



Statement of Position
On Offshore Wind Industry

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Dominion Power and Orsted, formally Danish Oil and Natural Gas, have partnered to build two demonstration wind energy turbines approximately 25 miles off the Virginia Beach coast. These two test turbines will be precursors to growing a large-scale development of offshore wind energy in a lease area that could generate 2000 MW. The test turbines are projected to be in-service by 2020, making them the first turbines to be installed in federal waters in the U.S.

The designated Commercial Wind Energy Area in Virginia's waters is approximately 113,000 acres and was established by an intergovernmental task force stakeholder group that included DoD, the Navy, NASA, commercial shippers, commercial and recreational fishing industries, Hampton Roads localities and the state. The lease for the area is currently held by Dominion Power.

The benefits of establishing Hampton Roads as an offshore energy industry hub are numerous and significant. Virginia Beach has become the landing point for multiple transoceanic high-speed data cables, and these cables could lead to the construction of server farms that will be users of large amounts of electricity. It is an industry that has indicated a preference for renewable energy as a primary source. Hampton Roads is also positioned to become home for an offshore wind supply chain. With a maritime workforce that includes welders, engineers and a strong veteran population it already offers the skills that align with the supply chain needs of the offshore industry. Combined with a port that has no overhead restrictions to the Open Ocean, deep channels, and significant amounts of lay-down space at waterside, the area offers competitive advantages to the offshore wind energy industry.

Governor Northam has recognized the significant economic opportunities that offshore wind energy can bring to the Commonwealth, having selected a globally recognized team to develop strategies to strengthen Virginia's position in attracting the offshore wind supply chain and service industry.

Efforts to further the opportunity to position Virginia Beach and the region as a hub for offshore wind energy generation aligns well with Virginia Beach Vision's mission to create a vision and advance initiatives necessary to the City of Virginia Beach and the Hampton Roads region's future development, prosperity and quality of life.

Virginia Beach Vision's Board of Directors therefore applauds the Virginia Beach City Council in their adoption, on August 7, 2018, of a Resolution Supporting Offshore Wind off the Coast of Virginia and their support of the Dominion Power - Orsted installation of demonstration wind energy test turbines. We further support Dominion Power's filing for regulatory approval of the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind area through the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and with the State Corporation Commission.