Renewable Energy and Natural Resource Protection in the New Jersey Coastal Zone

Northeast / Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting

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New Jersey Climate & Energy Background

- Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI)
- → Executive Order #54
- Global Warming Response Act
- ∽ State Energy Master Plan
- Blue Ribbon Panel

New Jersey EMP Wind Mandates

→ Offshore

→ Onshore



Image: Associated Press

Blue Ribbon Panel on Development of Wind Turbine Facilities in Coastal Waters



STATE OF NEW JERSEY Blue Ribbon Panel on Development of Wind Turbine Facilities in Coastal Waters

> FINAL REPORT TO GOVERNOR JON S. CORZINE

Recommendations
Natural Resources
Economics, Tourism
Ocean Uses

APRIL 2006

Coastal On-land Wind Generation



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Regulation Permitting



Coastal Off-shore Wind Generation
 NJDEP Ocean Baseline Study

Commerce, Economic Growth & Tourism Commission Economic Study

 Board of Public Utilities Solicitation and Award

Ocean Baseline Study



January 2008 - June 2009

Technical Working Group

Study Elements



Living Resources
Physical Resources
Oceanographic Data

An Assessment of the Potential Costs and Benefits of Offshore Wind Turbines

→ Tourism

- Residential property value
- Commercial property value

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AN ASSESSMENT OF THE POTENTIAL COSTS AND BENEFITS OF OFFSHORE WIND TURBINES







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BPU Solicitation and Award

- \$19 million for a 350 megawatt project
 - Awarded October 2008
 - Meteorological tower 2009
 - Construction 2010



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Next Steps