- here. Already spoke. 18
- 19 MR. GIFFORD: Good evening. My
- 20 name is Captain Charles Gifford. I'm the port
- captain for the Woods Hole and Martha's 21
- Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority. 22
- 23 Thank you for the opportunity to speak this
- 24 evening on this most important issue.

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2 I am not only a port captain of the

- 3 Steamship Authority; I am a U.S. Coast Guard
- licensed ocean's master. The Steamship
- Authority annually completes over 22,000
- trips, transporting close to 3 million
- passengers and over 600,000 cars and trucks to
- 8 the islands of Martha's Vineyard and
- Nantucket. The placement of 130 wind towers in
- close proximity to the main ship channel and 10
- adjacent channels used by thousands of vessels 11
- of varying sizes during constantly changing
- 13 weather and sea conditions is of great concern
- for the Steamship Authority. It has a
- potential for creating a significant hazard to 15
- 16 safe navigation for our vessels and other
- 17 users of the waterways.

Section 4.4.3.1 of the DEIS, citing

- the U.S. Coast Guard's Williams study, clearly 19
- states the characterization of Nantucket Sound 20
- 21 as navigationally and environmentally
- critical. From the mariner's point, I offer 22
- the following: Under certain wind and sea
- conditions, captains must use tacking

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- maneuvers for the safe transit of our
- passengers and vehicles. If the proposed wind
- farm becomes a reality, our vessels will be
- denied the option of using this tacking leg as
- well as other vessels, which may be the safer
- 7 course. Eliminating or limiting the ability
- of our vessels to tack will result in more
- frequent cancellations of the service of our
- vessels, passengers, and freight. A shift in 10
- 11 the base courses will also increase traffic
- 12 dramatically and create more of a chill point
- 13 near the Bishop and Clerks, as well as toward
- Broken Brown. Additional transit time equates
- 15 to an increased operating day, which will
- reduce the number of trips that can be
- 17 completed daily due to the Coast Guard work
- hour limitations. We've estimated an 18
- additional 300,000 gallons of diesel oil would 19
- be consumed annually by shifting the Hyannis 20
- to Nantucket ferry route further to the east. 21
- Ultimately the costs will be passed on to our 22
- customers, many of whom rely on the steamship 23
- as their lifelines to the islands.

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2 A 2004 study on the UK for

- 3 Maritimes and Coast Guard concluded that the
- 4 interference on marine radars due to wind
- 5 turbines was found to be considerable and
- 6 suitable safe distance be established from
- traffic routes. In addition, the wind-tower
- 8 generators will hamper our ability to
- correctly identify and correct targets. From
- a public safety aspect, it will be imprudent 10
- for our vessels as well as others to operate 11
- blindly in these areas. 12

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13 The winter of 2004 in the

environmental conditions Congress was brought

- to a standstill because of the ice. This is
- not an option. We are mandated by legislation 16
- 17 to provide services, goods and services to the
- 18 islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket.

19 In conclusion, the Steamship

- 20 Authority urges Minerals Management Service in
- conjunction with the U.S. Coast Guard to take 21
- into serious consideration the foreseeable 22
- 23 navigational impacts brought to bear prior to
- 24 your final decision and action, keeping in

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- mind our U.S. Coast Guard licensed mariners 2
- 3 (inaudible) -- thank you.
- MR. MOORE: You need to finish up. 4
- Margaret Serpa will be next, and 5
- while she's coming to the microphone, if we 6
- could have -- people signed in in very 7
- different orders here. I want to make sure 8
- 9 that Warren is here, and Ann Canedy.

10 And John Griffin: Thank you, John.

- 11 And No. 13 -- the numbers don't all go
- 12 together. Tom Osmers and Al Peterson.
- 13 MS. TACKER: Good evening. My name
- 14 is Lisa Tacker, and I'm here speaking on
- 15 behalf of Margaret Serpa.
- 16 "Good evening. My name is Margaret
- Serpa. I'm representing the selectmen of
- Edgartown. It is time to turn this discussion 18
- 19 away from a referendum on wind-generated
- electrical power. No one is opposed to 20
- 21 renewable energy sources.
- 22 "We would not erect a tower
- 23 hundreds of feet tall in the middle of
- 24 Edgartown, not because we are opposed to wind

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- generation, but because there are any number
- of better places to use without destroying the
- beauty of our town.

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"Edgartown is presently working on

- 6 a project to vary the electric lines in town,
- to enhance the beauty of our downtown.
- 8 Compromising the natural beauty that is
- enjoyed regionally by siting wind turbines at
- Horseshoe Shoals is a senseless act of 10
- destruction that is unnecessary. The Town of 11
- Edgartown is presently working on several
- 13 renewable energy projects that we feel are
- 14 more environmentally sensitive and in fact
- will have greater expandability and be of more 15
- use to our town and the many towns that 16
- 17 comprise our region. We are working with
- Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as 18
- 19 the University of Massachusetts and our
- 20 neighboring Island of Nantucket, to site a
- demonstration tidal energy project in 21
- Muskeeget Channel, as well as looking towards 22
- 23 siting wind turbines in an area between
- 24 Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard that would be

- able to harness much more wind energy than the
- Horseshoe Shoals project, with none of the
- negative environmental issues that are
- plaguing Cape Wind. It is our belief that
- with responsible ocean zoning, that is
- presently being pursued by Congressman
- Delahunt, Edgartown, the Islands of Martha's
- Vineyard and Nantucket, as well as Cape Cod
- 10 will be able to one day generate enough
- 11 electricity to power our region and beyond and
- put to rest the contentious issues that are
- 13 derailing our common goals for reducing our
- use of oil and moving toward a more
- 15 environmentally responsible way of living.
- 16 Please don't sacrifice our environment when
- 17 there are much better alternatives on the
- table. The Cape Wind project cannot claim the 18
- 19 mantle of green when they so clearly are
- sacrificing one leg of the stool of
- environmental responsibility. No one who's 21
- truly concerned with the betterment of our 22
- 23 environment would propose such an
- environmentally flawed project. And certainly

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- those who are entrusted with the protection of
- 3 our environment should not be sacrificing any
- 4 of it when we have great alternatives already
- 5 at hand." Thank you.
- 6 MR. MOORE: Thanks very much.
- 7 MR. OSMERS: Thank you. I'm here.
- 8 My name is Toms Osmers. I'm here to read a
- 9 letter from the selectmen of the Town of
- 10 Chilmark on the island of Martha's Vineyard.
- 11 "The Draft Environmental Impact
- 12 Statement that you have issued does not
- 13 accurately describe the impact that the Cape
- 14 Wind project will have on commercial fishing
- 15 in the waters around Martha's Vineyard. The
- 16 impact will be significant, and it will be
- 17 negative. The fisheries resource on Horseshoe
- 18 Shoal will be disrupted and injured by this
- 19 strip development. The Town of Chilmark has
- 20 made a huge commitment to the preservation of
- 21 our small-boat, locally owned, sustainable
- 22 commercial fishery. We have learned that, to
- 23 preserve our fishing fleet, the first thing
- 24 that we have to do is to preserve our natural

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- 2 resources. At the very base of our fishery
- 3 resource is the benthic environment of our
- 4 coastal ponds and the environment of Nantucket
- 5 and Vineyard Sound. The most important
- 6 section of that benthic environment is the few
- 7 inches of sediment at the point where the
- 8 water meets the bottom. This is where the
- 9 eelgrass, aquatic plants, plankton, zoo
- 10 plankton, sea worms, shellfish, crabs, et
- 11 cetera, all grow and form the base of our food
- 12 chain.

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- "It is the bottom of the sound that
- 14 is the building block of the food chain that
- 15 forms our natural resource. Digging this
- 16 bottom to lay miles and miles of cable will
- 17 kill millions of small aquatic creatures. The
- 18 sediment will be dispersed into the tide and
- 19 drift and alter the benthic environment.
- 20 Digging to plant 130 huge machines will be
- 21 extraordinarily disruptive. All this
- 22 industrial activity will negate the
- 23 painstaking steps that we have been taking on
- 24 Martha's Vineyard to preserve and restore our

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- 2 fisheries resource. Thank you.
- 3 MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.
- 4 Ann Canedy?

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- 5 MS. CANEDY: Hello. My name is
- 6 Sarah Fantom, and I'm speaking on behalf of
- 7 Ann Canedy, Barnstable town councilor.
 - "I am a Barnstable town councilor.
- 9 I am writing as an individual counselor and do
- 10 not purport to represent the Barnstable Town
- 11 Council in my remarks. However, the council
 - has unanimously opposed this project.
- "I am deeply concerned that as an
- 14 elected official, representing a constituency
- 15 directly impacted by this project, our local
- 16 government has not been given a seat at the
- 17 table in the consideration of this project.
 - "I represent the north side of
- 19 Barnstable. Viewshed and NIMBYism is not the
- 20 issue.

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- "Lack of understanding of the need
- 22 for alternative energy is not the issue.
- 23 Barnstable has recently passed a land-based
- 24 wind-turbine zoning ordinance, which regulates

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- the placement, aesthetics, efficiency,
- 3 economic viability of land-based turbines.
- 4 "Our municipal services will be
- 5 greatly impacted by this project, without
- 6 funding to pay for it.
- 7 "Our tourism industry, our
- 8 lifeblood, will be greatly impacted by this
- 9 project.
- "Sea and air navigation channels
- 11 will be impacted.
- 12 "Lack of watershed zoning is
- 13 problematic because Cape Wind is only one of
 - several proposed projects for this area.
- 15 Zoning should involve all abutters to the
- 16 proposed project and the local government.
- 17 "Lack of zoning and mapping before
- 18 projects are proposed threaten other coastline 19 communities of the Commonwealth.
- 20 "Massachusetts is a public-doctrine
- 21 state. From Colonial times to the present,
- 22 Massachusetts law has mandated that the water
- 23 belongs to the people of the Commonwealth, not
 - 4 to a private corporation. The fact that Cape

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- 2 Wind has strategically placed the proposed
- 3 project just outside the Commonwealth
- 4 jurisdiction should not give license for a
- 5 taking of a public resource by a private
- 6 corporation for profit without compensation
- 7 and unrefuted and documented proof of a direct
- 8 public benefit.
- 9 "Respectfully submitted, Ann B.
- 10 Canedy."

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- 11 MR. MOORE: Thank you. So our 12 sequence will be John Griffin next, and then
- 13 Al Peterson after him. And if Thomas Osmers
- 14 would come up, Henrietta Davis, and Alfred
- 15 Peterson, please.
- MR. CARROLL: Thank you. My name
- 17 is Cliff Carroll, and I will be speaking for
- 18 John T. Griffin, who's a private pilot, former
- 19 island ferry captain, with 50 years of
- 20 experience on and over the sound, but most
- 21 importantly, the vice-chairman of the
- 22 Barnstable Airport Commission, which has
- 23 consistently and vehemently opposed this
- 24 project.

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- 2 "The Federal Minerals Management
- 3 Service's recent claims of negligible aviation
- 4 effects from the Cape Wind project does not
- 5 square with the Federal Aviation
- 6 Administration's concern that the project is
- 7 still under a presumed hazard. This is
- 8 raising new concerns that the planned turbines
- 9 could adversely affect visual flight rules,
- 10 IFR flight rules across the Nantucket Sound.
- 11 It is clear that the Federal draft report
- 12 ignored the concerns of the pilots, the
- 13 airline operators, and the Cape and Islands
- 14 airport managers that the Cape Wind turbines
- 15 will create a hazard to flights between the
- 16 Cape and islands.
 - "There are over 400,000 flights a
- 18 year, both commercial and noncommercial, over
- 19 the sound every year. Part of our job is to
- 20 help insure the safety of all who fly to and
- 21 from our airports. The wellbeing of the air
- 22 crews and passengers will be compromised if
- 23 130 towering wind turbines with blades
- 24 reaching 44 stories high are built in the

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- 2 sound. Why would anybody want to introduce a
- 3 risk that doesn't now exist?
- 4 "The Minerals Management Service
- 5 must closely examine the concerns of the FAA
- 6 and regional officials and change its current
- 7 assessment of the Cape Wind risk to its
- 8 aviation determination in its final
- 9 environmental report to extremely dangerous.
- 10 The FAA is undertaking additional studies on
- 11 the issue.

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- "Nantucket Sound has some of the
- 13 busiest low-level air routes on the entire
 - 4 East Coast. The British Ministry of Defence
- 15 has conducted extensive real-time studies that
- 16 showed significant degradation of air traffic
- 17 control, air defense, and shipboard surface
- 18 radars. Problems include lost, displaced or
- 19 multiple ghost targets. These may occur with
- 20 the aircraft in surprisingly high altitudes.
- 21 The potential impact on air safety is obvious.
- 22 The Cape approach is located at Otis
- 23 International Base.
 - "The Barnstable Airport Commission

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- 2 recognizes the potential benefit of
- 3 alternative energy sources when properly
- 4 located, but we strongly believe that
- 5 Nantucket Sound is the worst possible location
- 6 for this 25-square-mile, 44-story project."
- 7 Thank you.
- 8 MR. MOORE: Al Peterson, from the
- 9 Nantucket Airport.
- 10 MR. BUSSIERE: Thank you. My name
- 11 is Rob Bussiere. I'm representing Nantucket
- 12 Memorial Airport, and I'll read a statement
- 13 from Al Peterson, airport manager.
 - "I would like to formally express
- 15 my statement of opposition to the location of
- 16 Cape Wind's project in writing for the record.
- To cape with a project in writing for the record.
- 17 My comments relate to two issues: air safety
- 18 and radar interference. I am familiar with
- 19 the studies performed by the British Ministry
- 20 of Defence and the issues that are being found
- 21 by them based on the turbine blades
- 22 interfering with radar reception. This data
- 23 is disturbing for detecting low-level flights
- 24 behind the wind farm.

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"I am also a Coast Guard auxiliary pilot who flies over the represented area by Cape Wind as the location in which 440-foot towers are to be located. It is inconceivable to me that the Coast Guard found the towers to

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be of little consequence when in effect they

create a 500-foot obstruction and will make it 8

9 extremely difficult to carry on

search-and-rescue missions within the zone in 10 11

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"The acting director of the FAA, Robert Sturgell, has written to Congressman William Delahunt, reiterating the fact that the FAA has issued the presumed-hazard determination for the Cape Wind project. They also commissioned a study by the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences to further define the radar impact. This is a legitimate safety concern. I'm enclosing a chart from our radar

20 tracking system, showing you air traffic for 21

given periods, showing IFR weather tracks for 22

23 aircraft in the Nantucket area. Radar

24 monitoring the aviation activity over this

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location during low visibility is critical. 2

"I found it interesting that your 3 'fact sheet' omits any reference to the height 4

of the proposed towers. Is not that a fact? 5

6 "Very truly yours, Alfred G.

Peterson." 7

MR. MOORE: I would like to have 8 Neal Costello come up, please, Henrietta 9

Davis, and Alfred Peterson. Mr. Costello, 10

11 you're the first speaker.

12 MR. COSTELLO: My name is Neal 13 Costello, and I have a letter here from some 14 real elected public officials.

15 MR. MOORE: Would you please keep 16 our microphone on. Thank you.

17 MR. COSTELLO: I have a letter here from six chairmen of Massachusetts legislative 18

19 committees that have to deal with energy and the environment. With your permission, I'd 20

like to read -- this is from six chairmen who 21

deal with energy and the environment. 22

23 "Dear sirs: We are writing to express our strong and continued support for 24

the Cape Wind project" --

3 MR. MOORE: Folks, remember, you're

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4 cutting into your colleague's time.

5 MR. COSTELLO: -- "and to commend 6 the work done in compiling the comprehensive

DEIS. As you may know, the Massachusetts

8 legislature undertook the restructuring of our

electric industry in 1997 in a manner that

instituted one of the first state renewable 10

energy-portfolio standards. Cape Wind is 11

exactly the type of entrepreneurial proposal

13 that we sought to incentivize through such

actions, and we urge its approval in an

15 expedited fashion.

"As the DEIS points out, the 16 17 project would be a major step towards

offsetting greenhouse gas emissions, and would 18

also lead to cleaner air in the region by 19

20 offsetting significant volumes of fossil-fuel

generation. Importantly, it would open a new 21

22 American industry center that could make a

23 major contribution to our national energy

24 independence, by reducing foreign imports of

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fuel for generation. We also note that the

project would provide Massachusetts citizens

with job opportunities and help catalyze

expansion to our green-technology sector. 5

6 "We therefore request that you

expeditiously complete the review and approval

of this project, and that the final EIS

reflect the strong support of the Commonwealth

of Massachusetts for Cape Wind. After seven 10

11 years of regulatory review, it is time for

12 this important project to go forward."

13 And I'd like to read, if I may, the

signatories, the Massachusetts legislators who 15 signed onto this letter. Included in it are

the two drafters of the Restructuring Act and

17 the two chairmen of the current energy

committee in Massachusetts. That's an elected 18

official. Frank Smizik, House Chair, Joint 19

20 Committee on the Environment, National

Resources and Agriculture; Dan Bosley, House 21

Chairman, Joint Committee on Economic 22

Development and Emerging Technologies. I have 23

four more, if I may.

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2 MR. MOORE: I was also homeroom

3 captain in my high school. Does that qualify

4 me?

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5 Please name the four.

6 MR. COSTELLO: Brian Dempsey,

Chairman, Committee on Telecommunications,

Utilities and Energy.

9 MR. MOORE: Folks, hold on. Read

10 the names and let's finish, please.

MR. COSTELLO: Representative John

12 Binienda, Chairman, Committee on Revenue;

13 Senator Mike Morrissey, Chairman, Committee on

14 Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy; and

15 Senator James Marzilli, Chairman, Committee on

16 Tourism, Arts, and Culture and Development.

17 Thank you.

MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.

19 Remember, it may be your neighbor who can't

20 speak because of your applause.

Let's move on to Henrietta Davis.

22 MS. DAVIS: Thank you. I am

23 Henrietta Davis. I am a city councilor. I

24 have been elected. And I'm pleased to be able

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2 to speak to you this evening.

3 I'm here to speak in support of

Cape Wind. I'm a city councilor in Cambridge,

5 Massachusetts. My constituents have asked me

6 to come because they are frustrated with the

7 lack of renewable energy that they're unable

8 to buy in this state. I'm also here because

9 of the urgency to address local climate

10 change, the biggest industrial disaster that

11 we're likely to face in the next century.

We have only until 2050 to

stabilize greenhouse gas emissions. If we

14 don't succeed, coastal communities such as

those on Cape Cod and, yes, even in Cambridge,

16 are in serious jeopardy of sea-level rise. We

17 need to use everything in our arsenal to

18 address this potential suffering.

19 We need energy efficiency. We need

20 solar, photovoltaics. We need solar thermal;

21 and yes, we need wind. Every single one of

22 the things that we need is going to have a

23 downside, but we need to use them all.

24 The MMS's EIS drafts suggest modest

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2 mitigations are necessary for Cape Wind to

3 address protection of natural resources. I

4 urge you to allow them to get going on those

5 mitigations and to allow us, citizens of the

6 Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to begin to

7 address global warming, through some real

8 renewable energy. Thank you very much.

9 MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.

10 Our last elected official is Tom Osmers, Town11 of West Tisbury.

12 MR. OSMERS: Thank you. My name is

13 Tom Osmers. I represent the fishing community

on the island of Martha's Vineyard. I want to

15 thank the Minerals Management Service for this

16 opportunity to add to the testimony of record

17 on the Cape Wind project.

I am from the Town of West Tisbury,

19 where I serve in the official capacity as the

20 shellfish constable and also am the hearing

21 warden, and thus am the keeper and protector

22 of the anadromous fishes of the Commonwealth.

23 I'm a member of the board of directors of the

24 Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group, which is a

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2 community-supported organization that

3 maintains shellfish fisheries and operates

4 several hatcheries that sustain our fisheries

5 for the native blue-eyed scallop, the

6 hardshell and softshell clams, as well as the

7 eastern oyster. I'm also a representative of

8 the six Towns and representative of the tribe

9 of the Aguinnah Wampanoag to the New England

10 Fisheries Management Council, as well as the

11 author of the Sustainable Fisheries Initiative

12 and manager of the joint Vineyard and tribal

13 sector for the New England ground fishery

under the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

I fully support alternative and

16 renewable energy generation but cannot endorse

17 this project at this location for the

18 following reasons: Horseshoe Shoal is unique

19 from an ecosystem that supports a full

20 spectrum of benthic marine finfish and

21 invertebrates of economic importance. These

22 fishes and shellfish include, but are not

23 limited to, squid, scup, the bluefish, the

24 striped bass, the summer flounder, the black

- 2 sea bass, winter flounder, both blueback and
- 3 and alewife herring, as well as the Atlantic
- 4 (inaudible).

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- 5 The shellfish of economic
- 6 importance are the sea clams, the Cohaugs, the
- 7 razor clams, both the smooth and channel and
- 8 knobby (inaudible), Horseshoe Shoal is the
- 9 area from which over 50 percent of the fishery
- 10 landings from Martha's Vineyard are derived.
- 11 In addition, Horseshoe Shoal is a major
- 12 spawning and settlement site for the young of
- 13 many of these species, which serve to maintain
- 14 fish populations in the States as far south as
- 15 North Carolina. These fishes all travel
- 16 hundreds of miles each year to spawn in the
- 17 waters of Nantucket Sound. The installation
- 18 of these interconnecting cables will damage
- 19 the microhabitats needed by these fish and
- 20 shellfish and upset the conch migratory and
- 21 hibernatory behaviors, which will imperil our
- 22 sustainable fisheries that have endured since
- 23 Colonial times.

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Our community strongly urges the

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- 2 no-action alternative listed in the Draft
- 3 Environmental Impact Statement, urges that
- 4 this project be moved to a land-based locale,
- 5 such as the Mass. Military Reservation, which
- 6 in the past has caused so many negative
- 7 environmental impacts.
- 8 We strongly urge Jim Gordon and the
- 9 Marine Management Authority both to appreciate
- 10 the gravity of the threat of this taking of
- 11 our ancestral fishing grounds. Thank you very
- 12 much. Feel free to contact us to discuss
- 13 these issues. Thank you. Please, do not
- 14 continue to endanger our long history of our
- 15 jobs and our future.
- 16 MR. MOORE: Thank you, Tom. I
- 17 think Tom is the last elected official, not
- 18 appointed official. Is that right? Is there
- 19 anyone else who is an elected official?
- 20 If not, then what we would like to
- 21 do is to begin to have citizens provide their
- 22 statements. And so if we could have 1 to 6
- 23 come up to these chairs, and we will begin
- 24 having people speak.

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So citizen No. 1.

3 MS. MACINTOSH: Good evening. I am

4 Laurie Macintosh, founder and chair of

5 Sustainable Milton, in Milton, Mass. and I

6 support Cape Wind.

First let's discuss the positive

8 environmental impact of Cape Wind. To begin

9 with, there will be a positive economic

10 environmental impact. The IBEW forecasts the

11 creation of over 1,000 jobs with construction

2 of the 130-turbine Cape Wind project.

13 Second, the positive tourism

14 impact: The Danes, who have operated offshore

15 wind farms for over four years, report an

16 increase in ecotourism. People come just to

17 see the turbines, and they spend their money

18 while they're there.

Third, the positive marine

20 environmental impact: As the underwater

21 turbine piles are installed, barnacles and

22 other mollusks also attach to them. This

23 increased food supply will attract more fish

24 to the area, which will result in a larger,

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- 2 more diverse marine ecosystem than currently
- 3 exists.

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- 4 And finally, clean power
- 5 generation: Crude hit new record highs
- 6 yesterday, at 110 a barrel. Our oil war in
- 7 Iraq is costing this country billions of
- 8 dollars. Pollution is threatening our land
- 9 and seas. We cannot turn away from this
- 10 opportunity to provide three quarters of Cape
- 11 Cod with clean, renewable energy from an
- 12 inexhaustible source.

The Cape Wind project will provide

new skilled jobs, more tourists, greater

15 marine life diversity, and clean, renewable

16 energy to reduce our country's dependence on

oil and battle global warming. We cannot not

18 do this. Thank you.

MR. MOORE: Thanks very much.

20 No. 2 and No. 7, 8, 9, if you would come up,

21 please.

22 MR. MORIARTY: Good evening,

23 everyone. My name is David Moriarty. I'm a

4 lifelong resident of Cape Cod. It is in my

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- humble opinion that I state my adamant 2
- 3 opposition to this irreversible historical,
- 4 cultural, and economic damage we would cause
- to all our friends and family that depend on 5
- 6 this vital and irreplaceable ecosystem.
- Visitors have been coming to the Cape and
- 8 Islands from all over the world year after
- year, not to see wind turbines, but to see the
- 10 beautiful, pristine, unique natural treasure
- we call home. I consider the sound to be the 11
- national bank of the Cape and Islands, secured
- 13 and protected by the citizens, for the
- 14 citizens. The sound, the pearl of the Eastern
- Seaboard, life-sustaining, perfection in 15
- motion, home of the Nantucket sleigh ride, 16
- 17 lamp of the Wampanoags, providing and
- 18 sustaining life for Cape and Islanders summer
- 19 after summer, year after year, generation
- after year, like clockwork. Our economy 20
- 21 depends on it.

