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Public Utilities Commission  
89 Jefferson Blvd.  
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Gentlemen:

Please accept this public comment to dockets D-10-126, 4232, and 4268. Please give them your thoughtful consideration.

I am a retired Engineer, designed motors and generators for General Electric, and have contributed over 2000 hours to state political issues since moving to Rhode Island in 1995.

Summary:

- (1) Testimony given to you on these dockets by Mister Benjamin Riggs is not his alone. He speaks for the Silent Majority, and for me. Please ensure that it is given that appropriate weight.
- (2) The three dockets deal with various monetary incentives for "Renewable Energy" projects.

These incentives are a serious betrayal of the public trust and a misuse of the public's money, because they are based on false promises which are not possible to keep.

- (3) The tide has turned. There is a rapidly growing backlash against the Renewable Energy movement. The Rhode Island movement is increasingly out of step with state and National public support.

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Discussion:

- (1) A common error in Rhode Island politics is to treat silence as tacit approval. The RI Renewable Energy movement is not "The Will of the People". It is a special interest group.

Barrington and North Kingstown are living evidence that, as facts become public, public opposition to the movement increases. Both towns aborted windmill plans after the facts were exposed.

The Silent Majority must trust the integrity of those like the Commission and Mister Riggs to protect them from self-serving special interests.

- (2) The promises made by the Rhode Island Renewable Energy movement are not possible to keep, because the accomplishments promised have already been accomplished by others, ie;

(A) The environmental goals were met and surpassed by a huge margin when RI power plants were converted to natural gas. That cannot be claimed again. It's over.

(B) The goals have been further surpassed by a spectacularly successful energy efficiency program. RI is already one of the 3 greenest states in the country.

(C) It was determined about 5 years ago that the only viable site for windpower in the state is offshore, NOT on.

The RI movement's promises, therefore, are a form of identity theft; an attempt to be rewarded handsomely for what others have already done.

Enclosures I, II, and III contain proof of the above.

- (3) Enclosure IV shows news releases which confirm that the tide has turned. For sources and more releases see website [www.windaction.org](http://www.windaction.org). It grows daily.

The US Supreme Court recently firmly rebuffed an attempt to get the Court to provide a false illusion of legitimacy to Energy activism. Please emulate the Court's integrity and do likewise.

4 Enclosures



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I

PROVIDENCE  
JOURNAL

Electricity generating plants in Rhode Island

Plant name	Fuel	Owner	Capacity (megawatts)
Rhode Island State Energy Johnston	Gas	FPL Energy Operating Services, Inc.	515
Manchester Street Providence	Gas/Petroleum	Dominion Resources, Inc.	421
Tiverton Power Tiverton	Gas/Other	Calpine Corp.	239
Ocean State Power Burrillville	Gas	TransCanada Power Marketing	438
Pawtucket Power Associates Pawtucket	Gas/Petroleum	Sempra Energy Trading Corp.	64
Ridgewood Rhode Island Generation Johnston	Landfill gas	Ridgewood Rhode Island Generation, LLC.	15
Rhode Island Hospital Providence	Gas	Rhode Island Hospital	10
Block Island New Shoreham	Petroleum	Block Island Power Co.	7
Central Power Cranston	Petroleum	State of Rhode Island	5

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Energy, ISO New England

OIL ≈ 15%  
COAL 0  
GAS (CLEAN) 85%

# Rhode Island - 50 m Wind Power

II

71°30'

71°

42°

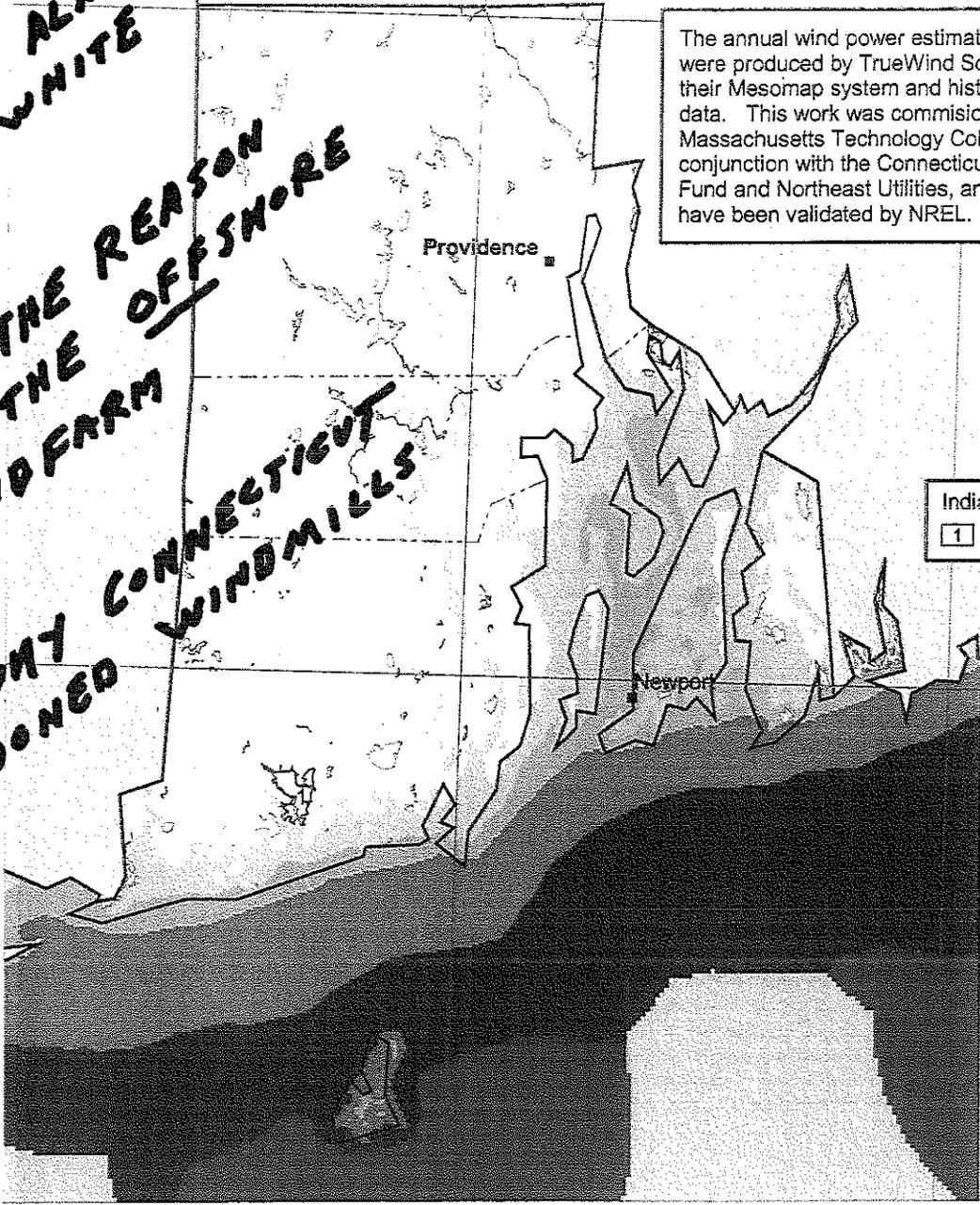
41°30'

