

Luly Massaro - Fwd: FW: What's the Real Cost of Deepwater Wind Power?

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Luly,
 For the Commission record.
 Thanks, Mary

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Dear RIPUC Board,

I have only read about the Deepwater proposal for offshoring windpower in the context of the *Providence Journal* articles, but there seems to be a great deal missing in the rationale for why we would pay as high as 24.4 cents per kilowatt to Deepwater when TransCanada (for example) potentially has wind-generated power available as low as 11 cents per kilowatt.

Will RI jobs constructing and maintaining offshore systems justify strapping RI businesses and residents with such high power costs? What are the secondary effects to our economy of transferring those high electricity costs?

If the goal is having windpower supply more future energy to RI then why aren't we taking bids and ideas from TransCanada or whoever else originates their wind power in New England? Those are still regional jobs with a regional impact, and it means cleaner, lower electricity costs for RI businesses.

Why is there no apparent competitive bidding on this project when Deepwater is more of a facilitator of wind systems than a designer and manufacturer? Having a technology *creator* in RI might be worth the investment!

I've been in the technology business for over 23 years, writing about product development and engineering costs on international subjects ranging from aerospace to toy manufacturing. Currently, we are writing and educating people about the use of composite analysis in wind blade design and other engineering issues related to wave power and solar.

The PUC and Governor's office have not done enough to make this proposal transparent to the public. Lay out the raw numbers for us so we can decide our own future-and it is our future that is at stake if smart, honest decisions are not made on behalf of Rhode Islanders. Do you have a link to a website that contains detailed cost projections?

Sincerely,

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