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22 So let us not forget who we are,

23 for we are Americans. We can do anything. We

24 can achieve energy independence if we truly

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- set our mind and our resources towards that 2
- goal. Hey, listen, it won't be long before 3
- big oil is extracted from the white House and
- we can vigorously restart and resume our 5
- energy program. 6

So let us not be so shortsighted on

- this vital issue. We can save our sound 8
- economy now and simultaneously move our 9
- 10 country closer to cleaner energy independence.

11 So, please, I beg of the powers

that be, please hear our plea. Please hear us

13 now. The risk is much too high. The gain is

14 much too small. Our way of life depends on

15 your critical decision. Thank you.

16 MS. NICKERSON: A tough act to

17 follow. Good evening. Thank you again for

18 coming this evening to hear our comments.

19 Good evening. My name is Susan Nickerson, and

20 I serve as executive director of the Alliance

to Protect Nantucket Sound. 21

The alliance was established in 22

23 2001, and our mission is to ensure the

24 long-term conservation of this remarkable body

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- of water. Nantucket Sound belongs to the
- people. It is a marine ecosystem of
- international significance that possesses
- 5 extraordinary economic, ecologic, cultural,
- 6 fish and wildlife, historic, scenic, and
- 7 recreational values. These values are the
- 8 common heritage of the general public and
- qualify Nantucket Sound for national marine
- sanctuary status. 10

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts already recognized these values in 1970 and

13 established the sound as a Massachusetts ocean

14 sanctuary. This designation brings the sound

within the definition of a marine protected 15

area under Federal executive order and 16

17 entitles it to heightened protection.

For too long, ocean resources have

been managed on a piecemeal basis without 19

20 plans or laws guided by underlying principles

of ecosystem-based conservation. To proceed 21

with a project like Cape Wind in the absence 22

of some level of ocean management,

24 particularly when a sensitive resource area

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like Nantucket Sound is on the chopping block,

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- 3 is at a minimum ill-advised and potentially
- devastating. Nantucket Sound deserves a 4
- better fate. MMS should halt the review of
- Cape Wind under such a limited set of
- 7 alternatives as is presented in this DEIS,
- consider all the input you've received over 8
- the past three days and tonight, and then
- 10 underscore how unworkable the Nantucket Sound
- 11 site is for Cape Wind and engage in a
- 12 community, consensus-based decision-making
- 13 process to find the right home for Cape Wind
 - outside of Nantucket Sound. Please save our
- 15 sound. Thank you.

16 MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.

17 MS. PARKER: My name is Audra

Parker, and I'm a director of the Alliance to 18

Protect Nantucket Sound. I've attended each 19

20 of the four hearings and have been struck by

the magnitude and depth of opposition to this 21

- project. This is not just a NIMBY issue, as 22
- 23 portrayed by the media. This is not the
- miracle project that will save us from global

- warming and dependence on foreign oil, with 2
- few, if any, impacts, as portrayed in the 3
- DEIS. This is not a project that enjoys
- majority support on the Cape and Islands, as 5
- 6 some recent flawed polls by vocal Cape Wind
 - supporters have claimed.
- 8 What this is in reality is the
- 9 exploitation of a communal resource by a
- single private developer. It is the symbolic 10
- sacrifice of Nantucket Sound so that some can 11
- claim victory for the first offshore wind
- project. 13

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- 14 We, the residents of the Cape and
- Islands, have legitimate concerns about 15
- building a massive-scale industrial plant in 16
- 17 the middle of our fishing grounds and in what
- 18 is the heart and soul of our local economy.
- Our opposition is about more than the view. 19
- 20 Our commercial fishermen fish these waters and
- depend on this natural resource for their 21
- livelihoods. For our tribal members. 22
- 23 Nantucket Sound is a great cultural,
- 24 religious, and historic value. Our businesses

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- depend heavily on the tourists that come to 2
- the Cape and Islands for this special body of 3
- water that will be irreparably damaged if the 4
- project were built. Our airports have safety 5
- concerns over erecting 130 structures in
- Nantucket Sound and over radar interference. 7
- Our ferry lines call this project an accident 8
- waiting to happen. 9
- 10 If all of these concerns don't give
- 11 you pause for thought, consider that you too
- 12 here in Boston pay dearly for this project.
- 13 The DEIS shows the cost of generating this
- 14 power is undeniably high.
- 15 I ask you here in Boston and the
- 16 surrounding communities to join with us on the
- 17 Cape and Islands and stop this costly and
- irresponsibly sited project from hurting our 18
- fishermen, our tribes, and our wallets. Thank 19
- 20 vou.
- MR. MOORE: Thank you very much. 21
- 22 We have a State Representative. One more?
- Okay. Next speaker, No. 5. No. 6? 23
- MS. NICOL-HELMS: Good evening. My 24

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- name's Catherine Nicole Helms, and this is an
- aerial view of my home.
- 4 MR. MOORE: Closer, please.
- 5 MS. NICOL-HELMS: Five generations
- 6 have lived in this house. I lived far away
- from there for a while, and every day I just
- 8 yearned to be back.

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- 9 We've learned from the
- 10 overdevelopment of the land that once it is
- gone, it is gone forever. All of that land is 11
- now developed. The Cape now has strong 12
- 13 developmental regulations, and we have a land
- 14 conservation trust that stepped in to save
- some of the natural habitat for posterity. 15
 - The Cape doesn't have the
- 17 oceanfront high-rises that Florida has.
- 18 People come here because of old Cape Cod. The
- view of the ocean is an integral part of what
- is and what is not allowed to be developed on
- 21 our coastline. That fact needs to be
- addressed in the environmental impact 22
- 23 statement. In the DEIS it states that
- 24 opinions vary as to whether the facilities

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- would have a negative or positive effect on
- the visual aesthetics. My interpretation of
- the MMS statements, regarding aesthetics they
- are reliant on subjective data, when in fact
- there is objective data out there that needs
- to be included. 7
- 8 Deepwater technology now exists,
- where it didn't exist seven years ago.
- There's several major differences that make 10
- deepwater wind more appealing. They're
- 12 floating wind turbines. They're built on land
- 13 and towed out to sea, and if a conflict arises
- once they're in place -- for example found to
- 15 be in the pathway of migrating birds -- they
- 16 can be moved. The engine generated in
- 17 deepwater is generally more consistent, less
- turbulent, much higher, stronger, and more 18
- 19 reliable.
- 20 MR. MOORE: Our time. Hold on,
- folks. 21
- MS. NICOL-HELM: The deepwater has 22
- 23 room to row and would satisfy our need to....
- MR. MOORE: You need to finish.

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2	MS. NICOL-HELM: Thank you very
3	much.
4	MR. MOORE: We have Steven D'Amico,
5	the State Representative.
6	REPRESENTATIVE D'AMICO: My name is
7	Steve D'Amico, I'm a state rep from Fourth
8	Bristol County, which is on the south coast.
9	Cape Wind is an important project.
10	It's important for Massachusetts, and it's
11	important for the country. Its importance
12	isn't just the clean energy that we're going
13	to generate. It's not just its contribution
14	to an emerging green sector of our economy,
15	which is very important. It's important
16	because this is a bold project, that's going
17	to inspire not just Massachusetts but the
18	entire country to think boldly about meeting
19	our energy needs with green technology.
20	This is a project that's going to
21	capture the country's and the world's
22	imagination, and I think we'll see that its
23	value goes far beyond the energy that this one
24	project generates.

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So I'm strongly in favor of it, and I think we need to see it sooner rather than later. Thank you.

5 MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.

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7 MR. GORDON: My name is Jim Gordon,

8 and I'm president of Energy Management,

9 Incorporated, the company developing the Cape

10 Wind project.

First I would like to thank MMS and the Army Corps of Engineers and the other 16

13 Federal and state agencies involved in the

14 Cape Wind review. Over the last seven years

15 you have afforded citizens significant

16 opportunity to weigh in, either through

17 hearings like this or written comment. You

18 have generated and compiled thousands of pages

19 of scientific, environmental, and

20 socioeconomic information on the benefits and

impacts of this renewable energy project.

Over the past seven years I have read thousands of written comments on this project, I have attended all of these public

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2 hearings, and until tonight have not spoken

3 but, rather, intently listened to the

4 heartfelt and passionate comments from both

5 the supporters and the opponents of this

6 project.

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The common denominator I

8 increasingly hear is that most everyone

9 supports the rapid adoption of more renewable

10 energy. I believe that this is driven by the

11 understanding that our dependence on imported

12 energy and the impacts of climate change pose

13 a threat to our health, environment, and

14 economy.

We are gathered here tonight, as

16 you weigh the merits of America's first

17 offshore wind farm and the hopes and

18 aspirations of citizens desiring a transition

19 to a more sustainable future. I know that by

20 itself Cape Wind will not achieve this goal,

21 but it is an important start. And what better

22 place to begin than in Federal waters, owned

23 by all the citizens of the United States, off

24 the coast of Massachusetts. Thank you very

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2 much.

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3 MR. MOORE: No. 8? And could we

4 have 10, 11, 12, and 13.

5 MS. HILL: It's a privilege to

6 follow Jim Gordon and his remarks. Good

7 evening. My name is Barbara Hill. I'm the

8 executive director of Clean Power Now, a

9 nonprofit, grassroots organization with over

10 10,000 members based in Hyannis,

11 Massachusetts. Our mission is to inform,

12 educate, and empower local citizens to support

13 viable renewable energy projects and policies.

14 Upon review, we have concluded the

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15 Draft Environmental Impact Statement issued by

16 MMS on the Cape Wind project is fact-based,

17 comprehensive, scientifically vetted, and

18 peer-reviewed. The environmental standards of

19 review based in the framework of the National

20 Environmental Policy Act have been met. The

21 Cape Wind project is a monumental opportunity

22 to reduce our carbon footprint and will serve

23 to jumpstart the clean-energy economy in our

24 Commonwealth and in our region.

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We are proud of the leadership of our Governor, Deval Patrick, who, after careful and deliberate consideration, endorsed the project, and Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Ian Bowles, in issuing

7 a certificate of adequacy on the Cape Wind 8 final environmental impact report.

9 Joining our Governor is 86 percent of the citizens of the Commonwealth. Three 10 public-opinion surveys conducted between May 11 of 2006 and February of 2008 show increased 12 13 support, clearly demonstrating that when 14 people have the facts, they understand the

significant public-interest benefits of this 15 project. 16 17

Future generations will view us as either heroes or fools. We must not miss the opportunity to secure our country's energy independence and take action against the catastrophic forces of global warming. Thank vou.

23 MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.

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MR. CARROLL: My name is Cliff 2 Carroll. I'm one of the proud founders of 3 Windstart. I would like to thank MMS for 4 taking the last three days to meet with the 5 people of Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, and 6 Nantucket. As you now clearly know, there is 7 no question that a solid majority of the 8

residents, selectmen, chambers of commerce, 9

fishermen, and Indian tribes of the Cape and 10

11 Islands are completely against this 43-story,

12 25-square-mile industrial park with a

13 10-story, 40,000-gallon oil transformer in the

14 middle of it. This project is the size of the

island of Manhattan, New York. It would be 15

16 situated in between three of the busiest

17 airports in Massachusetts. It is dead center

for some of the richest fishing grounds on the 18

East Coast. It is the beach that is probably 19

20 in every family photo album in this room.

So why are Cape Codders against 21 this project? Nantucket Sound, our beaches 22

are the economic engine and the heart and soul 23

of our Cape and Islands; it is your vacation 24

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spot. Because Horseshoe Shoals is some of the

richest fishing grounds in the world and the

project will close out ten times as many

fishermen as the project's 40 jobs will

create. The massive radar interference that

these will cause will hinder the 400,000

8 flights a year, the 3 million passengers on

the ferry trips that travel these waters, the

FAA has issued a presumed hazard. The 10

developer's own oil spill report states that 11

if the transformer ruptures, there's a greater 12

13 than 90 percent chance that that oil will hit

14 our beaches in less than 4.8 hours.

15 In closing, we are against this project because there is nothing clean about 16

40 thousand gallons of oil on our beaches,

there is nothing free about \$80 million in tax 18

19 subsidies and tax credits, and because there

is no other place as rich, beautiful, 20

bountiful, and as sacred as Nantucket Sound. 21

And I'd most like to thank the gentleman in 22

the suit who spoke earlier for making it

24 perfectly clear that him and his Boston

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politicians have absolutely no use for the

people of Cape and the Islands. Thank you. 3

MR. MOORE: Thank you very much. 4

No. 10? No. 11? And could 12, 13, 14, and 15

please come up so that you can be in the seats

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MS. SANFILIPPO: Good evening, and 8

thank you for giving us this opportunity to

speak here tonight. My name is Angela 10

11 Sanfilippo, and I represent the Massachusetts

12 Fishermen's Partnership. It's an umbrella

13 organization that came about in 1995 that

14 represents 19 Massachusetts commercial fishing

organizations. We are an umbrella 15

16 organization.

17 This organization has not supported this project from the beginning, and we 18 continue not to support this project. But we 19 20 also want you to know that we have nothing 21 against renewable energy, green energy,

whatever the name is. We, as fishing people, 22

23 have a great responsibility to the people of

the United States. We have to provide food.

- Many of the organizations in this 2
- 3 organization, they've been in existence at
- 4 least 40 years, some of them, and they feel
- that the 200-mile limit, they've established 5
- 6 the sanctuary, they stopped oil drilling on
- Georges Bank, they stopped sandy drilling in
- 8 our ocean, because our oceans are a renewable
- resource that will provide food for the people
- of the United States for years and years and 10
- 11 years to come.

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12 This project will go against that.

- This project is being proposed on fishing 13
- 14 grounds historically and spawning grounds. A
- few days ago I heard a report on NPR news, 15
- 16 what's happening with the price of grain and
- 17 corn, because we need to make energy, fuel
- energy out of this project. What are we going 18
- 19 to do when we have to depend on foreigners for
- our food because our fishermen cannot fish in 20
- Nantucket Sound? They need to, because the 21
- people of the United States need the food, and 22
- 23 fish is the last natural protein left in this
- 24 world.

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We all have a job to do. Let's do 2

- each of the jobs well, just like we have done.
- The energy people should find the right places
- to do this, and not in Nantucket Sound. Thank 5
- 6 you.
- MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.
- MR. BARRETT: My name is Edward 8
- Barrett, and I spoke on Monday as the 9
- 10 president of the Massachusetts Fishermen's
- 11 Partnership, but tonight I'm speaking as the
- captain of the fishing vessel Sirius. What
- 13 I'd like to do is address a few mistakes that
- 14 I find that DEIS has made.

First of all, I'd like to talk

- 16 about the spacing. At one third of a mile,
- 17 the spacing of this project will cause this to
- be a 24-and-a-half-square-mile closure. We 18
- will not be able to fish our mobile gear and 19
- 20 safely navigate between these windmills.
- 21 There's a 9-knot current that runs
- 22 through there, so at all times without these

obstacles, we are hard-pressed to navigate as

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 - it is. This is only going to put our

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- fishermen in further jeopardy. And once
- 3 again, it is a closure.
- 4 The Barrow wind farm off of Wales
- is similarly spaced, at one third of a mile,
- and the fishermen there are suing because of
- the lack of ability to fish within that wind
- farm.

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- 9 Secondly I'd like to talk about the
- economics. This project is stated to last 27 10
- months, I believe working at 252 days. I 11
- believe that it's going to be at least three
- 13 years, and I believe that we will be harming
- three-year classes of squid. Three-year
- classes of squid will cause economic disaster
- to the fishing chain that exists in Nantucket 16
- 17 Sound.
- 18 We all want clean energy, but we
- also have a mandate for sustainable fisheries. 19
- Sustainable fisheries cannot happen in 20
- 21 Nantucket Sound if this project is built. We
- need to find another site. 22
- 23 MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.
- 24 No. 13, and we would like 15, 16, 17, and 18

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to come up.

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- 3 MS. HARTMAN: Good evening. My
- name is Berl Hartman. I am a co-founder and
- chapter leader of Environmental Entrepreneurs,
- known as E2, a national community of over 850
- prominent business leaders, 80 of them in
- Massachusetts. I am here to urge you to
- support the Cape Wind project.
 - E2 and its members, who come from a
- 11 wide range of business backgrounds, are widely
- recognized as a resource for understanding
- 13 business perspectives on environmental issues.
- Just as Massachusetts led our nation's first
- revolution, it is now in a position to lead
- the revolution of the 21st century, the energy
- 17 revolution. That revolution will determine
- not only the fate of our country, but that of 18
- 19 our planet. This project has the potential to
- 20 be our generation's shot heard round the
- world, the opening round in the clean energy 21
- 22 revolution that our state can lead.
- 23 This project has been under review
- for almost seven years. The longer we delay

- building Cape Wind, the longer we risk losing 2
- 3 this opportunity to become a globally
- recognized leader in clean offshore wind
- power. Clean energy has the potential to be 5
- 6 the 21st century's engine of economic growth,
- job creation, and innovation. We cannot let
- this opportunity slip through our fingers. 8
- Thank you.

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- 10 MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.
- MR. MOIR: My name is Rob Moir, and 11
- I'm going to be presenting Nathaniel Greene's 12
- presentation from National Resources Defense 13
- 14 Council.

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- 15 "Here in Massachusetts NRDC has
- 43,000 members. On a personal note, my family 16
- 17 has run an (inaudible) on Nantucket for over
- 75 years, so the Cape Wind project is 18
- important to me both for professional and 19
- 20 personal reasons.
- "Here at NRDC we believe that the 21
- proposed project benefits would be 22
- 23 significant, that adverse impacts can be
- 24 minimized if careful mitigation measures are

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- adopted, and that the MMS should move quickly 2
- to finalize the EIS and permit the project. 3
- "The potential benefits for Cape 4
- Wind are twofold: first, the local and 5
- regional pollutants that the project would be 6
- avoiding; and second, it would reduce 7
- emissions of carbon dioxide, and we've 8
- calculated that about 880,000 tons per year of 9
- carbon dioxide would not be emitted. 10
- 11 "The NRDC strongly recommends that
- 12 the Final Environmental Impact Statement and
- 13 conditions for any permit include specific
- 14 monitoring and mitigation measures to protect
- 15 the marine environment. We call on MMS to
- 16 include a detailed and comprehensive
- 17 environmental management system for
- identifying, monitoring, mitigating potential 18
- 19 impacts associated with project construction
- 20 and operation. The historic precedent set by
- the Cape Wind project makes it all the more 21
- important that it strive constantly to avoid 22
- 23 and minimize any impacts, requiring better
- monitoring and mitigation to protect the 24

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- marine mammals and build environmental
- management systems into a truly captive
- management regime.
- 5 MR. MOORE: You need to finish up,
- 6 please.

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- 7 MR. MOIR: This will help make Cape
- 8 Wind the best possible project.
- MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.
- 10 No. 15.
- MR. SYLVESTER: Dana Sylvester, 11
- from Hyannis. I've been against this from the
- 13 beginning. It seems like being one of the
- worst places you could put this, to me. The
- reason I see is because Cape Cod is unique. I
- think it's God-made. If anyone went to the
- National Seashore and watched that movie, it
- shows how Cape Cod was formed in the Ice Ages, 18
- coming back and forward. It's a very unique 19
- 20 area.

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- 21 I'm very glad that -- even though I
- voted against John Kennedy, I'm glad he did 22
- 23 become President and preserve that area out
- 24 there, where Cape Cod is still like Cape Cod.

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- 2 I grew up here in the summer when I
- 3 was a child. We had to sell it. Cape Cod is
- like, you know, it's a place to get away from
- the pressures, the work, and you come here --
- I know to mention the winds -- but you get
- 7 near the bridges, and it's cool. And I think
- it should be preserved for that for people to
- come down and enjoy the beauty and fishing and
- 10 swimming, beaches. I know it's 6 1/2 miles
- from one of the beaches. I just think it's
- 12 too much of a risk for the greatness of Cape
- Cod. 13
- 14 MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.
- 16? 15
- 16 MR. AIKENS: I'd like to thank the
- 17 Department of Interior for being here and
- listening to our comments. I represent 6,000 18
- 19 members. My name is Martin Aikens. I'm a
- 20 business agent for the electricians in Boston.
- We have three different local unions in the 21
- 22 area which will be doing the work on this
- 23 project.
- 24 We have 6,000 members. We have

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- 1100 retirees. Right now I think our economy 2
- 3 in this country has been sold off. Well, it's
- time for a new economy. As you see, this
- project has been going on for seven years. It
- works around the rest of the world. It can 6
- 7 work here.

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The United States needs this 8

project. The offshoots of this are going to 9

be amazing. We're talking about building a 10

wind test, display facility testing right here 11

in Boston, so we can take these blades and

test them and make sure that these are the 13

14 products that we want to use.

15 I'd say the United States right now

is about 20 years behind. We talk about 16

17 national security. Well, buying foreign oil

to keep us going and to keep our electricity

19 running is national security. When people

have to pay \$4 a gallon for gasoline and

everything's imported, that's national 21

22 security. And we're going to be able to have

three quarters of the Cape and Islands'

24 electricity made with no fuel. That's a

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no-brainer. 2

3 I sat here for seven years. I

really thought, when I looked at this project,

that the United States of America, the people 5

in Massachusetts would wrap their arms around 6

this. The spinoffs and the jobs that we have

to look at --8

9 MR. MOORE: You need to finish up,

10 please.

11 MR. AIKENS: I just want to say, it

will jumpstart the economy. We need jobs.

13 America needs it, and Massachusetts needs it.

14 Thank you.

15 MS. REID: Good evening. My name

16 is Sue Reid. I am a staff attorney and

17 director of the Massachusetts Clean Energy and

Climate Change Initiative at Conservation Law 18

19 Foundation. I'm here tonight because Cape

20 Wind is one of the most promising clean energy

21 solutions in our nation. I wanted to address

22 a couple of the principal arguments that have

been advanced by the project's opponents in 23

connection with the DEIS this evening.

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2 First with respect to economic

aspects of the project: It is really

important to keep in mind that contracts for

the sale of power from Cape Wind will only be

approved if the price is reasonable,

notwithstanding alarmist claims to the

contrary. We have a rigorous process in place

to ensure that.

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10 In addition, unlike fossil fuels,

that are expected to continue to go through 11

the roof in price, the fuel for the Cape Wind

13 project not only is clean, but also is free.

14 So the price for the power from the project

can remain extraordinarily stable over time

and provide a very important hedge against 16

17 volatile fossil-fuel prices.

In addition, we do not yet take

19 into account the real cost of carbon in

connection with electricity from fossil-fuel 20

generating sources, as we surely must do 21

moving forward. As we take these costs into 22

23 account, the cost-effectiveness of this

24 project only becomes so much more transparent.

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In addition, it is critically

important not to ignore the extraordinary 3

costs of inaction if we don't embrace clean

energy solutions like this. 5

In connection with arguments that

there are supposedly preferable alternatives

to this project, and opponents have pointed to

land-based wind and deepwater wind, I urge you

10 to consider that we need to grasp the full

11 magnitude of the challenge of climate change,

and if those promise, to, like this one, go

13 through extensive environmental review and are

14 shown to have environmental benefits that are

15 expected to far outweigh their impacts, then

16 we need to pursue those projects, too, in

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addition to this one. Thank you very much.

MR. MOORE: No. 18, Speaker 18.

MR. ROGERS: Thank you very much.

My name is John Rogers. I work on clean 20

energy issues in the Northeast for the Union

22 of Concerned Scientists.

23 Scientists now say that we must

achieve 80 percent or more reductions in

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- global warming pollution by midcentury. This 2
- will require a total transformation of our 3
- energy system. Efficiency alone will not do
- it. And the longer we wait, the less room for 5
- error we have, which is why we need to get 6
- renewable electricity projects up and running
- 8 as soon as possible.

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- 9 Given that reality, we at the Union
- of Concerned Scientists offer three comments. 10
- First, we agree with the findings of the DEIS 11
- that this project will reduce our use of
- fossil fuels. All grid-connected renewable 13
- 14 electricity projects do.
- Second, with regard to the 15
- so-called no-action alternatives, UCS thinks 16
- MMS should be more explicit in the DEIS about 17
- the impacts of those alternatives, 18
- particularly with regard to global warming 19
- pollution from coal and oil-fired power 20
- plants, such as those in Somerset, Sandwich, 21
- and Salem. 22

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- 23 Third, UCS urges MMS to take a
- 24 second look at its assumptions about the role

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- this project will have in reducing global 2
- warming emissions and emissions growth in this 3
- region. By UCS's calculations, which I will 4
- submit with our written testimony, Cape Wind's 5
- global warming reductions will be a much more 6
- significant fraction -- not 1 percent, but 9 7
- percent -- of the projected growth in 8
- economics from all of New England. 9
- 10 All of our energy choices have
- 11 consequences. We should not accept any
- projects blindly, but consider them with 12
- 13 rigorous scientific review in the context of a
- warming planet. The efforts reflected in the
- 15 DEIS show that this project will likely be a
- 16 responsible part of our region's response to
- 17 the enormous climate challenge. Thank you
- 18 very much.
- 19 MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.
- It's close to 8:00 o'clock. We had set a 20
- 15-minute break after two hours. We'd like to 21
- take 15 minutes. 22
- 23 (Recess taken.)
- MR. MOORE: I think we're ready to 24

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- start. We have No. 19, I believe. I wanted
- to also let you know, some people had asked,
- what time does the clock start? Does the
- green ball up there, the green light, indicate
- people have started? Your time starts as soon
- as you start to talk, so it doesn't
- 8 necessarily perfectly reflect the green light,
- but it does reflect the red light. The red
- light comes on when it's time to stop. 10
- So thank you very much. I 11
- appreciate you waiting. We're ready to hear
- 13 your comments.
- 14 MR. COYLE: Good evening. Thanks
- for the opportunity to speak. My name is 15 James Coyle. I'm the general secretary of the
- 16 Metropolitan Boston Building Trades. As such,
- I represent 30,000 men and women in 20 18
- 19 different unions that would obviously benefit
- from the jobs from building this wind farm. 20
- 21 They're also building wind farms in
- Maine, Vermont, western Massachusetts, and 22
- many other states in the country right now.
- We obviously are in favor of this.

