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Opposition to Proposed Offshore Wind Projects

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

Good Day,

We are Richard D. Hubbard and Andrea K. Lueker and have lived on the Central Coast of California, in the small town of Los Osos since the mid-1980's. Our love for this area includes the rugged, wild coastline, abundance of healthy marine and bird species, the beautiful night skies largely unmarred by artificial light and the quiet lifestyle of a sparsely populated area. We do, however, have industry here, including the Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant that we have resided "next door" to and been subject to the dangers that such a facility brings, along with the abundance of clean energy.

We are adamantly opposed to the proposed offshore wind project in the Morro Bay Wind Area and also align ourselves with many of the comments and concerns presented in the hundreds of correspondences you have received in opposition to the proposed project.

Succinctly, we provide a few points.

1. This technology, floating wind turbines and floating substations, is new and unproven. This proposed project is a grand experiment being forced upon all those who live, work and visit the central coast.
2. While the local, federal and state supporting agencies continue to deny causation or even correlation between the HRG Site Surveys and marine species death, take a look at the data from the East Coast where at least 470 whales have died since the onset of the East Coast HRG surveys in 2016.
3. The disruption, relocation and "closure" of fishing grounds for commercial fisherman as a result of these proposed projects is unacceptable, and an impact of this magnitude may actually be the end of commercial fishing in and around our area.
4. The carbon footprint of offshore wind is significant and at the end of the day, looking at the proposed project from a "cradle to grave" standpoint, offshore wind makes no sense!
5. The end cost of energy from offshore wind is estimated at \$145/Mwh with the current cost of energy in California at \$40 (NREL 2022 Study), taking the simple action of just turning on your lights at night extremely cost prohibitive, especially to those who are financially struggling.

6. Typically plans are completed before the actual project begins. However, in this case and with the Strategic Plan, we know that Equinor has begun their work in the offshore waters beginning over the weekend – on April 19/20, 2024 in the midst of whale migration. Allowing profit making offshore wind companies to move forward before the “Plan” is complete, is very telling on how this entire project will move forward.

6. During the first AB525 Workshop, one of the presenters during their presentation on the environmental impacts section, commented - **there remains hundreds of questions regarding the project impacts, yet no specific answers regarding many of the impacts are available or quite frankly even known.**

In closing, please take a hard look at all the problems and impacts to the environment encountered by our sisters and brothers regarding offshore wind in Europe and on the East Coast and realize that offshore wind is not green, sustainable, and puts our marine environment and species within, commercial and recreational fishing, as well as many others in harm’s way.

Bottom line, a strong halt needs to be put to these projects with a “no project alternative”.

Thank you,

Richard D. Hubbard

Andrea K. Lueker