



Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

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Commissioner

Lighthouse Wind
310 4th Street
Charlottesville, VA 22902

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Re: CASE 14-F-0485 – Application of Lighthouse Wind

Dear Lighthouse Wind,

The Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) has received a copy of the Preliminary Scoping Statement (PSS) for the Lighthouse Wind Project in the Towns of Somerset and Yates, Niagara and Orleans Counties in the State of New York.

OPRHP is an interested party in these proceedings. Agency staff have reviewed the PSS and make the following comments:

1. When the PSS mentions lighting the turbines is it talking about navigational lighting (blinking red lights for aircraft) or are they planning on lighting the turbines for visibility? If this is for visibility it is suggested that the lighting follow dark sky principles so as not to create additional light pollution in the area.
2. The same visual analysis that is planned for the preferred alternative should be undertaken for all alternatives that are being considered. Without those other analyses there is no way to compare the visual impacts from the various alternatives.
3. One of the viewpoints should be taken from the upper floors of the 30 Mile Lighthouse. Knowing the impact on the view from that structure would be important and it may not be enough to only consider those impacts using topography and vegetation from a point on the ground.
4. The effectiveness of photographic simulations is questioned because of the possibility of manipulation. The use of balloons to simulate the height of the turbines is preferred.
5. It is suggested to use photographic simulations to compare the effects of several different colors of turbines. The color of least impact would be the preferred alternative.

The agency also asks to remain on the list of interested parties and to receive all further communications regarding this matter.

Please note that additional comments on historic impacts may come separately from the State Office of Historic Preservation at Peables Island, NY.

Sincerely,

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