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- Last year I got the opportunity to
- go to Europe. I saw a number of wind farms
- over there, and I didn't find them any more
- ugly or obtrusive than I would say
- high-tension wires were, high-tension poles,
- which are all over this country everywhere,
- and we all have lived with them. We've lived
- with them for years because they provide us
- with heat and lights, what we're all enjoying 10
- tonight. Everybody likes that. They like
- their air conditioners two, but everybody
- 13 seems to be upset when it comes time to build
 - a powerhouse or any other type of item like
- 15 this wind farm: Not in my back yard.
- 16 I've heard a number of people
- 17 tonight say it's not about NIMBYism. But in
- the business I'm in, I go from town to town 18
- 19 and city to city, and I go to many of these
- meetings on every project that gets permits,
- and that is the major item I see. No one
- wants anything built in their back yard. 22
- Where would we be without it? 23
- I live in South Boston. Two 24

2 powerhouses have just recently been closed

- 3 down, one for the MBTA and one for Edison.
- 4 They're going to be cleaned up. The sites
- 5 will not be brown fields, they'll be
- 6 waterfront property. High-end condos will be
- 7 built there.

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- 8 I've got 30 seconds left. I'd like
- 9 to make one quick comment on the aesthetics of
- 10 a wind farm. When I go to the Museum of Fine
- 11 Arts and I look at some of these paintings
- 12 that are made two, three hundred years ago by
- 13 people like Rembrandt, I see beautiful, scenic
- 14 pastoral scenes that have machines in them.
- 15 And what are those machines? Windmills.
- 16 Thank you.
- MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.
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- 19 MR. MacAUSLAND: My name is Steve
- 20 MacAusland. I am chief evangelical officer
- 21 for Massachusetts Interfaith Power and Light,
- 22 a nonprofit organization of 150-plus
- 23 congregations of every denomination in
- 24 Massachusetts. Our mission is to serve God by

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- 2 caring for creation, and we are in favor of
- 3 Cape Wind.
- 4 We serve God by practicing energy
- 5 conservation, investing in energy efficiency,
- 6 so that we can save more than enough energy to
- 7 buy clean energy -- excuse me, save more than
- 8 enough money to buy clean energy, but we can't
- 9 buy clean energy generated in Massachusetts,
- 10 and we would like to.
- 11 I don't think that there's anybody
- 12 on the Cape Wind side of the conversation who
- 13 would deny that there will be impact on the
- 14 environment of Horseshoe Shoal. However, when
- 15 we get the big picture, if we step back and
- 16 look at the planet itself and look into the
- 17 future, we can see that global warming is
- 18 going to devastate not only the Cape and
- 19 Islands, but the entire planet.
- 20 We're already seeing the disastrous
- 21 effects on some of our Cape beaches from a
- 22 minimal sea rise of inches in the last few
- 23 decades. A few inches and increased
- 24 uncertainty, to use a euphemism, at best in

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- 2 the weather is causing a massive erosion.
- 3 Imagine what it's going to look like when we
- 4 get a 6-to-8-foot rise in sea level by the end
- of the century. And if or when the ice caps
- 6 go north and south, you can kiss the Cape and
 - Islands good-bye.
- 8 I'm hoping that we can all step
- 9 back and get the big picture and do what is
- 10 right. Cape Wind is not going to save the
- 11 world, but it's a big step in the right
- 12 direction. Thank you.
- 13 MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.
- 14 21? 22? 21.
- MR. WOLF: My name is Dan Wolf. I
- 16 am the chief executive officer and founder of
- 17 Cape Air and Nantucket Airlines. I live on
- 18 Cape Cod. I love Cape Cod. I'm passionate
- 19 about Cape Cod. The livelihood of our 600
- 20 employee owners and their families depends on
- 21 the environmental and economic vitality of
- 22 Cape Cod.

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- 23 I just want to read a very brief
- 24 statement. "As founder and chief executive

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- officer of Cape Air and Nantucket Airlines,
- 3 the largest air service provider in Southeast
- 4 Massachusetts, and as a pilot myself, with 30
- 5 years -- 30 years -- of flying experience
- 6 around Cape Cod and the Islands of Nantucket
- 7 and Martha's Vineyard, I wish to state for the
- 8 record that I agree with previous Federal
- 9 Aviation Administration findings that the Cape
- 10 Wind project proposed for Horseshoe Shoals
- 11 will have no adverse impact on air
- 12 transportation and navigation in the region.
- "For almost 20 years our airline
- 14 has transported hundreds of thousands of
- 15 passengers -- hundreds of thousands of
- 16 passengers -- each year -- each year -- and
- 10 passengers -- each year -- each year -- and
- 17 our success depends on a safe and efficient
- 18 air transportation system. We have followed
- 19 the exhaustive studies and dialogue regarding
- 20 the proposed Cape Wind project for these past
- 21 six years and have grown increasingly certain
- 22 that nothing in the proposal would jeopardize
- 23 our mission."
- 24 I appreciate the opportunity very

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- 2 much to speak to you tonight and appreciate
- 3 all the good work you're doing. Thank you.
- 4 MR. MOORE: Thank you. No. 22.
- 5 And we would like to have 24, 25, 26, and 27
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- 6 come up and have a seat up here. Thank you.
- 7 Please proceed. Thank you.
- 8 MS. BRODERICK: My name is Helen
- 9 Broderick. I am speaking tonight not only for
- 10 myself, but also for family, friends, and
- 11 neighbors, who share my love for Nantucket,
- 12 Cape Cod, and the environment.
- Our home in Chatham is a home like
- 14 many other homes on the Cape. It is a place
- where friends, neighbors, and family gather
- 16 and discuss their love of the environment and
- 17 of Nantucket Sound and how they strongly
- 18 support the efforts of the Cape Wind Energy
- 19 Project.

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- 20 Weather permitting, we spend as
- 21 much time as possible on our boat, which is
- 22 moored in Nantucket Sound. We appreciate the
- 23 natural beauty and wildlife in Nantucket
- 24 Sound, where we fish, shellfish, and lobster.

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- Since everyone seems to agree, I
- 3 don't feel the need to spend much time
- 4 discussing the need for and the benefits of
- 5 using wind to provide alternative energy for
- 6 our current and growing future energy needs.
- 7 I hope we can follow the lead of other
- 8 countries, who have provided us with proven
- 9 working models of successful
- 10 environmental-friendly wind farms.
- 11 Personally, we see this project as enriching
- 12 our boating, fishing, and recreational
- 13 activities and positively impacting our life
- 14 and energy needs.
- Please say yes to the Cape Wind
- 16 Energy Project.
- 17 MR. MOORE: Thank you. Speaker
- 18 No. 23, please.
- 19 SPEAKER NO. 23: Hi, neighbors, and
- 20 greetings from Narragansett Bay. In the words
- 21 of Yogi Berra, this is like deja all over
- 22 again, because I've got to say that in the
- 23 '60s the people on Cape Cod were protesting
- 24 the Pilgrim nuclear power station. Thirty-six

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- 2 years later, this power station is still
- 3 running, with no threat to marine life,
- 4 wildlife, and obviously air traffic.
 - Rhode Island's Governor Donald
- 6 Carcieri and the RI Wind Coalition is
- 7 mandating 15 percent of Rhode Island's power
- 8 to be made up of renewable energy in the next
- 9 three to five years. Senator Ted Kennedy may
- 10 be against Cape Wind, but I'll tell you right
- 11 now, Congressman Patrick Kennedy is in favor
- of our ideas. So one or both of us will set
- 13 the pace for the Eastern Seaboard.
 - Now, the town of New Shoreham,
- 15 Rhode Island, which is Block Island, as most
- 16 of you know, pays the highest rates for
- 17 electric power in the country, 42 cents a
- 18 kilowatthour. Just think about where we're
- 19 headed with fossil fuels and natural gas in
- 20 the next five to ten years. We need renewable
- 21 energy, and we need jobs.
- 22 As business manager, IBEW Local 99,
- 23 Providence, Rhode Island, I stand in support
 - of the Cape Wind project, the RI wind project,

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- 2 the Long Island wind project, the Chesapeake
- 3 Bay wind project, and any wind project from
- 4 here to Cape Hatteras for renewable energy.
- 5 Thank you very much.
 - MR. MOORE: Thank you. No. 24.
- 7 MR. GOOD: My name is Neil Good. I
- 8 live in Mashpee, on Cape Cod. In 2001 Cape
- 9 Wind Associates announced they'd made an
- 10 important discovery. They revealed that they
- 11 had identified Horseshoe Shoal in the center
- 12 of Nantucket Sound as a truly unique area, not
- 13 just along the New England coast, but unique
- 14 when compared to areas further north and south
- 15 in the Northeast Atlantic Seaboard. They
- 16 pointed out then, as they do now, that
- 17 Horseshoe is covered by unusually shallow
- 18 water, water so shallow that the shoal is
- 19 uncovered or completely dry in some places at
- 20 low tide. It only happens rarely today, but
- 21 it does happen, and 100, 200, 300 years ago it
- 22 happened so regularly that Horseshoe Shoals
- 23 was clearly marked as dry at low tide in early
- 24 navigational charts. Well, it is entirely to

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fair to say that Horseshoe Shoal was just as 2

3 unique much further back in time as it is

4 today.

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5 Well, in 1837 a Danish historian,

6 Carl Rafn, became the first in a long line of

respected researchers to propose that

8 Nantucket Sound is described in detail in the

Greenlanders' saga, an Icelandic account that

is now recognized as the oldest written 10

description of the Western Hemisphere. The 11

saga tells how Norsemen in the early 11th

13 century sailed south along the American

14 coastline until they eventually entered a

sound, how they sailed west into it, and how

they found that the sound was made up of 16

17 extensive shallows. And on one of these

shoals or shallows the saga says that the ship

19 was left high and dry, with the sea almost out

20 of sight.

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This story is too complex to cover here, of course, but it's important to add

23 that the majority of researchers who have

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studied this problem do believe the

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Greenlanders' saga describes the southern New 2

England coastline. But surprisingly, none of 3

these early researchers ever took notice of

the fact that Horseshoe Shoal ran dry at low 5

tide, a condition that coincides exactly with 6

the wording in the Greenlanders' saga.

Cape Wind believes it made an 8

important discovery about Horseshoe Shoal in 9

10 2001. As incredible as it may seem, it

11 appears probable that Norsemen and women made

the very same discovery exactly 1,000 years

13 earlier. Thank you.

14 MR. MOORE: No. 25.

15 MS. DINEEN: My name is Kate

16 Dineen, and I'm a Cape Cod resident and

17 employee of the Alliance to Protect Nantucket

Sound. I've attended the past three hearings 18

19 in Yarmouth, Nantucket, and Martha's Vineyard,

20 and quite frankly I'm not sure why we're

standing here in Boston discussing a 21

25-square-mile project proposed for the Cape 22

and Islands. Off-Cape residents are not 23

stakeholders and would not bear the burden of 24

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this costly irresponsible project.

3 Cape Wind supporters have touted

the results of an allegedly independent poll

5 claiming that 74 percent of Cape and Islands

6 residents support Cape Wind. That poll asked

leading questions and reduced Cape Wind

8 opposition to NIMBY issues, like view and

recreational sailing. It completely ignored

impacts to commercial fishing, tourism and 10

11 consumer costs. It also referenced MMS's

12 favorable report on Cape Wind but neglected to

13 mention it was a draft document and not a done

14 deal. I urge MMS to question the integrity of

15 this poll.

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16 Moreover, the poll surveyed just 17 over 90 residents of the Cape and Islands. In

contrast, over the past three days nearly 165 18

19 people have spoken out against Cape Wind at

20 the public hearings. In Yarmouth, 74 percent

of speakers opposed Cape Wind. In Nantucket 21

over 60 percent of all speakers opposed Cape 22

23 Wind. And last night in Martha's Vineyard an

24 overwhelming 75 percent of all speakers

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opposed Cape Wind. In the past three days

3 nearly 30 real, live public officials from the

Cape and Islands, representing thousands of

Cape and Islands residents, vehemently 5

condemned this irresponsibly sited project. 6

Nantucket Sound is the spiritual

and economic heartbeat of our community, and

now the Cape Wind developer is attempting to

10 exploit our communal resource for his communal

11 gain. He continues to ignore the resounding

12 chorus of opposition lead by elected

13 officials, commercial fishermen, chambers of

14 commerce, environmental groups, the three

15 airports and the two ferry lines, and of

16 course everyday Cape Codders like myself.

Tonight we're here about global

warming, rising sea levels, melting ice caps, 18

19 air quality, asthma, oil, natural gas, coal,

20 the war in Iraq, Denmark and even polar bears.

As Harry Truman said, "If you can't convince 21

them, confuse them." Cape and Islanders are 22

23 not confused, and we're certainly not

convinced that the renewable energy

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- 2 revolution --
- 3 MR. MOORE: You need to finish up.
- Would you please submit your comments, because 4
- 5 I think he will have trouble because of the
- 6 speed.

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- 7 No. 26.
- 8 MS. BUCHANAN: Hello. Good
- 9 evening. My name is Ava Buchanan, and I'm a
- junior at the Boston Latin High School. I'm 10
- also one of the vice presidents of Boston 11
- Latin School's Youth CLIMATE ACTION NETWORK, 12
- 13 and I'm here tonight to represent over 300
- 14 members from BLS, some of whom are here with
- us now, and other youth groups within our 15
- network to support the Cape Wind proposal. 16
- 17 I'd like to tell you about a few of
- 18 the reasons why we support Cape Wind. First
- of all, the Cape Wind turbines can go a long 19
- way towards helping address the problem of 20
- global climate change, a problem that is very 21
- important to me and the rest of my generation. 22
- 23 The Cape Wind proposal will have
- 24 positive impact on global climate change

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- because of the decrease in carbon emissions 2
- that it will bring about. And along with 3
- other benefits, the Cape Wind proposal has the 4
- power to lead the way towards clean energy for 5
- the rest of our country. 6

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- 7 As a member of a very active
- climate action group, I have learned a lot 8
- about the disastrous effects on our 9
- environment from continuing to use fossil 10
- 11 fuels, and I'm convinced that if we don't
- 12 start making the necessary changes towards
- 13 cleaner sources of energy, my generation will
- 14 face increasingly dire consequences.
- 15 The Cape Wind proposal is one of
- 16 those absolutely necessary changes. It's a
- 17 change that must be made now. Youth Climate
- is doing everything within our power to make 18
- 19 it happen, but we need your help. That's
- 20 where we're here today, to urge you, on behalf
- of the Boston Latin School Youth CLIMATE 21
- ACTION NETWORK, and on behalf of youth 22
- 23 everywhere, to do the right thing. Please
- support the Cape Wind proposal and encourage 24

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- those who ultimately have the power to make
- this decision, those who hold our future in
- their hands to make the right decision and
- vote in favor of Cape Wind. Thank you.
- 6 MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.
- We have No. 28. 29? 27.
- 8 28, 29, 30, and 31, if you'd please
- come up to the front.

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- MR. GIACALONE: My name is Vito
- 11 Giacalone. I'm a fishermen's representative.
- I work with the Northeast Seamen's Coalition,
- 13 and I'm a mobile gear fisherman.
 - Placement of this project appears
- to be the product of an exercise to maximize 15
- profits and minimize the permitting hurdles, 16
- rather than an exercise in finding a location
- 18 that results in the least impacts to the
- 19 environment and to other stakeholders
- 20 dependent upon the area of the project. What

makes matters worse is that the DEIS fails to

- recognize the impacts of the commercial 22
- 23 fishermen from the loss of Horseshoe Shoals.
- 24 Fishing, especially mobile gear fishing,

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- cannot share the same area as these turbines.
- 130 turbines spaced between one third and one
- half mile equates to a total displacement of
- mobile gear from the area. The threat these
- structures pose to mobile gear cannot be
- overstated. 7
- 8 Trawlers traditionally fishing on
- Horseshoe Shoals for fluke and squid are
- towing their gear behind the vessel 10
- 11 approximately one fifth of a mile. One of the
- 12 most dangerous events for a trawler is when it
- 13 becomes hung up on an obstruction. I cannot
- think of a worse or a more dangerous situation
- 15 than to become hung up on one of these
- structures. With the strong tides, the
- 17 trawler is taken mercilessly at an awkward
- angle that would normally allow the vessel to 18
- 19 maneuver in any direction over a submerged
- 20 hangup. In this instance of hanging up on one
- of these turbine structures, a trawler will be 21
- 22 in great danger of being wrapped around the
- structure and ultimately in danger of being 23
- destroyed.

2 It's been well documented, the 3 radar interference, which is another serious 4 safety issue for trawlers.

5 In short, Horseshoe Shoals is being 6 taken from the fishing industry that depends on it without compensation. The DEIS mentions 8 an insulting estimate of around \$15,000 over the life of the project, with most of that coming during construction. This project is a 10 closure of 28 square miles of the most 11 productive traditional fishing grounds. It 13 imposes tremendous safety issues to seagoing 14 and air traffic.

15 MR. MOORE: One more sentence, 16 please.

17 MR. GIACALONE: For this reason, we oppose Cape Wind. 18

19 MR. MOORE: Thank you. 28? 20 MS. McMAHON: Good evening. My name is Joyce McMahon. I'm the communications 21 director for the Massachusetts Affordable 22

Reliable Electricity Alliance, Mass AREA for 24 short. Thank you for this opportunity to

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3 Mass AREA is a diverse statewide group comprised of 80 labor unions, trade associations, businesses, educators, 5 scientists, advocates, and community leaders. 6 We are committed to finding clean, low-cost,

and reliable electricity solutions that 8 benefit all of Massachusetts. It is an urgent

9 10 public policy challenge. While Mass Area's mission is broad

12 in focus, to include maintaining our current 13 generation, improving the transmission 14 infrastructure, developing the natural-gas supplies and encouraging energy efficiency and 16 demand response, Mass AREA and its members 17 fully support the siting and development of Cape Wind. In the late 1990s, after 18 19 restructuring, several new power plants were

20 built, but since then there has been little

21 plant construction. And while many new

22 generation units have been proposed, all have

been met with not-in-my-back-yard activists.

What's worrisome is that New England's 24

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electric generation infrastructure is aging

quickly. The recapitalization of 100 percent

of our generation capacity in 20 to 30 years

5 begins now.

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6 There are also a number of new 7 initiatives that have passed or are pending

8 that will require enormous changes in how much

electricity we use and the way it's generated.

10 The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative calls

for carbon dioxide levels in New England to be 11

reduced by 10 percent, and the only way that

13 we're going to do that, according to a report

14 by Polestar, is to build at least ten

400-megawatt wind farms -- in other words, ten 15

Cape Winds -- among many other energies. 16

17 There are a number of economic benefits that

18 we see as well.

19 So in summary, Mass AREA has weighed all the environmental economic and energy-supply traits. It's positive in all 21

22 areas, and we encourage the Minerals

23 Management Service to grant the permit to Cape

24 Wind as quickly as possible. Thank you.

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2 MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.

3 MS. HAYES: My name is Lois Hayes.

I'm a member of Boston Climate Action Network.

We're an organization of approximately 1,000

Boston residents concerned about global

warming impacts on our community's health,

housing, and jobs. 8

9 We support Cape Wind because,

simply, every kilowatt that's created through 10

11 wind turbines or some other clean technology

is one less kilowatt that's created through

13 old, wasteful fossil-fuel technology. Burning

fossil fuels has contributed to Boston having

15 the highest levels of asthma in the state.

16 That's death-making; that's not something to

be minimized.

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18 And the old plants, the filthy five, including the Mirant Canal plant, have 19

given us increasingly expensive utility bills, 20

with no end in site.

22 And of course the old technologies 23 produce carbon. As the global has warmed, asthma has increased, our housing insurance

- policies have been increased or canceled, our 2
- 3 fishing stocks have declined, and our forests
- have become pest-infested. We stand to lose
- 5 the entire Cape to rising seas if we don't cut
- 6 our carbon emissions.

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- 7 We need urgent action to reverse
 - the trend to global warming. Because we have
- remained dependent on fossil fuels for so
- long, global warming is sadly going to become 10
- worse before it gets better. Boston CAN 11
- includes many parents, so we are ready to make
- many sacrifices to help preserve climate 13
- 14 stability for our children.
- We know the construction of Cape 15
- Wind will disrupt Cape and Islands, just as 16
- the Big Dig has wreaked havoc in the lives of 17
- Boston residents and businesses. But just as 18
- the Big Dig has created new opportunities for 19
- Boston's waterfront, we trust Cape Wind will 20
- yield benefits for the Cape in terms of health 21
- and economic development. 22
- 23 MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.
- 24 No. 30. And can we have 32, 33, 34, and 35

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- come up to the front, please. 2
- MS. SHIRLEY: Hello. My name is 3
- Ashley Shirley, and I'm in eighth grade. I am
- also here with the BLS Youth CAN because I 5
- support the Cape Wind proposal. 6
- It can be a little scary being in 7
 - an active climate action group. Sometimes you
- find out things you'd rather not know about. 9
- I feel that way about the problem of global 10
- 11 climate change. It seems like such a huge
- 12 problem, and sometimes we all seem to be
- 13 doomed, and it looks like no one is really
- 14 going to do anything about it, or at least not
- 15 doing the most important things. That makes
- 16 me very worried, and angry.
 - Then along comes something like the
- Cape Wind proposal that can actually make a 18
- huge difference, and I feel like I want to do 19
- 20 everything I can to help it to happen. I
- became even more convinced that Cape Wind is 21
- the right thing when I found out that it would 22
- make enough energy to be the equivalent of 2 23
- million barrels of oil every year. That's 24

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- about 20 barges full of oil the size of
- Bouchard No. 120. That's the name of an oil
- barge that went aground in Buzzards Bay in
- 2003, killed hundreds of birds, and had
- horrible effects on the shellfish industry.
- 7 More than half of our oil in this
- country comes from unstable foreign countries.
- Cape Wind would really reduce our dependence
- on those countries. 10
- When I was first investigating the 11
- Cape Wind proposal, I learned about other
- places that have chosen the wind farm solution 13
- before Massachusetts. One of those places is
- Denmark. Lots of people in Denmark felt 15
- concerned also about building wind farms at 16
- first. They were worried about the turbines'
- impact on bird populations, shellfish, 18
- fishing, on property values, on noise, and 19
- they were also worried about their view. But 20
- 21 I feel that the gains that we can make by
- having Cape Wind outweigh --22
- 23 MR. MOORE: You need to finish up,
- 24 please.

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- 2 MS. SHIRLEY: -- the negative
- 3 impacts. Thank you.
- MR. MOORE: Thank you very much. 4
- No. 31, Speaker 31. 5
- 6 MS. O'DELL: My name is Jackie
- O'Dell, and I'm the executive director of the
- Northeast Seafood Coalition. We're a
- commercial-fishing-industry membership
- 10 organization that represents 160 vessels and
- 60 shoreside businesses. Our organization
- 12 operates out of Gloucester and New Bedford.
 - Horseshoe Shoals is the place of
- 13
- work for many of our mobile fishermen who fish
- 15 for conch, squid, and fluke, and I'm here
- tonight to tell you that we're very
- 17 dissatisfied with the draft EIS. The layout,
- density, and interconnect of cable systems 18
- 19 proposed for this project is incompatible with
- commercial fishing. The draft EIS needs to
- more accurately assess commercial fishing
- 22 activities and the realities associated with
- these activities. The proposed project will 23
- greatly impede, if not cease, much of the

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2 commercial mobile fishing on Horseshoe Shoals,

3 and these realities are not reflected in the

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4 economic impacts associated with this project.

5 I'm quickly going to read this on

- 6 behalf of a fellow fisherman and shoreside
- business owners as well. "My name is Tory
- 8 Bramante, and I am here today representing one
- 9 of my fishing vessels, the American Pride.
- 10 Although its home port is in Boston, it spends
- 11 much of the spring and summer months fishing
- 12 in Nantucket Sound, primarily in the area of
- 13 which we are all here today to discuss. This
- 14 vessel, my family, and my crew and its
- families rely on fishing in these prime waters
- 16 which are at stake of possible closure to this
- 17 project. My vessel is one of many whose
- 18 livelihoods depend on these waters, and
- 19 closures would be catastrophic in an
- 20 already-hurting industry.

"I'm also here representing another

- 22 one of my companies, Atlantic Coast, which
- 23 happens to purchase 90 percent of squid and
- 24 summer flounder that is harvested out of

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- 2 Nantucket Sound each spring and summer. I
- 3 mention this because we've known the dollars
- 4 of lost revenue and income that is at stake
- 5 here. Closing these waters would have a
- 6 negative impact on this industry and the
- 7 infrastructure of lower Cape Cod in which
- 8 these fisheries support during the spring and
- 9 summer months. Thank you.

MR. MOORE: You need to finish.

11 Thank you.

MR. CLARKE: Good evening. My name

13 is Jack Clarke. I'm with the Massachusetts

14 Audubon Society. I want to thank MMS for

15 coming to Boston and holding this hearing.

