

TO: COMMISSIONERS GERMANI, ROBERTI AND BRAY  
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REGARDING: Docket 4185

My husband, Michael and I had the opportunity and privilege to be Interveners in Docket 4111 regarding the PPA between Deepwater Wind and National Grid.

Unfortunately, I have not participated as fully in Docket 4185 as I would have liked. I was actively engaged with the legislature during the weeks and months of negotiations before the new energy bill was passed. My mother was taken ill the end of June and I stayed with her until she passed away on July 16<sup>th</sup> at the age of 88. She always kept up with this conversation. She would say, "How are the wind mills going...and we would talk and she would always end by saying" Why would anyone want to ruin such a beautiful place as Block Island. It would be such a shame." She would want me to participate now and to say something.

Being an Intervener with a Utilities Commission was a new experience for me. During the course of Docket 4111, I was impressed with the rigor and authenticity that the Commissioners and Legal Counsel brought to their investigation. In a world where one could expect outcomes consistent with the status quo, it was inspiring and gratifying to witness the PUC ruling based on their findings of evidence and their independent judgment in the face of opposing political pressure. I was truly moved by the privilege of being an American.

I am still cheering on those who are opposed to DWW picking the pockets of RI ratepayers and passing it off as "green is good". The legacy of renewable energy should not be that of hedge funds and investors filling their pockets with ratepayers and taxpayers money, while many everyday citizens continue to lose their jobs and find it hard to pay their bills.

In addition, I am a lover of nature. I know that not everyone sees things the same way. Here is how I see it. There will never be another Block Island. It is unique, incredibly beautiful and has a powerful sense of place. It is a place that connects people...all kinds of diverse people. We are returned to ourselves in places like this, these holy places---not at industrial sites. I would no sooner want to see wind turbines on the shores of this Island than to see them looming over the Louvre, the Grand Canyon or the Teton Mountains.

Renewable energy is too important not to get it right. We have two things that are in the balance here and both are very fragile. The rights of Americans to be protected from greedy corporate interests and the stewardship of places that contribute to humanity, as Block Island does.

I have read much of the testimony of Docket 4185, and see very little that is different, though perhaps it is getting clearer that the existing businesses in Rhode Island will be “bankrolling” a bad contract between a “shell” company, Deepwater Wind, LLC and National Grid, a British company, that seems to have lost its way regarding representing the best interests of its Rhode Island ratepayers.

I pray that you will once again turn down this unfair and blatantly inappropriate legislation.

Regards,  
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