41°30'

The annual wind power estimates for this map were produced by TrueWind Solutions using their Mesomap system and historical weather data. This work was commissioned by the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, in conjunction with the Connecticut Clean Energy Fund and Northeast Utilities, and the results have been validated by NREL.

Indian Reservation  
 1 Narragansett

STATE IS ALMOST ALL WHITE  
 THIS IS THE REASON FOR THE OFFSHORE WIND FARM  
 IT IS WHY CONNECTICUT ABANDONED WINDMILLS

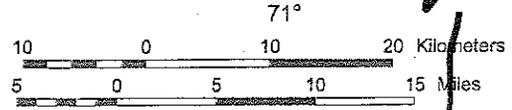


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## Wind Power Classification

Wind Power Class	Resource Potential	Wind Power Density at 50 m W/m <sup>2</sup>	Wind Speed <sup>a</sup> at 50 m m/s	Wind Speed <sup>a</sup> at 50 m mph
1	Poor	0 - 200	0.0 - 5.6	0.0 - 12.5
2	Marginal	200 - 300	5.6 - 6.4	12.5 - 14.3
3	Fair	300 - 400	6.4 - 7.0	14.3 - 15.7
4	Good	400 - 500	7.0 - 7.5	15.7 - 16.8
5	Excellent	500 - 600	7.5 - 8.0	16.8 - 17.9
6	Outstanding	600 - 800	8.0 - 8.8	17.9 - 19.7
7	Superb	> 800	> 8.8	> 19.7

<sup>a</sup> Wind speeds are based on a Weibull k value of 2.0



U.S. Department of Energy  
 National Renewable Energy Laboratory



LAND BASED WINDPOWER COSTS 20.8 cents/KWH

III

On 9/13/11 The Providence Journal describes a 100KW windmill to be erected by the DEM as follows:

Cost \$688,000

Power produced 165,000 KWH per year

Assuming the standard 20 year life, the cost is 20.8 cents per KWH.

Its operating efficiency: 18.8 % (Unacceptable)

This is comparable to the Block Island windfarm cost, which the PUC had termed "Not Reasonable".

This proves that land-based windpower is not viable in RI.

A crucial question which MUST be answered is, "Who allowed this project to be permitted?"

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# RECENT RELEASES

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IV

If elected US president, Republican candidate Mitt Romney would end federal government support for the solar and wind industries, and curtail the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) "reckless regulatory behaviour" and "war on carbon."

COLUMBUS -- Ohio's mandate that utilities find a quarter of their power from renewable and advanced technology sources by 2025 would become a thing of the past under a bill introduced this week.

State Sen. Kris Jordan (R., Powell) has proposed stripping the requirement from Ohio's 2008 rewrite of energy law. The bill has two Republican co-sponsors from the Cleveland and Cincinnati areas.

ALBANY -- An ambitious plan for what was to be the nation's first freshwater wind farm with as many as 150 large turbines in Lake Erie off Buffalo's shoreline is being halted, a state lawmaker with firsthand knowledge said Thursday.

Less than two years after the New York Power Authority unveiled its wind turbine plan as a major generator of green energy and jobs in Western New York, the authority is quietly shelving the project.

Delmarva Power has granted NRG Bluewater Wind another contract extension, giving the offshore wind developer until the end of the year to put money down or walk away from its planned wind farm.

The offshore wind project has faced problems getting financing after a federal loan guarantee program the company sought was significantly scaled back earlier this year.

General Electric, the U.S.-based industrial giant and leading manufacturer of wind-power turbines, is scaling back efforts to expand its presence in the offshore wind power market.

The rationale: there is no meaningful offshore wind market to speak of - at least not yet.

Given slower-than-expected industry growth, the offshore market may not mature as rapidly as many wind boosters once believed.

Quietly but systematically, the <sup>PENNSYLVANIA</sup> administration has all but shut down the state Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Energy and Technology Deployment -- the state's primary energy office -- and removed directors and reassigned staff in the Office of Energy Management in the Department of General Services and the Governor's Green Government Council.

It has also forbidden state executive agencies from signing contracts that support clean energy supply.