16 Thank you for all the hard work that I know

17 that you do.

18 Mass. Audubon's ongoing support for

19 Cape Wind is contingent upon satisfactory

20 resolution of key policy and biological issues

- that we identified in our March 2006 challenge
- 22 to the Cape Wind applicant and permitting
- 23 agencies. Our preliminary assessment of the
- 24 first DEIS, our own research and scientific

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- 2 literature at the time, led us to tentatively
- 3 conclude that the project would not pose an
- 4 ecologically significant threat to the birds
- 5 and associated habitat of the sound. After
- 6 three years of additional research and review
- 7 of the present DEIS, we continue to conclude
- 8 that it will not cause a significant problem.

9 However, there are certain

- 10 conditions that still remain that we suggest
- 11 be met. Regarding avian species, because the
- 12 roseate tern is a Federally listed endangered
- 13 species and is already at risk of extinction,
- 14 Mass. Audubon recommends that remaining
- 15 uncertainty in the assessment of that risk be
- and the discontinuity in the discosment of that his be
- 16 reduced, and we will provide written details
- 17 suggesting how that uncertainty can be reduced
 - for this species.

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- 19 We review Cape Wind within the
- 20 context of rising sea levels caused by rapid
- 21 climate change that threaten low-lying barrier
- 22 beaches and islands. These are areas of
- 23 critical habitats for all, not only roseate
 - terns but the threatened piping plover. Our

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- 2 standard for the technical review of the
- 3 project and the assessment of the DEIS is that
- 4 the project posed no ecologically significant
- 5 threat.
 - One other issue we'd like to raise
- 7 is that we're pleased MMS will require an
- 8 adaptive management plan in the form of an
- 9 ecological management system. We recommend,
- 10 however, that the draft EMS be made available
- 11 for public review and comment now, within the
- 12 extended public-comment period, and as a
- 13 supplement to the DEIS. Thank you.
 - MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.
 - MS. FILIO: Hello. My name is Joan
- 16 Filio. I'm a Cape Codder, and I am here

 - tonight to show strong support for Cape Wind.
- 18 I was privileged enough to grow up
- 19 on the Cape. I have been lucky to live in
- 20 this area, and I never gave much thought to
 - where our electricity comes from. The debates
- 22 surrounding Cape Wind forced me to start
- 23 thinking about the consequences of my energy
- 24 consumption. Here in the Northeast we import

- the vast majority of our power, and the 2
- consumption of these fossil fuels is 3
- devastating entire regions right here in our
- own country. 5

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6 Recently I had the privilege of

- 7 meeting five people from the coal field
- 8 regions of Ohio, Kentucky, and Virginia, and I
- learned what and whom my choices were
- affecting. Over three million pounds of 10
- explosives are used every day to blast the 11
- tops off the mountains in Appalachia. Over
- 800 square miles of mountains have been 13
- 14 destroyed, an area equivalent to twice the
- land mass of Cape Cod. Once the coal is 15
- mined, the waste is dumped into valleys and is 16
- 17 buried in over 1500 miles of streams to date.
- The coal industry is polluting their water, 18
- poisoning their children, and destroying their 19
- mountains, and once these mountains are gone, 20
- they are truly gone forever. 21
- We have an obligation to 22
- 23 acknowledge the realities of our choices.
- 24 Nantucket Sound is truly a valuable resource,

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- and we must use that resource to its fullest 2
- extent. Harnessing the energy blowing off the 3
- sound will not destroy the Cape and Islands, 4
- but the failure to make any change in our 5
- lives is already destroying entire regions in 6
- our country and the people living there. How 7
- dare we ask them to sacrifice their 8
- communities so the esthetics of the Cape 9
- remain unchanged? How dare we imply that our 10
- 11 lifestyle is more important than the health
- 12 and safety of their children? How dare we
- 13 argue and nitpick over 24 square miles off our
- 14 coast while entire mountains and cultures are
- 15 being destroyed?
- 16 The urgency is real. The time to act is now. We must look beyond our view and
- start looking at the big picture here, and 18
- that big picture has windmills on the horizon. 19
- 20 Thank you.

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- 21 MR. MOORE: So 34, and then can we
- have 36, 37, 38, and 39 to come up in the 22
- chairs here. Thank you. Please proceed. 23
- MR. MIHOS: Thank you. Thank you 24

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- for being here. Thank you for your commitment
- and interest. My name is Christy Mihos. I
- live on Cape Cod, and I proudly serve as
- cochairman for the Alliance to Protect
- Nantucket Sound.

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- 7 Please allow me to address the
- issue of oversight, as this would be the
- largest offshore wind farm in the country, and
- the issue of oversight looms large, especially 10
- to us in Massachusetts. I liken this project 11
- to the Central Artery tunnel project not three
- 13 miles from here, primarily built of concrete
- and steel, like Cape Wind, but without the
- challenges of tides, wind, waves, hurricane 15
- season. When it was built, nothing moved. 16
- The Big Dig was proposed in 1987 at a cost of
- \$2.3 billion. The following agencies had 18
- oversight over the planning and construction 19
- of the project: Executive Office of
- 21 Transportation and Construction, Secretary of
- Administration and Finance, the Massachusetts 22
- State Auditor, the Massachusetts Inspector
- General, the Massachusetts Attorney General,

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- the Massachusetts House Transportation
- Committee, the Massachusetts Senate
- Transportation Committee, the Massachusetts 4
- Turnpike Authority, the Massachusetts Highway
- Department, the United States Department of
- Transportation, the Federal Highway 7
- Administration, the United States Senate and 8
- Congress Committee, the United States House
- Transportation Committee. Present day, the
- cost of the project is well over \$15 billion,
- and it suffers from mistakes that are systemic
- 13 in nature, which threatens the integrity of
- 14 the project.

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The new agencies conducting

- 16 oversight now are the United States Justice
- 17 Department, the Federal Bureau of
- Investigation, the United States Department of 18
- 19 Transportation Inspector General. MMS service
- 20 has a total work force of 1700 people. How
- can you assure us that you can provide 21
- oversight to protect our ocean and the 22
- taxpayers' money when the agencies with tens 23
- of thousands could not?

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- 2 MR. MOORE: Time is up.
- 3 MR. MIHOS: In fact, the head of
- 4 the project for a two-year period while major
- 5 construction was ongoing and all refunds were
- 6 put asunder is now the head of the Federal
- 7 Highway Administration. Ladies and gentlemen,
- 8 if you liked the Big Dig, you'll love Cape
- 9 Wind.

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- MR. MOORE: Will No. 40 please come
- 11 up, 40 and 41.
- 12 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Hello. My name
- 13 is Sheikh Omar Haddad. I'm the executive
- 14 director of Sheikhs Against Wind, or SAW. We
- 15 are in total support of the Alliance to
- 16 Protect Nantucket Sound. Nowhere have we
- 17 found an organization that is promoting our
- 18 cause to a greater degree than the alliance.
- 19 SAW is a for-profit network of wealthy oil
- 20 magnates, K Street lobbyists, and other
- 21 industrialists who do not believe in peak-oil
- 22 theories. Headquartered on Wall Street, and
- 23 with over 20 chapters in key oil-producing
- 24 nations, our organization's message is to

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- 2 inform businessmen and politicians that
- 3 civilization is not dependent on oil and that
- 4 oil is the only way for us to enjoy our
- 5 standard of living.

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- 6 Our organization feels that the MMS
- 7 did not identify this and the DEIS major
- 8 impact on wind farms will have no bearing on
- 9 those important oil profits. In New England
- 10 the region heavily depends on natural gas for
- 11 energy production, and our financial models
- 12 say that wind will only make it more difficult
- 13 for oil facilities to maintain their current
- 14 market leadership and record profits. And our
- 15 shareholders, we owe this to them.
- 16 At this time SAW also feels that
- 17 the DEIS was overly critical on the
- 18 environmental and health consequences of
- 19 oil-burning energy facilities. The DEIS has
- 20 found that oil facilities produce a lot of
- 21 industrial byproducts and that wind energy is
- 22 so clean. Byproducts? What's the big deal?
- 23 Scientific gobbledygook, like nitrous oxides,
- 24 volatile organic compounds, carbon monoxide;

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- 2 air pollutants such as formaldehyde, xylene
- and toluene, benzene, sulfur dioxide. And you
- say that these byproducts cause acid rain and
- 5 respiratory ailments, greenhouse gases? Bunk.
- 6 It's all propaganda and rhetoric designed to
- 7 hold back the oil industry.
 - MR. MOORE: Sheikh, it's about time
- 9 to finish up.

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- 10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: SAW will continue
- 11 its fight to keep the status in status quo.
- 12 We ask that the MMS continue the Cape Wind
- 13 project with a minimum....
 - MR. MOORE: You've got to admit,
- 15 it's hard to keep a stiff upper lip up here
- 16 for me -- and for them, too.
- We are now at No. 35. 36? No. 42
- 18 and 43, please come up.
- 19 MS. ARGO: Liz Argo, founder of
- 20 Clean Power Now, born and raised on Cape Cod,
- 21 currently a renewable energy installer, and
- 22 I'm going to make this very short. You
- 23 already have it on record. I will try to
- 24 spare you having to hear at least one more

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2 repetition.

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- 3 It did seem critical in the
- 4 beginning to assess the possibility of a wind
- 5 farm for Cape Cod, so we went to Denmark, and
- 6 we saw what a wind farm looks like. We talked
- 7 to the people whose lives were affected, and
- 8 we brought the films back to Cape Cod. They
- 9 are available, and I urge everybody to take a
- 10 look at them.
- 11 For those of you who are still
- 2 clinging to the fear that this is not going to
- 13 be a benefit to all of us, I think it's
 - 4 perhaps an element of human nature, because we
- 15 can look at history and we can show how hard
- 16 it is for some to accept the new and change,
- 17 no matter how wise and wonderful history
- 18 proves the change.
- 19 When we were in Denmark, we talked
- 20 to the people, and they were just as concerned
- 21 about the wind farm, the offshore wind farm,
- 22 as many residents of Cape Cod are now. But
- 23 with the wind farms in and running, the
- 24 mayors, the Realtors, the tour guides, the

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- 2 naturalists, and the fishing communities were
- 3 wholly supportive, without reservations or
- 4 regrets.

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- 5 If we look at history, we see that
- 6 the American Revolution was unpopular with
- 7 many. Historians estimate 15 to 25 percent of
- 8 the colonists remained loyal to the British
- 9 Crown. The Statue of Liberty, the symbol of
- 10 American spirit and will, was revisited and
- 11 delayed because, as newspapers declared, it is
- 12 neither an object of art nor beauty.
- 13 Our own Cape Cod National Seashore
- 14 was hugely debated and contentious, and many
- 15 people thought it spelled doom because of the
- 16 economic effects it would have for Cape Cod.
- We need this change. We need Cape
- 18 Wind. It's absolutely essential to the health
- 19 and welfare of Cape Cod, and as our shoreline
- 20 recedes, it should be very much obvious to us.
- 21 Indeed, it's necessary for all of America to
- 22 move wind technology forward. Thank you very
- 23 much for your good work.

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24 MR. MOORE: Thank you.

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- 2 MR. FREEMAN: (Singing) "Hey,
- 3 Massachusetts, it's been three years since
- 4 we've been here. Here comes the wind, her
- 5 comes the wind, and I say it's about time."
- 6 I apologize to all the good
- 7 environmentally minded people taken in by the
- 8 cleverly and expensively crafted lies spread
- 9 by the opposition. Their stories sound
- 10 believable until held under the bright light
- 11 of truth. Real-life examples in Europe speak
- 12 so much louder than words. Even wind farm
- 13 foes know we need a revolution in how we
- 14 acquire our power. Presently only 3 1/2
- 15 percent of New England's electricity is clean,
- 16 renewable, and sustainable. The time for this
- 17 revolution is here. It is now.
- 18 (Singing) "Renewable energy
- 19 revolution, well, you know, we all want to
- 20 change the world. If you say you'll just go
- 21 right on polluting, well, you know, you'd
- 22 better change your mind instead. But when you
- 23 go talking about burning oil and coal, don't
- 24 you know that you can count me out. You know

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- 2 it's going to be all right, wind renewables
- 3 light up the night. The truth is taking a
- 4 beating in this light. Don't believe the
- 5 lies, don't believe the hype. Clean energy is
- 6 the solution. Well, you know, common sense is
- 7 the plan. A wind farm makes a contribution.
- 8 Well you know, we're all doing what we can.
- 9 But if you're against wind farm in Nantucket
- 10 Sound, you're not only out with what's going
- 11 down. And you know it's going to be all
- 12 right."
- 13 MR. MOORE: I have to say, I never
- 14 knew when I was going to be facilitating this,
- 15 this was the Oscars and Grammys all rolled up
- 16 in one.

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- 17 Next, No. 38.
- 18 CONNIE CONDON: The mobile fishing
- 19 vessels have Massachusetts coastal access
- 20 permits endorsed with both squid and fluke.
- 21 They fish on Horseshoe Shoals or on Nantucket
- 22 Sound from April 23rd to June 9th every year.
- 23 A study from the Mass. Department of Marine
- 24 Fisheries show that all squid landed in

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- 2 Massachusetts is taken from Nantucket and
- 3 Vineyard Sound. The Horseshoe Shoals is
- Villeyara Souria. The Horseshoe Shouls is
- 4 identified as the second most trawled area in5 Nantucket Sound. The exclusive mobile gear
- 6 fishermen were never identified by Cape Wind
- 7 environmental impact statements. The
- 8 Gloucester Fishermen's Wives Association is
- 9 opposed to the wind farm.

10 I would like to remind the lady

- 11 that I cannot believe for one fraction of a
- 12 second that the people of the United States
- 13 are going to be flocking to the Cape and
- 14 Islands to view wind turbines.

15 And the other thing, the gentleman

- 16 that spoke about the beautiful paintings at
- 17 the museum that had all those windmills on
- 18 them: The difference was, those windmills
- 19 were on land.
- 20 MR. MOORE: No. 43? I'm sorry, 39.
- 21 We need 41, 42, and 43 up here, if we don't
- 22 have them.
- 23 MR. HEMENWAY: Todd Hemenway, South
- 24 Dennis. You've heard enough from me about

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- 2 inflated wind data, disastrous sight lines,
- 3 safety, and history. I'll now look forward.
- 4 The alternative sites proposed are
- 5 equally as farcical as the Horseshoe Shoal.
- 6 The Monomoy Shoal is the entrance to the sound
- 7 from the outside. The Tuckernuck Island site
- 8 is almost as absurd. Putting a large
- 9 industrial park on top of Nantucket Island
- 10 would be criminal. The only reason for these
- 11 three proposed sites is the need for shallow
- water in which to place monopole turbines.
- 13 A clear alternative already exists.
- 14 Offshore deepwater floating platforms have
- 15 been in use for the oil industry for some
- 16 time. The MMS knows this better than anybody.
- 17 The platforms proposed by the Blue
- 18 H are built on land and towed to the site.
- 19 They're held by chains and simple flat
- 20 counterweights resting on the ocean floor.
- 21 The savings in decommissioning are obvious.
- 22 The winds offshore are more constant and less
- 23 turbulent.

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- 2 clean energy. However, the Cape and Islands
- 3 are a sacred place, and there is no earthly
- 4 reason to defile them simply for the
- 5 expediency of shallow water.
- 6 MR. MOORE: Thank you. No. 40.
- 43, 44, 45, and 46, if you would come up,
- 8 please. Thank you, sir.
- 9 MR. PECKHAM: My name is Stephen
 - Peckham. I've lived on the Cape and Islands
- 11 for almost all of my 57 years and have sailed
- 12 the waters of Nantucket Sound for the better
- 13 part of my life. There's been a lot in the
- 14 news lately about another state's highest
- 15 public officials being associated with a
- 16 prostitution ring for almost ten years.
- 17 Well, New Jersey has nothing on old
- 18 Cape Cod. Going on for almost ten years now,
- 19 there's a well-known ring of so-called
- 20 alliance whose primary mission has been to
- 21 screw the citizens of the Cape and the state
- 22 out of being able to benefit from cleaner air,
- 23 water, fish, and food, not to mention the
- 24 damaging effect of delaying and possibly

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- losing the prospect of a new and promising
- 3 industry for our state and thousands of new
- jobs in the renewable energy field.
 - Fortunately, our good Governor
- 6 Deval Patrick is a man of integrity and a
- 7 visionary leader, as he recognizes the value
- 8 of clean, renewable energy. He understands
- 9 how important and significant Cape Wind is for
- 10 us all.

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- 11 The Alliance organization has waged
 - 2 a seedy campaign of spreading infectious and
- 13 contagious diseases of deception, deceit,
- 14 fear-mongering, misrepresentation, and,
- 15 deadliest of all, the lie.
- The solicitous few souls working
- 7 for the billionaire and millionaire coal and
- 18 oil johns, who live part-time in the Cape's
- 19 most exclusive and expensive neighborhoods,
- 20 are paid meager salaries of 100 to 200
- 21 thousand dollars plus benefits and, of course,
- 22 bonuses to corrupt the minds of the gullible
- 23 and the uninformed, spreading such infectious
- 24 germy gems of the affluent effort as the

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- project will decimate the tourist industry on
- 3 Cape Cod, real estate values will plummet,
- 4 especially McMansions.
- 5 Sharing in this evasive and
- 6 repugnant, shameful sham of blatant hypocrisy
- are a few Senators and Representatives who are
- 8 still fighting this project to protect the
- 9 view of a few. Think of that next time you
- 10 vote. I heartily support this project and
- 11 trust MMS will have the forbearance to
- 12 continue --

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- MR. MOORE: Time's up.
 - MR. PECKHAM: -- to effectively,
- 15 expeditiously, and prudently to complete the
- 16 review, thank you.
 - MR. MOORE: 41? 42.
 - MR. GALLAGHER: Hi. My name is
- 19 Bernie Gallagher. I'm here tonight from New
- 20 York because I care about the consequences if
 - a wind farm is built in Nantucket Sound. For
- 22 me it's a humanities issue, one with profound
- 23 historical implications, and moreover not so
- 24 far-fetched as it may seem. I refer to the

- 2 hypothesis that the conditions in and around
- 3 Nantucket Sound are the best explanation to
- 4 account for a particular course of events as
- 5 told in the Greenlanders' saga.

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- 6 The story falls into a category of
- 7 Icelandic writing that is considered a moral
- 8 in world literature, and within this group,
- 9 these stories have been accorded a special
- 10 status. Furthermore, the Finland sagas are a
- 11 testament of another marvel, that is the
- 12 ability of Norse mariners to navigate the
- 13 North Atlantic and find their way to
- 14 particular places. The settlements in
- 15 Greenland highlight this achievement.
- 16 Both accomplishments bespeak a
- 17 linguistic tradition, one with a high capacity
- 18 to master the complexities of description, and
- 19 thus we should not preclude the ability for
- 20 them to place their event in one part of the
- 21 world and not in another.
- 22 From a historical perspective I
- 23 will repeat a statement of R.G. Collingwood.
- 24 He wrote The Idea of History. He's a

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- 2 philosopher and historian. "No one knows
- 3 what's going to be useful as evidence except
- 4 in relation to some definite question."
- 5 Another point by Edward Casey, a professor at
- 6 Stony Brook, that (inaudible) a primary way
- 7 the natural world organized itself in our
- 8 experience.

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- 9 The developers say that they want
- 10 this site because of the conditions, the
- 11 winds, the shallows, and the shoals. It makes
- 12 it economical. What they would like us to
- 13 ignore is that it's actually a place with its
- 14 own history, not in different space.
- 15 Nantucket Sound is a vital part of our
- 16 historical landscape. I live in Long Island
- 17 City, New York, and I live there year round.
- 18 Nantucket Sound is part of my cultural back
- 19 yard. What they want is a site, and I welcome
- 20 them to almost anywhere, but not a place
- 21 within an exceptional region and one that
- 22 merits national historic landmark status.
- 23 MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.
- 24 MR. LIEDELL: My name is James

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- 2 Liedell, and I'd like to first mention that
- 3 tonight oil is presently \$110 a barrel. In
- 4 the year 2001, when this project was first
- 5 proposed, oil was \$20 a barrel. In other
- 6 words, it's five and a half times what it was
- 7 then. Also, in the MMS economic analysis, I
- 8 think that you based the data on more than a
- 9 year ago to more than three years ago, and I
- 10 suggest that you update the oil pricing with
- 11 the current data.

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- 12 I commend MMS for your
- 13 comprehensive, thorough, and factual DEIS that
- 14 proves Cape Wind's proposed project is in the
- 15 best location and using wind is the optimum
- 16 way to generate electricity in an
- 17 environmentally responsible way.
 - First, about detail: The
- 19 monitoring and adaptive and environmental
- 20 management system which MMS proposed and to
- 21 which Cape Wind agreed will ensure there are
- 22 no missteps during construction or operation
- 23 and that Cape Wind will react promptly and
- 24 correctly to changing conditions.

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- Second, the DEIS concluded Cape
- 3 Wind will have a beneficial impact on air
- 4 quality in the Cape Cod region. This is
- 5 extremely important, because Cape Cod has the
- 6 worst air quality in Massachusetts. In fact,
- 7 due to its tailpipe configuration location,
- 8 Cape Cod has 50 percent poorer air quality
- 9 than anywhere in or near Boston.
- 10 Third, Cape Wind will contribute \$5
- 11 million in compensatory mitigation payments,
- 12 780,000 towards the restoration of Bird Island
- 13 and 4.22 million managed by the Massachusetts
- To and 1.22 million managed by the Massachasetts
- 14 Coastal Zone Management Office in consultation
- 15 with other state agencies.
- 16 I see my time is short. I
- 17 encourage you to expand on the Cape Wind's
- 18 benefits in your final EIS. Thank you.
- 19 MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.
 - MS. CONNETT: I'm Diana Connett.
- 21 I'm an energy associate with Environment
- 22 Massachusetts. Environment Massachusetts is a
- 23 statewide, citizen-based environmental
- 4 advocacy organization. I want to take just a

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2 quick moment to apologize to Mr. Cluck. We

- 3 were the ones who crashed your email inbox
 - with pro-Cape Wind emails. Sorry.

5 Cape Wind represents a huge step

6 towards new energy future. The question is

- not, do we want Cape Wind or no? The question
- 8 is, do we want Cape Wind or more and dirty
- 9 fossil-fueled power? A renewable energy
- 10 future, or a fossil-fuel-laden past? Choosing
- 11 the past means more dirty coal plants, more
- 12 oil dependency, more global warming and smog
- 13 pollution, and more energy bills determined by
- 14 world events. Environment Massachusetts
- 15 chooses the future. That means embracing wind
- 16 power. Wind is an abundant renewable resource
- 17 found right here in Massachusetts. Choosing
- 18 the future means choosing Cape Wind. Thanks
- 19 to the MMS and the more than 16 local, State,
- 20 and Federal agencies that have reviewed the
- 21 project, the record is clear: The project is
- 22 good for the environment and good for
- 23 consumers.

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- 2 farm in the United States and, at the time it
- 3 was proposed, the largest in the world, Cape
- 4 Wind will set a clean-energy precedent for the
- 5 Northeast and for America. Coming off the
- 6 shores of a state like Massachusetts, that
- 7 gets more than 94 percent of our energy from
- 8 dirty sources, like coal, oil, gas, and
- 9 nuclear, Cape Wind will help launch
- 10 Massachusetts into the vanguard of states
- 11 leading the 21st century clean energy economy.

12 If we build Cape Wind, we open the

door to more wind power and more clean energyprojects. If we reject it, we are choosing to

- 15 live in the energy past: more fossil-fuel,
- 16 nuclear power, more pollution, and more energy
- 17 dependence. We are choosing our future, and
- 18 we hope that you will as well. Thank you for
- 19 your time and your thorough review.
- 20 MR. MOORE: Thank you very much. I
- 21 want to make sure that we have 46, 47, 48, 49
- 22 come up front. Yes, sir, please.
- MR. REGAN: Good evening. I'm
- 24 Jamie Regan. I'm a citizen of Mashpee. I'm

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- on the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce as a
- 3 member. I'm former president of the Mashpee
- 4 Chamber of Commerce, and president elect of
- 5 the Cape and Islands Association of Realtors
- 6 and a member of the Mashpee Yacht Club and a
 - radio talk show host on WXTK.
 - This project has brought a lot of
- 9 controversy and comment, to say the least, and
- 10 I come tonight to speak as a local Realtor who
- 11 works the shores of Pompanoosuc and Cotuit,
- where today you can see the test wind tower.
- 13 I'm also a fisherman, and I've been out to
- 14 Horseshoe Shoals, and I'm afraid of what could
- 15 happen, even though we do need alternative
- 16 energy.

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- Not now, not Cape Wind, not there.
- 18 Many people have gone out to Horseshoe Shoals
- 19 and released ashes of their loved ones. The
- 20 native Americans say there's a possibility of
- 21 their relatives buried there.
- 22 Residents, retirees, and
- 23 second-homeowners have come to enjoy Cape
- 24 Cod's views and recreation for decades.

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- 2 Property values are related to what beach
- 3 access is and the quality of life the
- 4 community offers. With the chaos of
- 5 construction and, God forbid, an oil spill or
- 6 a leak or a wipe-out by natural causes,
- 7 homeowners would suffer.
- 8 We cannot have a 40,000-gallon
- 9 platform the size of Stop & Shop in the middle
- 10 of a steel forest that includes 130 towers the
- 11 size of the Statue of Liberty scattered over
- 12 24 miles the size of Manhattan. Yet the
- 13 pro-people for this project say vision and not
- 4 view. The tourists come to our economy and
- spend money to see the way it is. If we have
- 16 a hurricane, this project could be scattered
- 17 on our shores and we would not be able to have
- 18 the tourist environment that we've had for
- 19 years.
- MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.
- 21 The next speaker?
- 22 MR. KURPIEWSKI: My name is John
- 23 Paul Kurpiewski. I'm here tonight as a
- 24 scientist, an engineer, a concerned citizen,

2 and a student, in strong support of the Cape 3 Wind project.

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4 In 2003 I graduated magna cum laude from Columbia University with a major in 5 6 mechanical engineering and a minor in 7 economics. I subsequently received my master's of science from MIT in the Laboratory 8 for 21st Century Energy. As a student I took course work in energy conversion systems and 10 environmental economics, establishing my 11 expertise to speak intelligently on this

14 As a scientist I hold a patent in the application of nanotechnology, to fuel 15 cells, which I developed with the intent to 16 17 store clean energy and stem global warming.

18 As an engineer, I used my personal time off today from a major defense contractor 19 to speak on this issue of importance to me. 20 My job as a project leader is to evaluate 21

technologies and complete trade studies. I 22

23 reviewed the DEIS, and agree with the MMS in

24 that the Cape Wind social and environmental

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benefits outweigh any adverse impacts. 2

As a concerned citizen, finally, I 3

see the Cape Wind project as an excellent 4

opportunity to develop clean, proven 5

technology to reduce reliance on fossil fuels 6

and better our future. 7

I commend the MMS for their 8 positive assessment of the project and hope 9 the final report expresses similar views. 10 11 Thank you for your time.

12 MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.

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14 MR. EKSTROM: Good evening. I am Ken Ekstrom, and I do research at MIT. And I 15 16 submit to you that the executive summary in the MMS DEIS is predicated on a scientifically 17

incorrect data point. 18

19 In the first sentence of the MMS 20 DEIS, the average power output is given as 182.6 megawatts for the wind farm, and 21 according to the power curve for the turbine, 22 this amounts to 18 knots of average wind. 23 That's 24/7, 365 days per year.

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2 I've studied the wind records here, and I have in this case two weeks, where one is 10 knots and the other is 18 knots. And

for these two weeks, we have only two days when the wind is enough to reach the 182

megawatts specified in the DEIS.

8 For the remaining 12 days, if the wind is even enough to turn over the turbine blades, there is only on the order of 22 10 megawatts average, at 10 knots, which only 11 amounts to 15 percent of the average power claimed in the DEIS. 13

14 Now, the average power requirement is 230 megawatts, according to NSTAR, and with this the case, 22 megawatts would not go very 16 far to supplying the average overall domestic and industrial needs of the Cape. 18

19 Now, where did this figure come from, 182 megawatts? It came from the Cape 20 21 Wind FEIS, which gave the figure of 1.6 million hours of energy per year. And divide this by 365 and 24, you get the average power generated, 18 knots, 182 megawatts. Is it a

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coincidence this is the same figure that was

reported in the first sentence of the 3

executive summary?

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5 So then the average power figure in the DEIS is taken directly from the CWP final 6 environmental impact statement, with no 7 independent evaluation of the actual amount of 8

wind that would supply the turbines with

kinetic energy. Thank you. 10

11 MR. MOORE: You might want to submit that, since it's got a lot of technical 13 data. You can give it to my colleague there.

14 I think we're at 46? 45?

15 No. Below 47? Sir, you're on.

16 MR. FERRO: My name is Michael

17 Ferro, from Dennis, Massachusetts, Cape Cod.

I'd like to say it's very shameful that the 18

powers that be outside the area the Cape and 19

Islands is so willing to sell us out for wind 20

turbines once in operation that's going to be 21

subsidized by the Federal Government. I don't 22

23 feel that that is fair.

But that is not what I came here to 24

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- talk to you about. I went through a report 2
- 3 that they quoted an incidence of structural
- failure with wind turbines over a 13-year
- period from 1993 to 2006. This brings to the
- 6 point that on those failures every one of them
- leaked oil. If that is what we want in our
- sound, and you take that with the knowledge 8
- that our fisheries are important there, and
- you take that and you go to your own report 10
- what the Federal Government is doing, on the 11
- body of evidence on the fisheries, it just
- didn't make sense to have that kind of 13
- 14 situation in a water body.

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I am for renewable energy, but on land there is a certain -- though it's bad to have anywhere, dumping on the ground, it's probably more containable and controllable on land. That's just basic logic. That's all I

have to say. Thanks. 20

> MR. MOORE: For everyone who has their card, when you bring your card, be sure

23 you give it to the folks up here with your

24 name on it, and that will really help Alan in

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doing his reporting. 2

So 48. And then we want to make

sure we have 49, 50, 51, and 52 up here.

MR. BARRETT: Good evening. My 5

name is Tim Barrett. I am a commercial 6

fisherman. I don't live on the Cape. But a 7

large amount of my income comes from fishing

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9 within Nantucket Sound and Horseshoe Shoal.

I've been a commercial fisherman

for 30 years, I have held my captain's license

12 for 20, and I have fished throughout Nantucket

13 Sound since I was four years old, I've fished

there commercially for the last 25 years. And

I am opposed to Cape Wind's proposal for a

16 wind farm on Nantucket Sound. It makes

17 absolutely no sense at all to destroy a

pristine natural habitat in the name of trying 18

19 to save the environment.

Alternative energy is where this 21 nation has to go. We have to reduce our 22 dependency on foreign oil. We have to reduce our emissions of greenhouse gases. But to take this project and site it in the middle of

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one of our best natural resources on the

Eastern Seaboard makes absolutely no sense at

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5 You do not plow under a part of the

6 environment in order to try and save the

environment. It makes no sense at all, and I

am opposed to this proposal 100 percent. 8

Thank you very much.

MR. MOORE: 51? 49. Great.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: My name is not

12 important. I am here representing the youth.

13 The youth of this state are planning a massive

14 climate convergence of climate activists in

Boston from April 11th to the 14th. It's 15

called Massachusetts Power Shift, 16

17 masspowershift.org. You should all come.

I would apologize for the shameless

19 plug, but at this point I have no shame. I

have no shame because we are facing a 20

planetary crisis. Every single person in this 21

room has admitted that we are facing a 22

23 planetary crisis, and we have spent the past

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seven years debating and arguing as our ship

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has been sinking. We've been debating and

arguing how ugly the bucket is. 3

I have a very simple message from

the youth: Pick up the fucking bucket and 5

start bailing. Thank you.

MR. MOORE: Next, 50. 52, 53, 54,

and 55, if you'd come up here, please.

9 MR. RODGERS: My name is Mark

10 Rodgers. I'm communications director of Cape

Wind. This being my fourth hearing of this

week, but the first time speaking, I want to

thank officials from the MMS for patiently

14 listening to the testimony of these four

15 nights.

16 One thing that's really struck me listening, particularly in the first hour of

tonight's hearing, when we were hearing from

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supposedly elected officials, many of whom I 19

noted were not elected, and almost none of 20

whom were here in person but rather were 21

having statements read by members of the 22

opposition group, were that these were the 23

same statements that I had heard read last

- 2 night, the night before, and the night before
- 3 that. So clearly they were not intended for
- 4 you, the MMS because you've heard them
- 5 already.

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- 6 I think it's also true that, while
- 7 some of the supporters who have spoken
- 8 tonight, many more of the opponents who have
- 9 spoken tonight have also spoken at previous
- 10 hearings, making the same points they did at
- 11 previous nights. It's not for the MMS. I
- 12 don't even think it's for other people that
- 13 came tonight. I think it was to work time off
- 14 the clock so that many people who came tonight
- 15 when the hearing actually started would draw
- 16 speaking numbers so high that they would not
- 17 be called tonight and have a chance to share
- 18 their thoughts for the first time. And I do
- 19 think that's a shame.
- 20 I feel privileged for the past six
- 21 years to have been able to speak to thousands
- 22 of people about the Cape Wind project, and I
- 23 am encouraged that there's a growing and
- 24 overwhelming majority here in the Commonwealth

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- 2 of Massachusetts recognizing that now is the
- 3 time to take action on global warming, energy
- 4 independence, and building a clean energy
- 5 economy and starting in a big way by approving
- 6 and then building Cape Wind. Thank you.
- 7 MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.
- 8 Please.

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- 9 MR. WIERSMA: Good evening. My
- 10 name's Josh Wiersma. I'm a Ph.D. candidate at
 - the University of Rhode Island, Department of
- 12 Environmental and Natural Resource Economics.
- 13 Over the course of the last eight
- 14 months I've conducted an economic valuation of
- 15 the Horseshoe Shoals area as a mobile gear
- 16 fishing grounds. My interest in this project
- 17 is from the standpoint of trying to understand
- 18 economic efficiency as it applies to
- 19 incomplete property rights in the ocean.
- 20 The results of my research will be included as
- 21 a chapter in my dissertation, and I was
- 22 invited to present my study at an
- 23 international conference on fisheries
- 24 economics and trade held this summer in

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- 3 A type of contingent-valuation mail
- 4 and telephone survey was administered to the
- 5 population of mobile gear fishermen who hold
- 6 Massachusetts coastal access permits endorsed
- 7 for squid and fluke, 146 mobile gear
- 8 fisherman. These endorsements grant these
- 9 fishermen exclusive access to fish in
- 10 Nantucket Sound or Horseshoe Shoals.
- 11 Forty-eight mobile gear fishermen were
- 12 contacted by phone or mail, and 34 of these
- 13 fishermen said that they annually fish in
- 14 Horseshoe Shoals and agreed to take the
- 15 survey.

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The contingent valuation scenario

- 17 invites fishermen to enter into a lawsuit
- 18 against Cape Wind for possible compensation if
- 19 the rights to develop a wind farm are granted
- 20 for this area. Thirty-two of the 34
- 21 commercial fishermen agreed that they had
- 22 historical evidence of fishing in this area
- 23 and agreed that they would take part in this
- 24 lawsuit regardless of whether or not the wind

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- 2 farm remained open to mobile gear fishing. A
- 3 policy-relevant compensating surplus measure
- 4 of welfare where a total economic loss was
- 5 estimated based on the scenario. The total
- 6 economic loss of Horseshoe Shoals discounted
- 7 over the life of the project if the wind farm
- 8 remained open to mobile gear fishing is
- 9 approximately \$8.2 million. The total
- 10 economic loss for the second scenario, that
- 1 the wind farm is closed to mobile gear
- 12 fishing, is approximately \$13.3 million.
 - In addition, an economic impact
- 4 model developed by the National Marine
- 15 Fisheries Service was used to estimate the
- 16 multiplier effect or ripple effect of a loss
- 17 in(inaudible) landings from medium-sized
- . , , ,
- 18 trawlers to local businesses. On average a
- 19 loss of \$1 would produce a \$3 loss to
- 20 supporting businesses in the local economy.
- 21 Cape Wind's analysis of \$15,000 over the last
- 22 of the project is wrong, and does not
- 23 equate economic efficiency with mobile gear
- 24 fisherman and a wind farm.

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2 MR. MOORE: You need to finish.

3 MR. KLEEKAMP: Hello, Chuck

4 Kleekamp, registered professional engineer,

- 5 vice-president, Clean Power Now, Sandwich,
- 6 with that Canal plant and its 500-foot
- 7 smokestack in my back yard.

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8 I would like to suggest that MMS

- 9 include a perspective on the issue of
- 10 intermittency, energy storage, and fuel
- 11 availability with respect to wind. As such,
- 12 contrary to popular opinion, the wind will add
- 13 considerable energy during two peak-use
- 14 periods. For example, during the cold-snap
- 15 crisis of January of 2004, there was over
- 16 2,000 megawatts of natural-gas-fueled
- 17 generation offline because the pipeline had
- 18 limitations insufficient for both heating and
- 19 electric generation, both diesels reduced and
- 20 switchyards enabled on the verge of invoking
- 21 rolling blackouts. During that period,
- 22 according to a Federal Department of Energy
- 23 report, the wind farm would have been
- 24 producing over 350 megawatts.

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During the summer, the last ten hot peak demand days the wind farm would have been

producing over 300 megawatts at the peak hour

5 of the summer sea breezes during those demand

6 hours.

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In terms of energy storage to

complement wind, Massachusetts has over 1,600

megawatts of pumped hydrostorage, equivalent

10 to 13 percent of the total Massachusetts

generation capacity. As such, it could serve

12 as an existing complement to wind.

For a country addicted to oil, it

is unconscionable, and indeed insane, that we

15 would burn 100 million gallons of oil at the

16 Canal plant every year when we could be

17 avoiding that use with the equivalent use of

18 much lower-cost wind power from Nantucket

19 Sound. I believe these ugly oil stations will

20 become the rusting hulks of the future, not

the magnificent wind turbines. Thank you.MR. MOORE: Thank you. Next

23 speaker.

24 MR. BEATTY: My name's John Beatty,

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- and I haven't come here to represent anyone
- 3 else besides myself. I have a midterm to
- 4 study for, so I'm going to make this quick. I
- 5 support Cape Wind. I have weighed the
- 6 arguments carefully against this project, and
- 7 I have found them wanting. Many are
- 8 well-argued, and some are even well worth our
- 9 consideration, but far, far more are
- 10 shortsighted as they're contrived. No one
- 11 here would say they oppose renewable energy.
- 12 Indeed, many have voiced their support for it.
- 13 Yet few want it in Cape Cod, for no one wants
 - it in their own back yard.

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So I ask, who will find a location

16 with anything like the advantages of this

17 site, its conditions, its feasibility, but

18 most importantly, its visibility? Its

19 visibility and its history. This will be the

20 wind farm heard 'round the world, a fire bell

21 in the nights, a chance for Cape Cod, for

22 Massachusetts, for this nation to rise to the

23 challenge of global warming, to say no, we

24 will not go quietly to the edge of night, we

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will not put our head in the sand, and we will

3 not cling to our pride and continue to oppose

this project. Thank you.

MR. MOORE: If you've got your

6 statement, it would be helpful for us to have

7 it, please. Thank you.

No. 55. 56, 57, 58, 59, and 60, if

9 you would also come up. Thank you, sir.

MR. COTTER: My name is Damion

11 Cotter, and I am a student that works for the

12 MassPIRG. I'm in favor of this project. Go

13 with the wind, endless possibility of

14 self-sufficiency. Let nature use this as an

15 opportunity. Sensibility, conservative

16 conservation, stationed to save ourselves.

17 Open the buffet to feed on the jobs, and stock

18 the loving of the earth and ourselves.

19 There's a plate for everybody. Dig in.

20 Sustain sustenance, both probability. This

21 would be the most beauteous thing to see.

22 This is what we need to stay alive. Can you

23 see the most basic form of human drive? Have

24 we got so blind? Do we think short-term

- beauty that we want to see is what we really 2
- need? As my friend Laura would say, are we 3
- boiling today in this global warming issue?
- Are you all willing to boil for unobstructed 5
- scenery? You must ask yourself the question 6
- of how long you want your summer house on the
- beach, because if this self-sustainable energy 8
- doesn't start to happen, then it could very
- well be under water. 10

All I say is barter a little 11

scenery for hot water, new jobs, new stock, 12

- 13 electric fun park, all guilt-free. Come on,
- 14 people. Power the proceed to sensibility.
- 15 So you're saying yes to clean
- power, just not here, just not this way. 16
- 17 Where, my friends, in what way? Okay, you say
- you want Federal policy. I agree, but there 18
- are always negative stipulations that come 19
- 20 with the overall positives, you see.
- Understand that this would be the start of the 21
- 22 East Coast revolution to stop pollution,
- 23 bridging the gap nationally. We must fill the
- 24 gap with self-sustainability. I hear the

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- sound of the voice that will save our nation, 2
- our world, our children's lives. Please 3
- consider Cape Wind as a start of a revolution. 4
- MR. MOORE: Thank you. 5
- 6 MR. PAWA: My name is Matt Pawa. I
- represent Clean Power Now. I'm an attorney.
- It's good to be with you. Thank you for your 8
- 9 attention.

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- 10 Clean Power Now congratulates you
- 11 on the excellent and thorough job you have
- 12 done so far on the environmental impact
- 13 statement process and urges you to keep up the
- 14 good work.
- 15 Two points, not really legal
- 16 points. I really can't add to the excellent
- 17 job done by the Conservation Law Foundation.
- The first point -- and this is 18
- 19 probably the first time a client of mine has
- 20 asked me to speak about a different client --
- 21 is that I represent a village that's being
- destroyed by global warming. It's called 22
- 23 Kivalina, and it's a native village of 400
- Inupiat Eskimos in the Arctic Circle in 24

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- Alaska. We filed a case a few weeks ago
- against the biggest greenhouse gas polluters
- in America and major fossil fuel interests.
- 5 This village used to be Arctic sea ice that
- protected it from winter storms. That Arctic
- sea ice is so diminished now that the village
- has a massive erosion problem and must move or
- be destroyed, and their culture and their way
- of life ceases to exist. We're seeking 10
- 11 monetary damages in that case to move the
- village, hundreds of millions of dollars.
- 13 Point 2, Kivalina may be a canary
- 14 in the coal mine for places like the Cape and
- Islands. I've been going to the Cape and 15
- Islands all my life, and I love it dearly, and 16
- I own a house on the Cape. And I have to note
- 18 the extraordinary irony of seeing outrage
- 19 against a developer who is trying to do
- 20 something good, when for the last 30 years I
- have watched the Cape be bulldozed and forests 21
- felled and habitats destroyed and ugly strip 22
- 23 malls built all over the place, and not --
- when something good is proposed, anger emerges 24

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- against a developer. I am dumbfounded. When
- you stand on the beach with your back to the
- land looking out at the ocean, you won't
- hardly see these windmills, but you will see
- behind you when you turn around a whole lot of
- 7 pavement, what used to be beautiful landscape.
- MR. MOORE: Thank you. No. 57? 8
- MR. BARCLAY: Thank you. My name
- is David Barclay. I'm the executive officer 10
- of the Northeast Sustainable Energy
- 12 Association. We're located in Massachusetts,
- 13 and we have a chapter on Cape Cod.
- 14 I just spent the last three days
- here in Boston at the largest sustainable
- 15 energy conference in the Northeastern United
- 17 States. At that conference we were addressed
- by Governor Patrick. He expressed his 18
- 19 resounding support for renewable energy wind
- 20 projects, including this one at Cape Wind.
- 21 It is our belief that clean energy
- production on the outer continental shelf is 22
- 23 perhaps the single most important and positive
 - development ever proposed in the Northeastern

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- 2 United States. We commend you for your
- 3 exhaustive review of the Cape Wind proposal.
- 4 Your report, as I read it, has found Cape Wind
- to be overwhelmingly positive. And as I 5
- 6 counted the construction and operational
- impacts, what I read was that, of 117 various
- 8 impacts, 110 of them were classified as either
- minor or negligible or having no impact
- whatsoever. The remaining seven were 10
- articulated as ones that could be addressed 11
- through mitigation. None of the impacts were 12
- 13 reported to be critical or overly invasive.
- 14 As we consider the realities of
- climate change, and they are very difficult 15
- realities that face us, we have to make real 16
- 17 choices to reduce our reliance on fossil
- 18 fuels. I want to give one quick example to
- 19 get a sense of how difficult that is to do.
- 20 The largest private purchaser of
- electrical power in the world is Wal-Mart. 21
- 22 They are investing half a billion dollars to
- 23 reduce their energy consumption and greenhouse
- 24 gases over the next seven years, and yet the

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- CO₂ emissions from one medium-sized coal-fired 2
- power plant in just one month of operation 3
- 4 each year would negate Wal-Mart's entire
- effort. 5

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- 6 It's very important. We must use
- every tool in our tool bag. We ask you to
- find in favor of Cape Wind. Thank you. 8
- 9 MR. MOORE: Could we have 60 to 65
- come up front, please. 10
- 11 MR. BUSSIERE: Thank you. My name
- is Rob Bussiere, proud co-founder of Windstop.
- 13 I am a resident of Mashpee, Mass., where I
- 14 work and sail the waters of the vineyard and
- Nantucket Sound. I oppose this project and
- 16 present these comments for the record.
- 17 The applicant, Cape Wind, has not
- 18 shown that they have clear and verifiable
- 19 ownership of the property defined in their
- permit request. On the Cape, when I built 20
- homes, I was required to have clear legal 21
- title to the property I was building on. Why 22
- does Cape Wind get a pass? 23
- In 1971 then Governor Francis 24

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- 2 Sargent signed into law a consolidated bill
- establishing the Cape Cod Bay and Cape and
- Islands Oceans Sanctuary, which set out to
- protect the economic asset that the national 5
- 6 natural environment represented. The State
- also asserted jurisdiction over the central
- 8 waters of Nantucket Sound, the hole in the
- doughnut, so we've come to know it.
- 10 In 1980 the Mass. Secretary of
- State and the Attorney General nominated the 11
- central waters as a national marine sanctuary,
- 13 indicating that the State and Federal waters
- 14 constitute one integrated ecosystem whose
- living resources use the entire Nantucket 15
- Sound area, without knowledge or consideration 16
- 17 of political boundaries.
 - To add to the 1980 decision, the
- 19 Commonwealth found that Nantucket Sound
- 20 contains distinctive ecological, recreational,
- historic, and esthetic resources that form the 21
- basis of the predominant economic pursuits of 22
- 23 the area, fishing and tourism. Why is there
- 24 any doubt about the policy objectives for the

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- use and protection of Nantucket Sound?
 - In closing, and being from the
- school of if you are not part of the solution
- you must be part of the problem, I offer that 5
- the windiest location in Mass. right now is
- just up Route 128, at the Blue Hills area. So
- Mr. Gordon, maybe you and Marty the business
- agent can convince some of the nice people of
- 10 Milton to give you 24 square miles to install
 - our power plant. It should be a slam dunk, a
- 12 no-brainer.
 - MR. MOORE: Thank you. 60. 59.
 - WILLIAM GRISWOLD: I first want to
- 15 thank Ms. Borholdt, Mr. Cluck, Mr. LaBelle for
- your bravery and courage in running through
- 17
 - four nights of this. I'm William Griswold, on
 - Cape Cod. I'm a member of Clean Power Now.
- 19 As you may have noticed, when the
- 20 Alliance to Protect Nantucket Sound runs out
- of facts, they move quickly to untruths. The 21
- latest untruth being spread by the Alliance is 22
- the idea that if the Cape Wind project is 23
- built, the cost for electricity paid by

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- consumers will be two or three times higher 2
- than it is today. This is apparently based on 3
- a comment in Appendix F of the draft MMS
- report, stating that the wholesale cost of 5
- 6 electricity in our region is 6 cents per
- kilowatthour. Of course, consumers could not
- 8 pay the wholesale price. Consumers pay the
- retail price.

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10 The suggestion by the Alliance that the wind farm proposed for Nantucket Sound 11

- will increase electricity prices flies in the 12
- 13 face of facts. In Europe over the past ten
- 14 years the amount of electricity being produced
- by wind turbines has increased by an 15
- astounding average of 30 percent per year for 16
- 17 ten years. This rate of growth could not have
- been sustained if wind power was uneconomic. 18
- 19 In the USA wind turbines accounted
- 20 for 30 percent of the new
- electricity-generating capacity installed in 21
- 2007. This 30 percent market share could not 22
- have been achieved if wind turbines were 23
- 24 uneconomic.

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In Kansas last year the utility 2

- Westar analyzed the costs and benefits of a 3
- new coal-fired power plant versus a new wind
- farm. Westar made the decision to build a new 5
- 6 wind farm.

On Cape Cod we currently pay a 7

- retail energy charge of 12 cents per 8
- kilowatthour, and you can find this on Page 2 9
- of your electricity bill. If electricity from 10
- 11 Cape Wind were to cost the proposed 24 or 36
- cents per kilowatthour, as suggested by the
- 13 Alliance -- I ran out of time -- it would have
- 14 no influence on your electricity bill. Thank
- 15 you.
- 16 MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.
- 17 60? 61. Could 66 and 67 please come up
- front. Thank you. 18
- MR. HERMANN: Good evening. I'm 19
- 20 David Hermann. I'm the vice-chair and energy
- committee chair for the Sierra Club, 21
- Massachusetts chapter. We have 20,000 members 22
- 23 in the state, including Greater Boston and
- including Cape Cod. This is oral comments. 24

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- We will submit written comments by the
- deadline, so we'll get into specifics then.
- 4 To cut to the chase: The chapter
- and the club support Cape Wind. This is not a
- position we got to easily. We spent at least
- two or three years during the development and
- all the open hearings, and we had our concerns
- about birds and bats. We had them about the process by which this is done. We had
- concerns about appropriate compensation and 11
- 12 about monitoring.
- 13 But as the process has gone on,
- 14 either those concerns have been met or it
- 15 looks like they're fast being met and will be
- by the final environmental impact statement. 16
- 17 So we've seen it addressed, and we
- 18 have come around to supporting the project.
- As I say, this was not automatic. A lot of 19
- 20 thought went into this.
- 21 So we would like to see this built.
- We do still see some concerns we have, but
- 23 we'll address it in our comments. We're
- 24 confident that, with the Final Environmental

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- 2 Impact Statement, that they'll be taken care 3
- The thing is, there's a lot to be 4
- said and a lot more to discuss. But when it
- comes down to it, we need Cape Wind. We
- 7 really need about 10 or 20 projects just like
- Cape Wind to combat global warming. So the
- time to discuss has rapidly come to an end.
- Let's start getting these things done. Thank 10
- 11 you for doing the process.
- 12 MR. MOORE: 62?
- 13 MS. YOUNG: Thank you. My name is
- 14 Rose Young. I live in Salem, Massachusetts,
- 15 and I'm a director of Greenpeace USA.
- 16 We're in favor of the Cape Wind
- 17 project. Greenpeace is an international
- organization with 3 million supporters and a 18
- long history of working to protect the world's 19 oceans from drilling, dumping, overfishing,
- and other destructive practices at sea. 21

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- 22 Offshore wind offers an immediate.
- 23 clean, and effective answer to both global
 - warming and energy security. By its very

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- 2 nature, wind is domestic and limitless,
- 3 especially here off the coast of New England,
- 4 and it's a safe and resilient and energy
- 5 supply, not dependent on the uncertain fuel
- 6 supplies or rising energy prices.

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- 7 Given the stark urgency of global
- 8 warming, Greenpeace believes that the
- 9 presumption should always be in favor of
- 10 renewable energy projects unless there's
- 11 specific evidence that there could be
- 12 environmental harm. The November 2004 Draft
- 13 Environmental Impact Statement by the Army
- 14 Corps of Engineers identified no such harm
- 15 from the Cape Wind project, and Greenpeace
- 16 gave the project its full support.
- 17 With the additional studies
- 18 undertaken in the MMS Draft Environmental
- 19 Impact Statement, it's clear that there are no
- 20 significant environmental, navigational, or
- 21 economic harms from the project. We urge the
- 22 Federal Government and the State of
- 23 Massachusetts to permit the project in a
- 24 timely manner, without any unnecessary delays.

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- 2 understand you all are using to evaluate the
- 3 project.
- 4 As I came into the hearing in
- Yarmouth the other night, I was asked the
- 6 question on my way in by someone with a basket
- 7 of buttons -- I'm sorry, she handed me a
- 8 button that said "Yes" on it, a Clean Power
- 9 Now button. I said, "How did you know I was a
- 10 friendly face? How did you know I was a
- 11 supporter?" She said, "You're young, right?"
- 12 And I just kind of smiled.
- But then I realized, given the
- 14 intensity of the young speakers you heard here
- 15 tonight, and every poll I've seen overwhelming
- 16 support from the youth. I think it's really
- 17 important to note that it's us, it's we who
- 18 are going to be breathing the air in
- 19 Massachusetts in 40 years. So I think that's
- 20 an important perspective when you talk about
- 21 the public interest.
- 22 I also was intrigued by the
- 23 question someone brought up in the Yarmouth
 - hearing. Someone asked a great question in a

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- 2 We've got a long history of
- 3 protecting the world's oceans, and as such, we
- didn't make this decision to support Cape Wind
- 5 lightly. It's our belief that, by the studies
- 6 of this and other offshore projects in Europe,
- 7 that any environmental impacts caused by
- 8 installing these turbines offshore are minor,
- 9 especially when compared to the truly profound
- 10 impacts of global warming on the oceans,
- 11 estuaries, and coastal lands. It's really not
- 12 about the view or the vision; it really is
- 13 about our collective survival.
 - MR. MOORE: Please finish.
- MS. YOUNG: Thank you very much.
- MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.
- 17 Next speaker.
- 18 MR. CUMMINGS: Thank you. My name
- 19 is Charlie Cummings. I'm originally from
- 20 Brewster, Massachusetts, and I now work in
- 21 Boston as a management consultant. I'm also
- 22 on the board of directors of Clean Power Now.
- 23 I want to talk a little bit tonight about the
- 24 public interest, which is the criteria I

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- 2 break at the Yarmouth hearing, and that
- 3 question was: Why were the people from West
- 4 Virginia allowed to speak? And if you weren't
- 5 at the hearing, these people spoke about the
- 6 destruction the coal industry was causing in
- 7 their backyards. What a great question. And
- 8 ironically, I think this was someone from the
- 9 Alliance that asked this. The answer that you
- 10 all gave was, "Well, this is a Federal
- 11 hearing."

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- 12 I actually think there's a
- 13 different answer, and to me, "public" is not
 - the Yarmouth Board of Selectmen, who I might
- 15 respectfully add are quite past their prime.
- 16 It is citizens of this country and this world
- 17 that we share, and the reason that they were
- 18 allowed to speak is not because this is a
- 19 Federal hearing, it's because their plight is
- 20 our plight, our plight. So I thank you for
- 21 taking the comprehensive view of the public
- 22 interest that you have.
- MR. MOORE: Next speaker? 64.
- 24 MR. ELRICK: Good evening. My name

- 2 is Richard Elrick. I reside in Mashpee. I am
- 3 the president of Clean Power Now, also a
- former three-term Barnstable town councilor
- 5 and a ferry boat captain on Nantucket Sound
- 6 for some 26 years.

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7 A couple of issues that I want to

- 8 speak to tonight. I already spoke at the
- 9 Yarmouth meeting, primarily about the
- 10 navigation issue. So while that is my area of
- 11 expertise, I do want to speak to just a couple
- 12 of other issues.
- One of the things that has been
- 14 particularly disappointing to me is to watch
- 15 the lack of leadership of our elected
- 16 officials, particularly on the Cape. All of
- 17 those elected officials, or the 20 out of the
- 18 22 that spoke in opposition to Cape Wind in
- 19 Yarmouth, they all said that they supported
- 20 wind, they support renewable energy, but they
- 21 don't support it in that particular location,
- 22 they want to see it somewhere else, or they
- 23 think there needs to be an ocean management
- 24 plan, and they can't move forward until we

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2 have that plan.

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- 3 If we left these important
- 4 decisions about the future of this country up
- 5 to our elected officials, we would never get
- 6 anywhere. It requires the kind of
- 7 entrepreneurial spirit that you see in someone
- 8 like Jim Gordon, someone who is willing to
- 9 take the risk to move this project forward,
- 10 move our Commonwealth forward, and to move our
- 11 country forward.
- 12 There's something seriously wrong
- 13 with a process, the process that's going on
- 14 over this project for the last seven years,
- 15 when it is easier to decapitate mountains in
- 16 West Virginia and Kentucky to extract coal,
- 17 where it is easier to permit coal-fired plants
- 18 than it is Cape Wind, that will produce three
- 19 quarters of the Cape's energy needs, zero fuel
- 20 costs, zero pollution.
- 21 Aside from that, I'm thankful
- 22 tonight. I'm thankful because the decision
- 23 will be in your hands. You're charged with
- 24 basing your decision on facts and evidence,

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- 2 not on unfounded opinions and not on politics.
- 3 If you do that, I have no doubt that you'll
- 4 determine that the benefits substantially
- 5 outweigh the detriments and this project will
- 6 move forward. I thank you for your time.
- 7 MR. MOORE: Time. No. 66? 67.
- 8 And what we'll do is -- are you 66? Thank
- 9 you. We'll take 67 and 68 after the break.
- 10 You'll be our last speaker before the break.
- 11 MS. MONDALE: Hello. My name is
- 12 Lee Mondale, and I'm a board member of
- 13 HealthLink, which is a ten-year-old North
- 14 Shore citizens' group in Massachusetts working
- 15 to protect public health by eliminating toxins
- 16 in the environment through research,
- 17 education, and community action.
- 18 HealthLink@HealthLink.org.
- 19 What brings us together tonight is
- 20 energy and how it will be produced, as demand
- 21 for its use is greatly increasing. Today most
- 22 of our energy is produced by using fossil
- 23 fuels, which introduce toxins into our
- 24 environment. They produce air and water

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- 2 pollution, which affect health and are major
- 3 contributors to global warming or climate
- 4 change.
- 5 While HealthLink has been active in
- 6 the support of regulations that make the
- 7 burning of fossil fuels cleaner, it has also
- 8 been active in supporting and educating the
- 9 public on alternatives to that energy source,
- 10 using renewable energies -- wind, solar, water
- 1 current, and geothermal among others, wind
- 12 being most economical and technically feasible
- 13 at this point in time.
- 14 The Cape Wind project has been
- 15 examined in great detail by the Army Corps of
- 6 Engineers. Public hearings were held, and the
- 17 project passed environmental scrutiny. Now it
- 18 has been examined by MMS, which is hosting
- 19 this public hearing.
- 20 Having a clean new source of energy
- 21 production that does not increase CO₂ in the
- 22 atmosphere in this time of climate change is
- 23 essential. Other projects may be proposed,
- 4 but this one has been examined thoroughly and

is ready to be built and put into production 2

- 3 now. HealthLink and its hundreds of members
- 4
 - are supportive of the Cape Wind project.
- 5 MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.
- 6 (Recess taken.)
- 7 MR. MOORE: We're ready to begin.
- 8 No. 67, Speaker 67, has been waiting
- patiently. We're going to start with Speaker
- No. 66. 10

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- 11 MR. WOOD: Hello. I'm Henry Wood.
- I take the place of Alejandro Flores, who had
- to leave before this. And I would like to 13
- 14 support, very much support, as I have all
- along, Cape Wind. I also want to applaud MMS
- 16 for what I think is a very, very good Draft
- 17 Environmental Impact Report, and I hope it
- will be the final one in the near future. 18
 - I have something a little different
- than most people. I have the first offshore
- 21 wind turbine farm in the country. It's down
- 22 in Rhode Island, just between Newport and
- 23 Jamestown. There it is. It's a tiny island,
- 24 a tiny, tiny little island, where I've had a

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- 2 windmill now for 30 years that has been
- working very, very well. I have not received, 3
- even though the windmill is mounted high on my
- chimney, I have never received a complaint 5
- from any resident or passing boat. 6
- Another thing I want to tie in here 7
- is: Every week when I'm there, I see a number 8
- of ships passing by loaded to the gunwale with 9
- 10 coal. They go in about a day later; they come
- 11 back, they leave empty. They leave all the
- coal at Brayton Point, which is in Somerset,
- 13 that huge plant up there. And I hope you will
- 14 have had the opportunity to read the Harvard
- School of Public Health report on Brayton
- 16 Point. In particular, they have identified
- 17 just how many people go to the doctor, end up
- in the hospital, and die every year because of 18
- the things that come off that plant. 19
- 20 I finally want to say that Cape Cod
- 21 has a long tradition of windmills. Their
- economy was based for a long time on the major 22
- salt supplier along the East Coast, because 23
- they used windmills to pump the saltwater from 24

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- the great flats and make salt. They also did
- a lot of the grinding for all of this area,
- again using windmills. Thank you very much.
- 5 MR. MOORE: Thank you. And
- 6 finally, 67.

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- MS. COLE-TUCKER: Hello. My name
- is Reed Cole-Tucker, and I grew up on Cape
- Cod. And the following letter I'm going to
- read is from Ernie Eldredge, a 10
- multigenerational Cape Codder, who represents 11
- 12 my view and the view of many who cherish the
- natural beauty of Nantucket Sound. Ernie 13
- lives and breathes Cape Cod, a stark contrast
- to the majority of the speakers here, who live
- in Boston and will not have to live with a 16
- 17 power plant in the middle of their natural
- 18 treasure.

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- 19 "I'm a weir fisherman and Chatham,
- Massachusetts resident. I do not fish on 20
- Horseshoe Shoals, nor do I fish in the method 21
- of fishermen who do fish the shoals. I fish 22
- 23 in artisanal, historic fisheries that is
- 24 located inshore from the proposed project. I

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- have fished Nantucket Sound all my life. I
- literally walked into my father's boots. I'm
- proud to say I provide seafood from the sound
- for my family, for my neighbors, for our 5
- nation. I only harvest the fish I'm allowed
- to because of consumer marketability and
- government regulations. What I do not bring
- to port is allowed to swim away in good
- 10 condition.
- 11 "My concerns about the Draft
- Environmental Impact Statement is as follows:
- 13 The DEIS does not address what impact the
- 14 project will have on the migratory and
- 15 spawning habits of species in Nantucket Sound.
- 16 The DEIS does not adequately address
- 17 electrical pollution and the impact to the
- species known to Nantucket Sound. 18
- "The DEIS significantly understates 19
- 20 the impact this project would have on the sea
- floor during its construction phase and on the 21
- ecology of a healthy fishery for Nantucket 22
- 23 Sound.
- 24 "Let's take a lesson from the

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- 2 destruction that has been caused by
- 3 exploitation of our natural resources in the
- 4 name of energy. Stop building more power
- 5 plants and start consuming less energy as a
- 6 nation. Whether it be from wind, coal, or
- oil, one more power plant destroying a natural
- 8 habitat is not the answer. We need to lead
- 9 the world in becoming less of a
- 10 consumer-driven nation and become more
- 11 conservative in our energy use. Take only
- 12 what we need."

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- 13 MR. BORCHERT: Hello. My name is
- 14 Carl Borchert, chapter director of Clean Power
- 15 Now, Nantucket Island. I'd like to thank the
- 16 MMS for hosting these hearings. I'd also like
- 17 to thank the University of Massachusetts in
- 18 Boston. I went to UMass Amherst, the
- 19 flagship, and graduated cum laude in 1992.
- 20 I have visited offshore wind parks
- 21 in Denmark at Nysted and Blavand and was
- 22 stunned to see how quiet and benign they are.
- 23 These two wind parks have been so successful
- 24 that the Danish government has ordered them to

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- 2 be doubled in size. They set a goal for the
- 3 country to get 50 percent of its electrical
- 4 power from wind by 2025. Cape Wind will at
- 5 peak produce enough power for 468,000 homes,
- 6 average production of 185,000 homes. The
- 7 turbines require no imported oil from
- 8 geopolitically unstable zones, no natural gas
- 9 and dangerous LNG tankers, coal from
- 10 devastating mountaintop removal techniques,
- 11 and no uranium from radioactive mines. No
- 12 single hulled oil barges will be necessary to
- 13 fuel the project, eliminating the chance of a
- 14 catastrophic oil spill. The total footprint
- 15 of the monopoles will be less than one acre,
- 16 and the wind farm grid will be open to
- 17 recreational boaters and commercial fisherman
- 18 once construction is completed.
- 19 After seven years of exhaustive
- 20 review and four major government reports,
- 21 including this one, no major problems with the
- 22 Cape Wind Energy Project have been identified.
- 23 The project will be funded by private
- 24 investment, and the production tax credit

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- 2 doesn't cost the taxpayer a penny. The Mass.
- 3 Audubon Society is the largest and most
- 4 respected avian authority in New England, and
- 5 they have granted additional approval of the
- 6 project. Let's build Cape Wind now and begin
- 7 to create a safer, cleaner, more secure world
- 8 for our country, our children, and our
- 9 grandchildren.

10 I also wanted to add that when you

- 11 live on Nantucket Island, the only time you
- 12 miss the wind or notice the wind is when it
- 13 stops. Thank you.

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- MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.
- 15 70. And 73, 74, 75, and 76. 69.
- MR. REILLY: For the record, my
- 17 name is Martin T. Reilly, and I'm a former
- 18 state senator from Cape Cod and a resident of
- 19 Boston and Cape Cod. And I am here tonight in
- 20 support of wind power, at a better location,
- 21 which everyone should support, both Clean
- 22 Power Now and Save Our Sound, as this ticket
- 23 depicts.

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I want to thank the MMS for holding

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- 2 public hearings over the past four days to
- 3 obtain input from the people on the important
- 4 issue of the generation of wind power in
- 5 Massachusetts and our nation. Now that you
- 6 have obtained public input, you known several
- 7 things. First and foremost, all of the people
- 8 support the need to generate wind power to
- o support the field to generate wind power to
- 9 alleviate our dependency on foreign oil,
- 10 mitigate the impact of global warming, and
- 11 create new domestic power jobs to stimulate
- 12 our Massachusetts and national economy.

Some people, secondly, support the

- 4 Cape Wind project, others oppose it, for
- 15 several reasons, primarily because of its
- 6 location, which would result in the
- 17 possibility of destroying the esthetic beauty
- 18 of Nantucket Sound, endangering the public
- 19 safety of the people traveling on our
- 20 waterways because of its proximity to
- 21 pre-existing ferry routes, recreational
- 22 boaters, commercial fishermen, and air traffic
- 23 routes, while disrupting fishing routes.
- 24 The third thing we know from these

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2 hearings is that for the first time

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- 3 alternative deepwater technology now exists
- 4 and deepwater sites are now available and
- 5 viable, such as the site announced this week
- 6 by Blue H USA, located in deep water 23 miles
- 7 off the coast of Martha's Vineyard, in waters
- 8 of 51 meters, approximately 160 feet deep,
- 9 generating 420 megawatts of power.
- 10 Advancement in the patented Blue H technology,
- 11 which has been adopted from proven technology
- 12 used in the oil and gas drilling industries
- 13 for the generation of wind power, can deliver
- 14 the power to the people at a better price for
- 15 the consumer than other shallow-water
- 16 applications and should be considered,
- 17 embraced, and utilized in the development of
- 18 wind power because it would maximize the
- 19 positive benefits and minimize the negative
- 20 benefits in a manner that will be a
- 21 win-win-win for everyone, worthy of the
- 22 support of all people.

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The question now comes on what is the most appropriate place to allow the

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- 2 location of wind power to go forward. And
- 3 clearly the answer is deep water, because deep
- 4 water can generate the power cheaper, it can
- 5 preserve the public safety of the people, and
- 6 it can ensure preservation of the esthetic
- 7 beauty of our ocean sanctuaries and is in the
- 8 interests of all the people, and that's what
- 9 it's all about. Thank you very much for your
- 10 consideration.

MR. MOORE: You need to finish up.

12 Could we get your statement.

MR. FOSTER: Good evening. My name

14 is Mark Foster, a citizen of Aquinnah and a

15 member of the Aquinnah tribe on Martha's

16 Vineyard.

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17 I'd like to cite a page from

Section 9.1 of the MMS draft environmental

19 statement. Since neither MMS nor any Federal

20 or state agency has past experience evaluating

- 21 how projects such as the proposed action will
- 22 interact with the marine environment, MMS
- 23 requested and the applicant agreed to prepare
- 24 and implement an environmental management

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system tailored to the proposed action.

3 The initiative suggested by the

4 statement is laudable. However, by its own

5 apparent admission and in spite of its summary

6 finding, the proposed project is a leap in

7 environmental terms as well as economic and

8 engineering terms -- witness the dissenting

9 testimony tonight -- a leap into the unknown.

10 History does not suggest that any industry can

11 be relied on to police or regulate itself,

12 especially when the need for regulation meets

13 the bottom line. From my reading of the

14 impact statement, I would ask what beyond the

15 incentive to seek approval would keep Cape

16 Wind adherent to an environmental management

17 system that is entirely improvisatory and ad

18 hoc?

19 I would add on the note of not in

20 my back yard: A truly equitable solution to

21 the country and the world's environmental and

22 economic woes will not be to punish or exploit

23 one region of the country for the greater good

24 or public interest when that good and that

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- 2 interest is synonymous with the most wasteful
- 3 and profligate culture in the history of the
- 4 world. A regional solution is not regional
- 5 when it is imposed on or at the expense of a
- 6 minority of the region's inhabitants. Thank
- 7 you.

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8 MR. MOORE: If you'd share your

statement, it would be great. Thank you. 71.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: I want to thank

you guys for the opportunity to let me talk

12 tonight, for sure, and the work that you've

2 tonight, for sure, and the work that you've

13 done with your Draft Environmental Impact

Statement.

The thing that I want to state is

that global warming is a serious issue, and

17 the more that I read news articles on global

18 warming, it's not getting any better, it's

19 getting worse. The science is shifting. The

20 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

21 based their research on a lot of scientific

22 studies that were done over five years ago,

23 and the science has shifted drastically in

24 that time.

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- The time for action is now. We
- 3 need to start using alternative energy at our
- 4 disposal. That means winter. That means
- 5 geothermal, that means solar, and that means
- 6 everything, including the Cape Wind project.
- 7 Cape Wind's not the solution to
- 8 global warming. Let's not fool ourselves.
- 9 But what it is is the start. It's a major
- 10 player in the solution to global warming. And
- 11 that's why Cape Wind has a place here in
- 12 Massachusetts.

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- This project has been in the works
- 14 for seven years. That's ridiculous. The
- 15 delays have been nothing more than
- 16 obstruction. We live in a country where
- 17 nuclear power gets approved faster than wind?
- 18 Are you serious?

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- The fact is that we're here today
- 20 talking while the clock ticks on global
- 21 warming. Does anybody see the irony in that?
- 22 The time for talk is over. It's
- 23 time for action. And hopefully, after all is
- 24 said and done, that action will be Cape Wind,
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- built on Nantucket Sound. It's good for jobs,
- 3 the economy. It's good for Massachusetts.
- 4 It's good for America. And more importantly,
- 5 it's necessary for the world.
- 6 The future is in our hands. We
- have a responsibility to act, and that's why
- 8 we need to step up. Let's stop being
- 9 ridiculous and start being rational. Let's
- 10 for once and for all get those turbines
- 11 spinning on the Cape, and if the decision is
- 12 not to get those turbines spinning on the
- 13 Cape, then I would propose to the Alliance
- 14 that you had better find a way to tap into
- 15 those windbag politicians for renewable
- 16 energy. Thank you.
 - MR. MOORE: Thank you.
 - MR. HEAD: Good evening. I am
- 19 Michael Head from the Beacon Hill Institute,
- 20 the research arm of the economics department
- 21 at Suffolk University. My testimony will
- 22 focus on the section of the DEIS that deal
- 23 with economics.
- 24 The DEIS does not include a social

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- 2 cost/benefit analysis that would
- 3 systematically weight the social costs against
- 4 the social benefits of the project.
- 5 Presidential Executive Order 12866 states that
- 6 each agency shall propose or adopt a
- 7 regulation possible upon a reasoned
- 8 determination that the benefits of the
- 9 integrated regulation justify its costs. The
- 10 Cape Wind proposal should not be exempt from
- 11 this test.
- Our updated research shows that the
- 13 Cape Wind project is not economically viable,
- 14 showing that the economic costs would exceed
- 15 the benefits by \$580 million, and when
- 16 considering carbon dioxide reduction at a
- 17 value of 30 dollars per ton, it would still
- 18 cost \$307 million.
- 19 The DEIS asserts that the proposed
- 20 action is located far offshore and is not
- 21 expected to affect tourism. This conclusion
- 22 is too optimistic. Cape Cod, which heavily is
- 22 is too optimistion cape coal, which heating is
- reliant on tourism, would be hurt by the Cape Wind project. In our 2003 study, 62 percent
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- of the sample of tourists surveyed believed
- 3 that the turbines lessened the area's appeal
- 4 as a vacation destination.
- 5 The DEIS states that the currently
- available information does not support any
- 7 firm conclusions with respect to the wind
- 8 facility's effect on property values.
- 9 However, based on surveys by the Beacon Hill
- 10 Institute in 2003, homeowners believe that the
- 11 windmill project will reduce property values
- 12 by 4 percent and waterfront property by 10.9
- 13 percent. This translates to between a 1.7-
- percent. This translates to between a 1.
- 14 and 2.5-billion-dollar loss of property
- 15 values.
- 16 The DEIS predicts secondary
- 17 employment benefits which will generate an
- 18 additional 206 to 622 jobs in Massachusetts.
- 9 Those effects are overstated. In fact, the
- 20 reduction in tourism brought about by the Cape
- 21 Wind project will lead to a reduction in
- 22 employment of about 700 jobs. Thank you.
- MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.
 - 73? Could we get 77, 78, 79, I think.

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2 MR. SCHLICHER: Good evening. My

- 3 name is Fred Schlicher. I live in Medford,
- 4 Massachusetts, and I currently serve as
- program manager for the Massachusetts Climate 5
- 6 Action Network.

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7 I speak tonight on behalf of the 47

- MCAN affiliated chapters that comprise the 8
- MCAN network and that represent more than 540 9
- chapter members in cities and towns throughout 10
- Massachusetts that work collaboratively with 11
- local government and other community groups to 12
- 13 stop global climate change.

14 Here is a short list of some of the

- reasons why our organization supports Cape 15
- Wind. The Cape Wind project is critical to 16
- 17 our national goal of creating a more
- sustainable energy future. The project will 18
- 19 improve air quality in the state as a result
- of reduced operations of polluting fossil fuel 20
- plants in New England, and it is the 21
- equivalent of removing 175,000 cars off the 22
- 23 road each year.

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The project will help promote

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- greater energy independence and energy 2
- 3 diversity and will create thousands of new
- jobs. I might parenthetically add that when
- this project was proposed and began to be 5
- studied, Massachusetts Climate Action Network 6
- had 12 chapters. We now enjoy 47 chapters. I
- think that speaks volumes for the interest 8
- 9 statewide in this issue and the importance of
- 10 moving ahead on this project. Thank you.

11 MR. MOORE: Thanks very much. The

- 12 next speaker. 74, please.
- 13 MS. RYAN: Hi. My name is Kate
- 14 Ryan, and I am a Boston resident and have
- 15 spent my summers vacationing on the Cape; I
- 16 also was a Yarmouth lifeguard for several
- 17 years on Nantucket Sound.
- 18 Being an avid surfer and swimmer,
- 19 protecting the scenic ocean views and delicate
- ecosystems is something that is very important 20
- to me. The DEIS inaccurately reports the 21
- 22 visual impact assessment results. The
- 23 technical report investigating the visual
- impacts of the Cape Wind project found that 24

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- every location with a view of the project
- would be, quote, "adversely affected." This
- report evaluated the view toward the project
- from 23 locations. Of these, there was no
- 6 view of the project from three locations.
- 7 Three additional sites were not evaluated
- because, quote, "no historic properties were
- affected." The view from all 17 of the
- 10 remaining locations was determined to have a,
- quote, "adverse effect" from the wind 11
- turbines. This shows how severe the esthetic
- 13 impact would be on locations as far as 14
- 14 miles away.

15 But in the DEIS, when the results

- of this report are presented, most of these 16
- 17 categorizations are completely reversed and
- labeled as "no adverse effect." For example, 18
- in the DEIR and FEIR, impacts on the Cotuit 19
- historic district were classified as "adverse 20
- impacts." However, this was reversed in the 21
- DEIS with the, quote, "no adverse effect" 22
- 23 designation. In fact, in an overwhelming 13
- 24 instances, the classification was reversed.

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- Thus the DEIS without explanation or
- justification changed most of the findings of,
- quote, "adverse effect" to, quote, "no adverse
- 5 effect" or "no effect."
- 6 I respectfully request that MMS
- acknowledge the significance of the visual
- impacts on Cape Cod and the Islands as well as 8
- evaluate the resulting effects to our local 10 economy. This is far more than a NIMBY issue.
- 11 People come to the Cape to enjoy the scenic
- 12 beauty of nature. That needs to be protected.
- MR. JARRED COBB: I am here because
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 - of my nephew. My big sister, who is a
- 15 resident of Nantucket Island, will be giving
- 16 birth to a little boy at the end of next
- 17 month. He will be coming into a world of
- turmoil and of pressing environmental 18
- 19 concerns.
- 20 The most imminent danger facing
- this planet is that of global warming. The 21
- 22 scientific debate is over. The top climate
- scientists are giving us a time frame of seven 23
- years to drastically cut our emissions, seven

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2 years.

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- 3 If we are to wait much longer, the
- effects of climate change will be
- 5 catastrophic. One third of all species could
- 6 be extinct by the middle of this century.
- 7 Billions of people will be displaced by rising
- 8 sea levels -- billions; not just a minority,
- billions.

10 There has never been such a 11

- challenge to our society in the history of
- civilization. I have heard some people speak
- 13 before me, all with a common theme, that it is
 - not yet time for clean energy. They have
- talked about alternatives for site location, 15
- hindered views, and obscure scientific 16
- 17 studies.

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- 18 With all due respect, everything
- they have said is bullshit. When I speak with 19
- my nephew in the future, I want to tell him 20
- that I did everything in my power to stop 21
- global warming. I think it will be difficult 22
- 23 to explain to him that we were not able to
- 24 build an offshore wind farm off of Nantucket

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- Island. I think he will be confused to hear
- about MMS and DEIS when he looks at the world 3
- in which he lives. 4
- I want to tell him that we did 5
- everything in our power to stop global 6
- warming, and I want him to know that I stood 7
- up against a wealthy minority of those who 8
- opposed it. Most of all, I want my nephew to
- 10 live in a world of clean energy and a stable
- 11 climate.

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- I call on those from the Alliance
- 13 to stop spreading lies and to think about the
- future of this planet, not their own selfish
- 15 interests. I call on the MMS to consider what
- 16 the future generations will thinking about the
- 17 petty bickering and stall tactics that we have
- witnessed tonight if we are not to act quickly 18
- enough on global warming. And I and my nephew 19
- 20 will be glad to see wind turbines spinning off
- 21 of Nantucket Island. Thank you.
- 22 MR. MOORE: Time. Thank you.
- MR. WATTLEY: I'm Glen Wattley, 23
- president and CEO of the Alliance to Protect

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- Nantucket Sound. I want to thank the Minerals
- Management Service for the opportunity for
- these public comments. Also, I want to thank
- the MMS for your community consensus policy.
- We've been in conflict for more than seven
- years now, and we really need to find some
- good solutions, and that process will be
- valuable to all of us.

10 We've heard about problems of coal

- mining, mountaintop removal. At Monday's 11
- hearing we heard one woman from Appalachia
- 13 tell several sad stories about the problems
- with mountaintop removal. One of her stories
- 15 was about the desecration of grave sites from
- a fall of a spoiled coal pile. That's wrong, 16
- 17 and that should never happen, in Appalachia or
- 18 desecration of grave sites here in
- 19 Massachusetts.

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20 As we have heard from the leaders

- 21 of the two local Wampanoag tribes, there is
- evidence of ancient Indian burial grounds 22
- 23 under Horseshoe Shoal. We need to be sure.

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We need to take the time to make sure that

- such desecration of grave sites does not
- happen in Nantucket Sound. We can't have 130
- monopoles being driven into such ancient
- 5 burial grounds.
- 6 I wish to address Appendix F again,
- about the high cost of the Cape Wind project.
- I appreciate the fact that an independent
- study was done on costs, and we haven't looked
- 10 enough at the impact on our electric rates on
- 11 Cape and Islands. Will this project raise our
- 12 monthly bills \$20 or \$40? Cape Wind needs to
- 13 answer such questions. Thank you very much.
- 14 MR. MOORE: Thank you. No. 77.
- 15 And 81, 82, and 83, if you would come up,
- 16 please.
- 17 MR. MOON: Hello. My name is Dan
- Moon, and I'm the president of the 18
- Environmental Business Council. The 19
- 20 Environmental Business Council is a nonprofit
- organization whose mission is to advance and 21
- promote environmental and energy services and 22
- 23 technology businesses in New England which
- employ thousands of environmental and energy

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professionals. I am here to support and 2

3 encourage the final approval of the EIS for

this important project.

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Climate change is one of the most

6 critical issues facing our society. We can

and must take steps now to reduce our carbon

8 footprint. Our strategy must consist of three

parts: the reduction of energy through

efficiency programs, the development of 10

noncarbon sources of energy, and, finally, the 11

capture and storage of carbon dioxide from the

burning of fossil fuels. We need to implement 13

14 programs in each of these areas if we hope to

be successful. 15

> Energy independence is also critical for the United States, and especially

for New England. Our goal must be to reduce

19 our reliance on imported oil and natural gas.

While we have existing energy 20

efficiency and conservation programs, we must

continue to expand and encourage their use. 22

23 We must also make a commitment to develop

alternative renewable energy sources, sources 24

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that include biomass, solar, nuclear, 2

geothermal, hydro, and wind energy. 3

Approval of the Cape Wind project 4

will help us meet these renewable-energy goals

and energy independence goals. There are 6

additional benefits. Cape Wind will also 7

provide a critical leading role to develop an 8

offshore wind energy for the region. There

10 are other efforts supporting the development

11 of this new industry. Mass. Technology

12 Collaborative and the U.S. Department of

13 Energy have developed an offshore wind

14 collaborative organizational business plan,

and also Massachusetts has recently won a U.S.

16 Department of Energy grant to develop here in

17 Boston a large wind turbine blade test

facility. 18

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19 Again, the Environmental Business

Council encourages you to timely approve this 20

project. Thank you.

22 MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.

23 We are at No. 78.

MR. MURPHY: My name is Roberta 24

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Murphy. I'm reading for Kristina Fjeld

Olenec, from the Dartmouth Institute for

Health Policy and Clinical Practice.

"Alternative sources of energy are

6 needed to limit our reliance on fossil fuels,

but we have to be careful that the benefits

8 outweigh the costs. If the Cape Wind proposal

is approved and a wind farm is installed, the

10 wind turbines will be seen and heard from

land. Studies have shown that the impact of 11

12 the implementation of the wind farm will have

13 a negative impact on tourism for the area and

seriously harm the fishing industry.

15 "The World Health Organization

defines 'health' as a state of complete 16

17 physical, mental, and social wellbeing, and

not merely the absence of disease or 18

19 infirmity. Studies have shown that exposure

to natural environments have been associated 20

with decreased length of hospital stays and 21

22 increased recovery time from illness.

23 "The ocean sounds and landscapes 24

offer healing environments for the human

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population. Cape Wind will limit access to

natural landscape environment, DEIS Section

5.1.1.1.8 and 5.1.1.1.11, the pristine

character of the landscape of Cape Cod that is

currently enjoyed by 6 million people

annually. 7

"The benefits of the Cape Wind 8

project include a reduction in fossil fuel

10 consumption, reduced emission at regional

11 power plants, and greater energy incidence --

12 it is estimated that 744 million in savings

13 from reduction in fossil fuel capital and

14 operating cost savings, emission reduction and

15 greater energy independence. However, the

16 costs of the project far exceed the fiscal

17 benefits. Through the building of the

project, through integration and 18

environmental -- estimating 952 million --19

MR. MOORE: It's time, Roberta.

21 MS. MURPHY: The costs outweigh the

22 benefits by 209 million.

23 MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.

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2 MR. FRANZEN: My name is Bill

3 Frantzen. I'm from Framingham, Massachusetts.

- I am not a waterfront homeowner on Cape Cod.
- 5 I am one of the millions of people who travel
- 6 to Cape Cod because I love Nantucket Sound for
- 7 its natural beauty. I love to travel to Cape
- 8 Cod often because it's the most beautiful and
- 9 most scenic place I know of, and I've traveled
- 10 all around the world.

11 I like the idea of wind power, but

I am against this location, and I feel this

13 location has stymied the proliferation of wind

14 development. Had a more reasonable location

5 been chosen, we would be producing energy by

16 now. It would have helped wind development,

17 not hurt it.

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18 Why is this location chosen? I

19 believe greed, not the environment. Power

20 from a real offshore site would be just as

21 valuable as power from Horseshoe Shoals, and

the technology now exists. We can have clean

23 renewable power, and not on the backs of

24 fishermen and the environment.

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Windmills will affect radar and, as

3 a result, safety of aviation and, in addition,

4 commercial fishing and pleasure vessels. The

5 airlines, the ferry companies, commercial

6 fishermen keep explaining that this will make

7 travel unsafe. The commercial fishermen say

- 8 that simply they can't even get their boats to
- 9 tow their fishing gear between the turbines
- 10 because they are too close together. They say
- 11 they need spacing of at least a mile between
- 12 turbines if they are to be blocked out of this
- 13 area.

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Why has this come so far? No other

15 wind farm that I am aware of has so many

16 negatives attached to it. And for what? The

17 option to move just 20 miles farther out to

18 sea exists. Cape Wind just doesn't want to

19 let moving this site affect its profits.

20 There are already wind farms much

21 further offshore existing in Europe, and we

22 have developers who have made a filing to

23 build a wind farm here in Massachusetts out

24 far enough from our shoreline as to not hurt

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2 our interests.

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3 Now I have come to a very different

4 but important point, our wallets. I have been

5 hearing and reading from some authorities a

6 proposed wind farm will increase the average

7 homeowner's electric bill \$20 to \$40 each

8 month, with fuel and grocery bills --

9 MR. MOORE: It's time. Thank you.

10 80. And 83, 84, 85, and 86, please.

MR. FOSTER: Hi, guys. I'm Mark

12 Foster, Jr., from Aquinnah, Martha's Vineyard.

13 I'll just get right down to the issues I have.

One, in Section 2.4.3.3 you mention

5 the fact that there's a possibility that

16 turbines will break down and how due to the

17 inclement weather during the wintertime that

18 you may not be able to fix these turbines for

19 any given period of time.

20 I don't understand how you can have

an energy statement in there and talk about

22 the economics of this project by using the

23 maximum or optimal energy that this wind farm

24 will produce through the entire year and not

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2 really taking into effect that turbines will

3 probably be undercommissioned and broken down

4 for extended periods of time.

5 The second point I have is that in

6 Section 2.6.1 you talk about the decommission

7 of the turbines, and you talk about the fact

8 that there is a chance of an oil spill in

9 decommissioning them. I don't think that

10 there's any reason that this should ever

11 happen. What I ask for you is a more

12 comprehensive plan for decommissioning, that

13 not only takes into account these small

14 impacts that even a small amount of oil can

15 have, but also the fact that if you're going

16 to decommission this plant, it has to be

17 completely decommissioned, completely. You

18 can't just leave things out there. That

19 doesn't make sense. It just doesn't.

20 We're talking a lot about global

21 warming and sustainable energy. This isn't

22 sustainable. It's 20 years. That's not

23 sustainable, 20 years at best. Please, just

reexamine this project.

214 Cape Wind Energy Project - March 13, 2008 1 Cape Wind Energy Project - March 13, 2008 1 2 MR. MOORE: 82? 81? 86 and 87, 2 How can a small portion of earth's 3 please, not to speak, but to make sure we've population's view be more important than the 4 got folks here in the chairs. Yes, sir. fact that 100,000 people have already died 5 MR. ROGERS: Good evening. My name from the effects of global warming? It's a 6 is Ian Pager Rogers. I'm here this evening on nonissue. It's a nonpoint. Commercial behalf of our honorable Congressman Ed Markey, fishermen? Give me a break, please, please. 8 Democrat of Massachusetts. Congressman Markey This needs to happen immediately. It needs to is the chairman of the Select Committee on happen now. 10 10 Global Warming and Energy Independence, and as So I suppose I'll leave you with 11 such, really is a crucial voice in determining 11 this. Again, I thank you for the breadth. 12 Add the thorough aspect of the report, and I the Massachusetts future for clean energy 13 projects for the benefit of Massachusetts, the 13 hope when you make the final draft of the 14 United States, and the rest of the world. 14 statement it will be just as bulletproof, 15 I'm here tonight because because in my opinion it is. None of these 15 objections that I've heard tonight even come Congressman Markey asked me to come and read 16 16 17 his position officially on global warming. 17 close to the thousands of pages of research 18 Congressman Markey's position officially on 18 that it took you folks seven years to compile. 19 global warming is as follows. (Pause.) 19 How can anyone from the Alliance or any of 20 Silence can be the most devastating 20 these commercial fishermen who had no part in sound. 21 21 compiling this research or even have anywhere 22 MR. MOORE: Thank you. Next? Is 22 close to the resources that you folks have 23 there and 82? 81? So it's 83. 23 dispute the information that you've come up 24 MR. HARLACZ: Hi. I'm Shane 24 with? It's unbelievable. This project needs 215 217 Cape Wind Energy Project - March 13, 2008 Cape Wind Energy Project - March 13, 2008 1 1 Harlacz. I'm a resident of Lynn, to happen now. The time for action is now. 2 Massachusetts; more importantly, a resident of 3 Thank you. 3 the planet Earth. How are you doing? 4 MR. MOORE: Thank you very much. 4 5 MS. SCOTT: My name is Katharine 5 Firstly, I'd like to congratulate the stenographer sitting over there. You Scott. I'd like to say, someone earlier said 6 6 happen to be my hero of the evening. Well that there was no entrepreneurial spirit among 7 any of our public officials. I'd just like to done, well done. 8 8 9 What I'd like to say is pretty say that I think that the entrepreneurial simple. The purpose of this hearing seems to spirit of many public officials is being 10 10 11 be to contest the veracity of what the 11 thwarted by the fact that the legislation is 12 Minerals Management Service Environmental 12 being held up on Beacon Hill. 13 Impact Statement has come out with. Although 13 I don't think this project is 14 it's taken seven years, which is in my opinion 14 cutting edge at this point technologically, an atrocity, because we can't hold back a 15 and I don't think that the eyes of the world 16 project like this when it's a home run for 16 will be on Massachusetts as redeeming the 17 climate change's sake, I do thank you for how 17 whole global warming situation. I think we thorough it is and how much it holds back all feel the urgency of that situation, and my 18 18 19 every major objection the Alliance can make, 19 question is whether this project is really the because in my opinion, some of them are 20 best way to address it.

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Someone earlier also said we really

need to start something big. I think that

it's possible that if we were starting with

many small things, we might be farther along

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21 founded, some of them are valid. They can

the urgency of global climate change.

transcended definitely, without question, by

22 certainly be discussed. But they're all

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- 2 than we actually are at the moment. My
- 3 understanding of the physics of this thing is
- 4 that this is the wrong scale and the wrong
- 5 physics for what we really need. The
- 6 concentration of -- concentrated-in-one-place-
- 7 type industrial-scale model for a power plant
- 8 is appropriate to the generation of
- 9 electricity from high-intensity fuels, such as
- 10 oil, coal, and nuclear. To generate power
- 11 from renewables that are diffuse,
- 12 low-intensity power sources, available pretty
- 13 much everywhere in some degree but nowhere all
- 14 the time -- for this purpose, the
- 15 industrial-scale model of concentrated
- 16 generation seems to me to be intrinsically
- 17 illogical. To the best of my understanding,
- 18 the only high-intensity renewables are ocean
- 19 energy. There is a lot of renewable energy in
- 20 Boston, plenty of jobs for people in Boston.
- 21 MR. MOORE: It's about time.
- 22 MS. SCOTT: So I feel those sources
- 23 should be exploited where they are.
- 24 MR. MOORE: Thank you. 87? 85?

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- 2 MS. BOHANNAN: Hi. I'm Melissa
- 3 Bohannon, from Waltham, Massachusetts.
- 4 I want to start off by saying I
- 5 fully support the Cape Wind project. To say
- 6 that the time for the United States to have
- 7 clean renewable energy coming from offshore
- 8 power plants is now is generous to those who
- 9 have postponed its development. Offshore wind
- 10 projects like this one are well overdue in the
- 11 United States. And our elected officials
- 12 should be proud to be finally making the Cape
- 13 Wind project a reality. Global warming is no
- 14 longer a debate. It is a serious and
- 15 undisputable problem, posing imminent danger
- 16 to all the human beings that inhabit the
- 17 earth.

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- 18 Furthering our production of clean
- 19 energy is a crucial step towards reducing the
- 20 emission of greenhouse gasses and reversing
- 21 the effects of global warming. It is our
- 22 responsibility as people of conscious and free
- 23 will to see that the necessary changes are
- 24 made and proper actions are made to help save

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2 our planet today.

3 I think the wind turbines are

- 4 beautiful, both in esthetic and in purpose.
- 5 The Cape Wind project must be approved. There
- 6 is no question.

7 I look forward to the day that I

- 8 can take my grandchildren to the beach, show
- 9 them the beauty of the ocean, point to the
- 10 horizon, speckled with wind turbines, and say,
- 11 "See those pretty little windmills in the
- 12 distance? Believe it or not, they helped us
- 13 to save lots of big furry polar bears." The
- 14 action and the time is now. Thank you.
- MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.
- 16 86. And could we also have 87, 88, 89, 90,
- 17 91, and 92. Please come up.
 - AUDIENCE MEMBER: Good evening. I
- 19 am here on behalf of Laura Sweeney. I'd first
- 20 like to thank the MMS for holding these
- 21 hearings. Laura Sweeney is a resident of
- 22 Gloucester, Massachusetts, and she's here to
- 23 address an engineering concern with her
- 24 coastal communities.

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- Our homes, our towns, they were all
- 3 built a long time ago to withstand a certain
- 4 amount of flooding. This is known as the
- 5 100-year storm surge. You probably have heard
- 6 it in the news about Hurricane Katrina and the
- 7 disaster that resulted from that.
- 8 But again, this assessment was made
- 9 many, many years ago, and now people of the
- 10 same profession that made these estimates, the
- 11 climatologists, the weathermen, the engineers,
- 12 are screaming that their past assumptions are
- 13 wrong, that the environment is changing, that
- 14 sea levels are rising at a conservative
- 15 estimate of 2 feet -- I'm sorry, 4 feet per
- century, and growing, and the matter is urgent
- 17 and there's limited time to fix it. "By all
- 18 means necessary" has become necessary.
- 19 To those who doubt that this threat
 - 9 TO those who doubt that this threa
- 20 to property values is greater than the threat
- 21 to the view or the fishing grounds, just ask
- 22 the insurance companies. Look at what they
- 23 think. Look how much the rates have gone up
 - in coastal communities across the country.

- 2 All this because of the concern of storm
- 3 surges and rising sea levels.
- 4 Nothing kills the push for clean
- air faster than this "Do as I say, not as I 5
- 6 do" attitude; and by choosing to oppose this
- 7 project, you are choosing to flood your own
- 8 homes.

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- 9 MR. SCHILCHER: My name is Mac
- Schilcher. I am 22 years old, and I'm a 10
- citizen of Massachusetts. 11
- 12 The most important issue in this
- 13 whole debate is global warming, the
- 14 contribution of our ever-expanding consumption
- of energy to that warming. This is a problem
- not only for our planet, not only for our 16
- 17 country, but for our national security and our
- 18 economy and for our earth.
- 19 Since man started drawing oil in
- 1859, we have consumed 1 trillion barrels. 20
- 21 There are an estimated 2 to 3 trillion left,
- 22 and the world is consuming them at a faster
- rate every day. We are seeing gas prices rise
- 24 10 cents every day. Every day we buy 12

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- 2 million barrels of oil from foreign countries.
- We are transferring our nation's wealth to 3
- 4 oil-exporting nations, some of which aren't
- too friendly with us. Our foreign policy with 5
- oil-exporting nations represents our demand 6
- for energy, not our national self-interest, 7
- and --R

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- 9 MR. MOORE: You need to slow down.
- 10 MR. SCHILCHER: -- that is
- 11 irreversibly damaging our global image. For
- 12 every dollar we spend at the pump, about 50
- 13 cents leaves this country. In short,
- America's energy demand will become a national
- crisis in the coming years unless we do
- 16 something about it now. Everyone who supports
- 17 this problem is here because they recognize
- the serious energy problem we are suffering. 18
- 19 If left unaddressed, our nation and our planet
- will suffer greatly. We are the richest and 20
- 21 most innovative nation on earth, and we need
- 22 to put billions of dollars in alternative
- 23 energy research. What we need is a massive
- 24 effort on the part of our Federal Government

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- to invest heavily in alternative renewable
- energy. If Saudi Arabia sits on the largest
- proven oil reserve and spends the second most
- in the world on solar research, then why
- aren't we the first? Why aren't we the
- second? Why aren't we the third, and on
- further? 8

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- This project only superficially 9
- addresses a much larger issue, the energy 10
- issue, and this project represents less than 11
- 12 one one-hundredth of a percent of our national
- 13 electricity demand, and that doesn't even
- 14 address the overall American energy demand, of
- which electricity is less than half. Before 15
- we drastically change the coast of 16
- Massachusetts forever, we should take a step
- 18 back and look at what we are doing and for
- 19 what cost.

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- 20 Do we really want 130 towers taller
- than the Statue of Liberty spread over an area 21
- larger than Manhattan directly off of the 22
- 23 undeveloped coast of Massachusetts? Towers
- 24 will blink and flash at night and drastically

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- alter the coast. On clear nights you may be
- able to see them from Boston. We need bigger
- answers, more research and better solutions,
- solutions that will help America in the
- future. This will be a Band-Aid on a much
- 7 larger energy issue.
- My name is Mac Schilcher. I hope 8
- to have children someday. I want them to have
- the opportunity to see the freedom of an open 10
- 11 ocean.
- 12 MR. MOORE: It's time and you need
- to stop. I'm sorry, you need to stop. Thank 13
- 14 you.
- 15 88? 89. 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, and
- 16 95, and 96.
- 17 MR. JONES: Hi. I'm Malcolm Jones.
- I first became aware of Cape Wind about six 18
- years ago, when -- I'm from Martha's Vineyard. 19
- I noticed the time of day, that the street 20
- lights were on in the daytime, and I sort of 21
- 22 questioned why we need windmills to put street
- lights on in the daytime. We need a change of 23
- behavior.

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2 But that led me to the trophy

- houses on Martha's Vineyard, hundreds of them, 3
- that are vacant and heated and this terrific
- amount of energy being used in them, and the 5
- people who own these houses certainly have the 6
- money to pay for this energy. And this is
- 8 sort of a misuse of energy.
- 9 I was brought up near a windmill in
- Martha's Vineyard in the '60s, but I was also 10
- a five-year-old kid when the 1938 hurricane 11
- hit, and I remember it very well. I went to a
- Cape Wind meeting, and it was said that 13
- 14 actually the 1938 hurricane was a Category 3.
- If you look it up, it's certainly a Category 15
- 5. I think the top winds were 182 miles an 16
- 17 hour.

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- 18 I feel that the people here are
- trying to be reasonable to have energy, but it 19
- seems that this is democracy here, for the 20
- people, and where democracy for the 21
- corporations are sort of fighting. If we take 22
- 23 tax money from the people and give it to a
- 24 private corporation, why don't we just give it

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- to the people? It seems that -- I 33 years 2
- ago put three solar collectors on my roof, 33 3
- years ago, and it has saved me over 75 percent 4
- a year in fuel. Thank you. 5
- MR. MOORE: Thank you very much. 6
- 90, 91, 92. 7
- MS. CHARDER: My name is Ara 8
- Charder, a Nantucket resident for 31 years. I 9
- thank you for holding this hearing and 10
- 11 allowing us the opportunity to discuss the
- destiny of our very fragile and pristine 12
- 13 waterway, Nantucket Sound, and more
- 14 specifically Horseshoe Shoal. It is good to
- 15 hear so many individuals in this room
- 16 recognize the need for green energy now, and I
- 17 applaud everyone. Teddy Roosevelt started the
- preservation of our national treasures with 18
- 19 his recognition of the unique and pristine
- Pelican Island, Florida. JFK continued with 20
- the preservation of the National Seashore. 21
- There are other opportunities. 22
- 23 Please consider offshore deepwater
- energy. Blue H has been brought up not only 24

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- at this hearing, but also on the hearing in
- Nantucket, which I was able to attend as
- well -- or at the very least, windmills at
- Otis International Base.
- Green energy? We all say yes. Do
- we need -- no, require green energy? Yes. Is
- Cape Wind in Horseshoe Shoal the solution? 8
- No. Is it an issue of safety? Yes. Sandy
- Taylor at the Nantucket hearing shared this 10
- quote with us: "Deliberate often, decide 11
- once." Public interest? We need to be
- concerned about the safety of this issue. 13
- 14 Offshore deepwater energy now.
- Thank you for listening. 15
- MR. MOORE: Thank you. Next? I 16
- 17 think it's 93. 94?
 - MR. BORDEN: Hi. I'm William
- Borden again. I've lived in Falmouth for 35 19
- years. I want to tell you I overwhelmingly 20
- support this project. I consider myself an 21
- environmentalist, so I don't take it lightly 22
- that Nantucket Sound is going to be tore up,
- 24 at least when they build it.

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- I'm also a Vietnam vet, disabled,
- 3 and I know that this country is going to have
- to continue to go to war over cheap oil, and
- so many people, our soldiers, are dying and
- come back disabled, and I can't imagine what
- it was like to be a father of an Iraqi family 7
- and find out what has happened to them. So
- the costs for this cheap oil are too much, too
- much of human life and too much -- it's just 10
- 11 not right.

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- I'm also a retired master sergeant.
- 13 I worked for 26 years in avionics, radar and
 - navigation systems. And I can tell you that
- 15 most of the stuff I heard on the U.S. Air
- Force talked about the radar problems. They
- 17 did the study after the British, and they
- found it wasn't a problem. My experience with 18
- radar and navigation systems, it's not cutting 19
- it. I think that there isn't any problem with 20
- these windmills or that causes them a problem. 21
- 22 The real problem is that Barnstable
- 23 Airport is where it is. It needs to be moved
- to Otis, since they closed it down, and then

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- 2 the flights and the noise and all the other
- 3 stuff they talked about will pretty much fix
- 4 themselves.

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- 5 I guess the way I look at it, I
- 6 have no problem -- this will be the first wind
- farm, and I'd like to see wind farms up and
- 8 down the coast. And that would be our major
- 9 energy source, and we wouldn't have to go
- 10 fight China and India and all the rest. It's
- 11 going to happen. World War III is going to
- 12 happen.

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- MR. MOORE: Thank you. 97?
- MR. LANKARGE: Hi. I'm Peter F.
- 15 Lankarge, of Brighton. For the last several
- 16 weeks I've been wearing a Yes to Wind button
- 17 on my jacket all around Boston, and I've
- 18 received such a warm reception from so many
- 19 excited strangers, who stopped and told me
- 20 they support the cause as well.
 - The excitement over the potential
- 22 for clean energy has become so, so palpable
- 23 here in the Commonwealth. The Cape Wind
- 24 project gives Massachusetts the opportunity to

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- 2 lead this nation's push towards a clean
- 3 future. What an opportunity to save the
- 4 planet, from the comfort of our back yard.
- 5 Let's get this wind farm up and running and
- 6 make our sound an icon in this movement to
- 7 clean up our country's approach to energy
- 8 production. Thank you.
- 9 MR. MOORE: 96. I want to make
- 10 sure that we've got 97, 98, 100, 101.
- 11 MR. OLIVIERI: I'm Luke Olivieri,
- 12 part-time resident for 44 years on the
- 13 gorgeous Cape Cod. I think everybody in this
- 14 room wants the same thing: clean, renewable
- 15 energy. It is a must. Let me propose a green
- 16 energy project that truly will work on the
- 17 Cape or any coastal area, providing unlimited
- 18 electricity without pollution, the tidal
- 19 turbine. The tidal turbine operates
- 20 underwater, completely out of sight. Only 20
- 21 feet in diameter, it generates electricity for
- 22 an uninterrupted 23 hours per day. There's
- 23 only one hour per day it won't spin, when the
- 24 tides change.

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- Wind turbines spin intermittently
- 3 at best or not at all because wind is
- 4 variable. Water currents are 1,000 times as
- 5 dense and forceful as wind currents. These
- 6 underwater turbines have been tested with
- 7 amazing success in New York City's East River.
- 8 When a single test turbine was installed, it
- 9 powered a huge supermarket and a four-story
- 10 car garage. With a Federal license, the
- 11 manufacturer can next install 300 turbines at
- the edges of the East River, providing power
- 13 for 8,000 homes.
- 14 Imagine the entire length of the
- 15 Cape Cod Canal lined with single-file ranks of
- 16 turbines on each edge. A thin line of buoys
- 17 notifies mariners of their position. The
- 18 turbine blades churn slowly enough not to harm
- 19 aquatic life.

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- 20 In Europe tidal power is nothing
- 21 new. In France, a hydrokinetic facility was
- 22 begun in 1960 and has been providing power to
- 23 90 percent of Brittany for over 40 years.
 - And now, please don't underestimate

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- the power of the people. It's time to seek an
- 3 injunction in Federal Court to place a
- 4 moratorium on the Cape Wind proposal in its
- 5 current form, to allow other proposals, such
- 6 as tidal turbines, offshore strategies, and
- 7 wave energy and solar technologies to be
- 8 brought to the table. We all deserve due
- 9 diligence. The Cape Wind is --
- 10 MR. MOORE: It's time. Please
- 11 finish. Thank you.
- 12 So we are at 98. 101, 102, 103,
- 13 104, and 105.
 - MR. MEYER: Good evening. I'm Bill
- 15 Meyer, and I live in Boston and West Tisbury
- on Martha's Vineyard on the shore of Nantucket
- 17 Sound, which is beautiful now and will still
- 18 be beautiful when the symbols, the shining
- 19 symbols of the future rise in the distant
- 20 horizon.
- 21 On behalf of the scores of citizens
- 22 who have worked for seven years for the Cape
- 23 Wind project, thank you for your initial
- 24 endorsement. On behalf of my two

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- granddaughters, thank you. The Cape Wind 2
- 3 project will make their future clearer and
- healthier.

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- 5 I advise you board members to
- 6 beware the wealthy waterfront homeowners and
- their influential politicians. They will try
- to discredit your environmental studies. They 8
- have already succeeded in delaying the wind
- farm in Nantucket Sound five years, five years 10
- now. Those are precious five years. 11
- 12 Cape Wind Associates had \$8 million
- in hand and planned to activate the project in 13
- 14 2006. Now it is planning a 2011 operational
- date. Time is of the essence. The health of 15
- the planet hangs in the balance. 16
- 17 The chairman of the U.N. commission
- which received a Nobel Prize for alerting the 18
- world on the immediate dangers of global 19
- warming recently said, "What we do in the next 20
- two to three years will determine our future." 21
- 22 MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.
- 100, and then 106, 107, 108, 109, and 110, 23
- 24 please come up.

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- MR. STIMPSON: Chris Stimpson, a
- director of Clean Power Now and executive 3
- campaign for Solar Nation. About an hour ago 4
- Mr. Wattley, of the Flat Earth Society, asked 5
- Cape Wind to explain how they're going to 6
- charge for their electricity. Since 7
- Mr. Gordon has already had his turn at the 8
- microphone, can I have a crack at this? Thank 9
- 10 you.

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- 11 It's time to set the record
- 12 straight concerning the cost of electricity
- 13 for Cape Wind to the user, which will not be
- 14 double or triple, as has recently been
- 15 claimed. Let me explain how Cape Wind can
- 16 sell their power.
- 17 First, they sign a power-purchase
- agreement with a retail distributor like NSTAR 18
- 19 for all or some of their power. The retail
- 20 distributor, operating in the competitive
- 21 market, wants to buy the lowest cost, and no
- one is forced to buy at some mythically high 22
- 23 price. It's what's known as the market.
- Two, Cape Wind can offer its power 24

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- to the hourly spot market run by ISO New
- England as a bid stack arranged from low to
- high. When the sum of the power offered
- reaches the anticipated load for that hour,
- the clearing price is established. If your
- bid was below the clearing price, you get to
- 8 sell your power into the grid. If it wasn't,
- you don't. It's called the market.
- 10 One important note: ISO rules
- allow renewable energy, such as hydro and 11
- wind, to be bid into the bottom of the bid
- 13 stack, at a fuel cost of zero, since that is
- 14 what the fuel costs.

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- MR. MOORE: Slow down a little bit.
- MR. STIMPSON: The written comments 16
- have already been submitted. So the most
- expensive offer is typically oil plants like 18
- the Canal plant in Sandwich, which will tend 19
- to be plucked off the top of the bid stack, 20
- thereby lowering the clear price paid to all 21
- successful bidders and reducing the cost of 22
- 23 electricity to you and me.
 - So the fact is that wind must

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- compete in the wholesale market, and it will
- always lower, not increase, the cost of
- electricity to the end user. In fact, the
- Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Board
- has estimated that New England customers will
- save \$25 million per year as a result of this 7
- fact. So thank you, gentlemen, and thank you,
- Jim.
- 10 MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.
- 11 We're jumping a bunch of numbers. I need to
- 12 know here. 104? I would like -- who is above
- 13 110, how many people do we have here? 111,
- 1112, 113, 114, and 115. Anyone in these
- 15 numbers? 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122,
- 16 123. I think we've got some full seats up
- 17 here.
- 18 Please.
- MR. PHILIP LaCOMBE: Thank you. 19
- I'd like to start out by saying that I'm a
- proud resident of Massachusetts. I grew up in 21
- Western Mass., and I currently attend 22
- 23 university at Brandeis University at Waltham.
- 24 From a young age I was taught to

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- respect the environment. As a little kid I 2
- 3 was taught to conserve water, recycle, and
- 4 turn off the lights when I left the room.
- Unfortunately, like most other young children, 5
- 6 I didn't necessarily listen to my parents when
- they said to turn off the light. It didn't
- 8 really matter that much to me.

9 However, recently I've learned that

10 the power that I get in Western Mass. comes

from two power plants, which are either 11

natural gas or coal. Unfortunately in my part

13 of the state we don't have potential for wind,

14 solar, geothermal, or hydroelectric, like we

do in the eastern part. 15

16 I would really like that if the

17 people of Cape Cod and the Islands could enjoy

clean power. I think that if the children 18

19 wouldn't have to worry so much about when they

turn on that light and when they turn it off, 20

21 it would be great for the residents of our

state. 22

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23 Unfortunately, I won't be able to 24 enjoy the benefits of wind power. Someone

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- earlier asked me, you're from western 2
- Massachusetts, why are you here? I told him 3
- 4 I'm here because this is such a great project
- and I had to support it in any way that I 5
- could. I really appreciate you staying here 6
- so late that I can submit my comments. 7

The power that comes from Cape Wind 8

- will be more than the coal-fired plant that's
- 10 in Holyoke, Massachusetts. I believe this
- 11 will be a huge benefit for our state. If that
- power doesn't come from Cape Wind, it has to
- 13 come from somewhere, whether it's from
- Somerset, which is also coal, or a nuclear
- plant. I hope that people realize, especially
- 16 the fishermen, that the 41 percent of the
- 17 mercury that's in our fish comes from power
- plants. I hope that we consider these 18
- 19 important things and have Cape Wind for our
- 20 state and for our country.
- MR. MOORE: Thank you very much. 21
- Speaker No. 110, you're on. 22
- MR. BOUCHIER: Good evening. My 23 name is Oliver Bouchier, and I wish to add my 24

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- voice in support of the Cape Wind project. It
- is my belief that we need to act immediately
- to reduce energy consumption and to find every
- 5 way imaginable to produce clean, renewable
- 6 energy. Cape Wind will be a small but highly
- visible step in that direction, and I believe
- that its wind turbines will soon be seen as 8
- things of beauty and symbols of hope. Thank
- 10 you.

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MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.

What are your numbers? 118? 119, 121.

13 MR. GONELL: I am here today to

14 plead the case of the U'wa tribe of

Northeastern Colombia and other surrounding 15

communities of that area. It may seem odd to 16

17 many of you that I bring up the plight of a

18 people that live so far from us, but the

19 reason why what is happening down there is so

important is because we are directly 20

connected. This is because the vast majority 21

of the cities on the Eastern Seaboard of the 22

23 U.S. use coal from this region to generate

24 energy. I have seen this coal coming into the

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- Salem Harbor, of Salem, Massachusetts. Let me
- tell you, it's dirty coal. And by dirty I 3
- don't mean that it's bad for the environment, 4
- because that's obvious. But what I mean is 5
- 6 that it's dirty as in blood-dirty.

While in Colombia I witnessed with

my own eyes the atrocities and blatant human 8

rights violations being implemented against

10 the inhabitants of the area by a U.S.-owned

11 mine. It's called the Drummond mine, and it's

12 based in Arkansas.

In Columbia entire indigenous

villages have been displaced, leaving

15 thousands of peasants homeless. These people

16 have nothing but the land they own and work.

17 The natural running water of these regions is

purposely contaminated by the mine in an 18

attempt to poison the wildlife and kill the 19

20 inhabitants' sort of livelihood. The mine

does this to force the indigenous inhabitants 21

22 to leave the area so that the mine can expand. The coal mine makes sure that its 23

workers, who are bused in from cities that are

- 2 far away, remain apathetic to these atrocities
- 3 by simply silencing them by way of death
- 4 threats. So far, since 2001 three union
- 5 leaders in Colombia have been assassinated by
- 6 paramilitaries that have been hired by this
- 7 American coal mining company. The case is now
- 8 being discussed in Colombia. There needs to
- 9 be action taken against this. We need to find
- 10 new sources of energy.

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- 11 MR. MOORE: Thank you. 119, and
- 12 then above 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126.
- 13 Anybody above 126? Will the two of you come
- 14 up. Thank you. Yes, sir, please.
- MR. ADLER: My name is Charles
- 16 Adler. I am a resident of Attleboro, have
- 17 been a resident of southeastern Massachusetts
- 18 for most of my life, and I've also lived and
- 19 worked on the Cape.

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- 20 Having held elective office as a
- 21 member of the Attleboro Municipal Council and
- 22 served on many other appointed boards, I am
- 23 sympathetic to the task that you of the
- 24 Minerals Management Service face as public

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- 2 officials to hear all the testimony and weigh
- 3 all the evidence before making your
- 4 recommendations. But if you use the public
- 5 interest as your guide, I believe you must
- 6 conclude that this project should go forward.
- 7 Three decades ago energy consultant
- 8 and practical visionary Amory Lovins wrote a
- 9 book urging our country to take the soft path
- 10 to energy independence through renewable
- 11 energy sources such as solar, wind, and hydro
- 12 power and through conservation. If we had
- 13 taken the advice of Lovins and others back in
- 14 the 1970s, we have might have reduced or
- 15 eliminated our dependence on Middle East oil.
- 16 As a result, our country might have been less
- 17 likely to become entangled in a military
- 18 operation in Iraq that is weakening our
- 19 economy, costing many lives, and damaging our
- 20 international reputation. However, it's not
- 21 too late to take the soft path, and arguments
- 22 for moving to sustainable energy sources are
- 23 now stronger than ever.
- 24 It was here in Massachusetts that

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- our nation's war of independence began, with a
- 3 shot heard round the world. In hosting the
- 4 Cape Wind project, our state would be firing a
- 5 shot for energy independence and a clean
- 6 environment.

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- 7 The visual impact the project will
 - have on the view from the Cape and the Islands
- has generated legitimate concern. When the
- 10 Eiffel Tower was built, the leading artists of
- 11 the day wrote a letter of protest, describing
- 2 the tower as an odious column of bolted metal
- 13 whose shadow would spread across the city like
- 14 an ink stain. Gustave Eiffel replied in his
- 15 own defense that the very conditions which
- 16 give strength also conform to the hidden rules
- 17 of harmony. In other words, a structure
- 18 designed purely according to engineering
- 19 principles could, without ornament, be
- 20 pleasing to the eye. History has proven
- 21 Eiffel correct. Thank you.
- MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.
- 23 No. 121.

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AUDIENCE MEMBER: My name's

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- 2 Kathryn. I'm 22 years old. I spent 14 years
- 3 living in Medfield, Massachusetts, spending
- 4 every summer in Dennis, Massachusetts.
- 5 If wind turbines were put up on the
- 6 beach I grew up on, I would be upset. A wind
- 7 project would affect the habitat and fishing
- 8 of that ecosystem. But wind power's impact on
- 9 the environment is not unique. All power has
- 10 an impact. Even if Cape Wind negatively
- 11 impacts species such as fish and birds, it
- 12 ought to be built.
 - I'd like to cordially welcome the
 - Save Our Sound folks to the real world.
- 15 Conventional power plants are ugly, too.
- 16 Nuclear power plants are ugly. Coal stacks
- 17 are ugly. Conventional power plants harm
- 18 species, too. But the species impacted by
- o species, too. But the species impacted by
- 19 conventional power is our species, human
- 20 beings.
- 21 I currently live in Connecticut in
- 22 the City of Hartford. I live less than four
- 23 miles from a trash-to-energy plant, where
 - 4 trash is burned to generate electricity.

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- 2 Plastics are often burned, and we inhale the
- 3 fumes. But we accept this generation source
- 4 because we know electricity generation has to
- be put somewhere. We sacrifice. 5

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- 6 I am here to ask the MMS to hasten
- the approval process of Cape Wind. I am
- 8 asking the residents of Nantucket to empathize
- with other Americans, like myself, and my
- fellow citizens in Hartford, who live by 10
 - energy resources that cause negative impacts.
- 12 I use only 200 kilowatthour a month
- in a apartment I share with my roommate. If 13
- 14 everyone in this auditorium used this amount
- of electricity or less, maybe we wouldn't need 15
- 16 to build new generation. But when opponents
- 17 of the Cape Wind project don't even know how
- 18 much electricity they use, I have trouble
- 19 believing that those opponents are serious
- 20 about energy efficiency.
- 21 I am confident that if the Cape
- Wind project is evaluated with logic and 22
- 23 science, it will be built. I know the
- 24 nation's first offshore wind turbine fell into

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- a situation where it wasn't clear what agency
- would evaluate this project, but if you told 3
- me the MMS would have to listen to the
- emotional lives of Nantucket water 5
- 6 enthusiasts, I would laugh. I am wrapping up.
- MR. MOORE: One sentence. 7
- AUDIENCE MEMBER: I have literally 8
- two. Sometimes I think it's funny, but mostly 9
- 10 I think it's sad that while sea levels are
- 11 rising, people talk about esthetics.
- 12 Opposition to this project is indefensible.
- 13 The project must be built.
 - MR. MOORE: If you're willing to
- 15 share what you wrote, it will help him.
- 16 I don't know what your numbers are,
- 17 but you're very high. 129. Okay, 129.
- MR. BORRUS: Good evening. Thanks 18
- 19 to the Minerals Management Service for your
- perseverance here. My name is David Borrus. 20
- I'm a business representative for Piledrivers 21
- 22 Local 56. I'm here tonight representing over
- 23 500 marine construction workers. And we have
- long supported the Cape Wind project, for many 24

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2 years now.

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3 In fact, I was reviewing some

- letters of support we'd written in the past to
- 5 get an idea of what I was going to say
- 6 tonight. The first one I looked at I noticed
- it said, "With the price of oil at over \$60 a
- barrel" -- you can see we wrote that one some
- time ago. In fact, the price of oil has long
- passed \$60 a barrel. It's long passed \$100 a 10
- barrel. And quite frankly, we believe it's 11
- 12 long past time to build the Cape Wind project.
- 13 The Cape Wind project is a
- 14 win-win-win for all of us. It's a win because
- it will provide good jobs with good benefits
- for the citizens of the Commonwealth of 16
- 17 Massachusetts. It will produce clean
- renewable energy without carbon footprint. 18
- 19 It's a win because it secures our energy
- independence. 20
- 21 But perhaps the most important win
- will be for our children and our 22
- grandchildren. Let's not kid ourselves. Each
- 24 day we deliberate over the view of a few, our

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- addiction to fossil fuels makes our world for
- us and for future generations that much more
- perilous, environmentally, economically, and
- 5 politically.

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- Over a thousand years ago the Rabbi 6
- Hillel asked the question we all need to
- answer: If not now, when? On behalf of 8
- Piledrivers Local 56 and the New England
- 10 Regional Council of Carpenters, we urge you to
- 11 approve the EIS statement and let's build this
- 12 power plant. Thank you.
 - MR. MOORE: Thank you. Is anyone
 - above 141? Would you please come up, too. So
 - anyone else above 141. Thank you.
- 16 MS. GORDON: Hello. Hi. My name
- 17 is Meg Gordon, and my husband, Jim Gordon, is
- the developer of the Cape Wind project. As a 18
- 19 young child, my mother used to rent a home in
- Chatham every year, and I looked forward to 20
- going through every summer. It was our only 21
- vacation. I still go back to the Cape every 22
- summer. I still look forward to it. I never 23
- knew that Cape Cod and its beaches and some of

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- those same places I went to as a child would 2
- become so much a part of my life and my 3
- family's life.

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- A lot of people ask Jim and I how 5
- we keep going and why we keep going. The only 6
- thing I can tell you is that I hope and I pray
- that you look at the facts of this project and 8
- nothing more, just the facts. Whether we
- prevail or we don't, I believe in my heart 10
- that my husband has done the right thing. 11
- 12 Thank you.
- 13 MR. MOORE: Thank you very much.
- 14 Sir?

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- AUDIENCE MEMBER: My name is 15
- (inaudible). I live on the Cape. I didn't 16
- realize it was going to be such an intimate 17
- setting by the time I got here. 18
- 19 About a month ago, after listening
- 20 to all the rhetoric and the propaganda, I
- guess from both sides for seven years I came 21
- to realize I didn't really understand what 22
- this stuff is about. So I decided to do some 23
- 24 research, went to the Web, and I've done a lot

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- of research over the last month. 2
- And what I found is to me 3
- astonishing. It leads me with only one 4
- conclusion, and that is you have to reject 5
- this thing on its merits. The reason you have 6
- to reject it on its merits is wind is 7
- inherently a failed technology. Here are the 8
- reasons why. One? It's grossly unreliable. 9
- Two, it's wildly erratic and unpredictable 10
- 11 when it is running. Three, it can't be
- 12 scaled. A little bit more on each.
- 13 Unreliable: I went to a number of
- 14 studies done about every wind power farm I
- 15 could find on the planet, the United States,
- 16 Canada, the UK, Denmark. There isn't a wind
- 17 farm that I could find that was documented
- that operates more than 30 percent of the 18
- time. Stated another way, 70 percent of the 19
- time they're doing nothing. How can you 20
- assign this technology to something we need so 21
- badly? 22
- 23 No. 2, they're erratic and
- 24 unpredictable when they are running. What's

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- the impact of this? When the wind is blowing,
- it's gusting 21 knots one minute, running at 5
- to 10 knots another minute. It puts an
- enormous strain on the power grids that manage
- them. They don't as a result power down their
- systems and all of these rosy savings
- 8 announcements are never achieved.
- Finally, scalability: 26 square
- miles, that's half the size of the Town of 10
- Barnstable. How many of these are you going 11
- to build and where are you going to build
- 13 them?

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- 14 On those three very important
- reasons, you have to reject this. Wind power 15
- will not be the answer for us ever, ever. It 16
- hasn't been anywhere around the world today.
- 18 The only reason why they would build is
- because there are subsidies everywhere you go, 19
- including this one. Cape Wind would not build
- this without the subsidies. That's the only 21
- 22 way they exist.
- 23 MR. MOORE: It's about time. Thank
- 24 you. Does anyone else have a number? I think

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- 2 not.
- So I think that we've come to the 3
- end of our four days of hearings. It's
- interesting: As we've gone through this,
- there have been a lot of different ways that
- 7 all of you as citizens both of here and
- farther across the country and around have
- tried to persuade each other. You presented
- facts, studies. We've heard a lot of local 10
- knowledge, logic, personal stories, appeal to 11
- 12 big pictures. We've heard visions. We've
- 13 heard concerns. We've heard fear. We've
- heard humor, emotion, passion. And we've also
- 15 heard hope.
- 16 This is a tribute to all of you,
- 17 both to try to persuade each other and to try
- to bring light to Minerals Management Service 18
- 19 and in fact to all of us on a very, very
- 20 difficult issue. It's one that affects us
- locally, regionally, nationally, and probably 21
- 22 globally.
- 23 So now your information is in to
- MMS, along with at the end of the comment

- 2 period where you can send additional comments.
- 3 And it will have to be deliberated upon, and
- 4 ultimately there will be a decision. But I
- 5 think you can rest assured that the input that
- 6 you've had will be considered, and it will be
- 7 considered carefully, and there will
- 8 ultimately be a decision, and hopefully it
- 9 will be one that will be good for all of us.

10 So Jennifer and I from CDR would

11 like to thank all of you, thank MMS, and thank

12 the university here. And I'd like to turn it

13 over to Rodney to close the meeting.

MR. CLUCK: It's been an

5 interesting week. I have to say, I'm a little

- 16 glad it's over, because I'm tired. But thank
- 17 you all for all your thoughtful comments.
- 18 They will all be considered. We do have our
- 19 work cut out for us.
- 20 I want to thank Chris Moore from
- 21 CDR, Jennifer, and TRC, and our stenographer;
- 22 it's been rough for him. So thank you all.
- 23 Good night.
- 24 (11:40 p.m.)

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