OFFSHORE WIND ACCELERATOR PROJECT WEBINAR SERIES

Why Offshore Wind in the Southeast?



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Today's Agenda

- Introduction by Val Stori, OWAP Project Director
- Presentation by Jen Banks, Southeastern Coastal
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- Presentation by Perrin Dargan, K&L Gates (perrin.dargan@klgates.com)
- Time for questions



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Offshore Wind Accelerator Project

- OWAP Objective: Address key challenges facing offshore wind in five focus areas
- Work with individual States to assist with the development of strategic, long-term policies to advance offshore wind and develop a serious process to get to OSW scale in the U.S.
- Work on regional strategies with multiple states to increase opportunities for joint funding, networking and information sharing, joint procurement, supply chain and siting cooperation.
- Work on developing new finance tools and mechanisms, including buyers' networks and joint aggregated purchases, to provide the needed capital to scale up the offshore wind industry.
- Continue to communicate of ideas and policy developments between states and other stakeholders through OWAP.
- Work with leading European and UK policy makers to learn about the more established experience with offshore wind in those countries, and import that knowledge to US energy policy makers.



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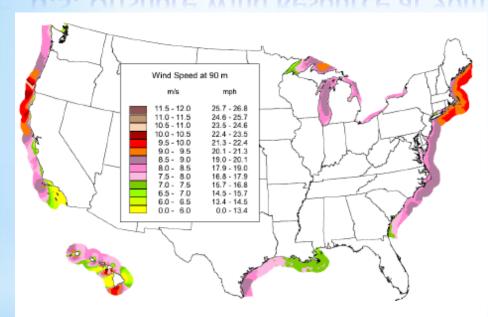
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*Southeastern Coastal Wind Coalition

- *Mission: to advance the coastal and offshore wind industry in ways that result in net economic benefits to industry, utilities, ratepayers, and citizens of the Southeast.
- *www.secoastalwind.org

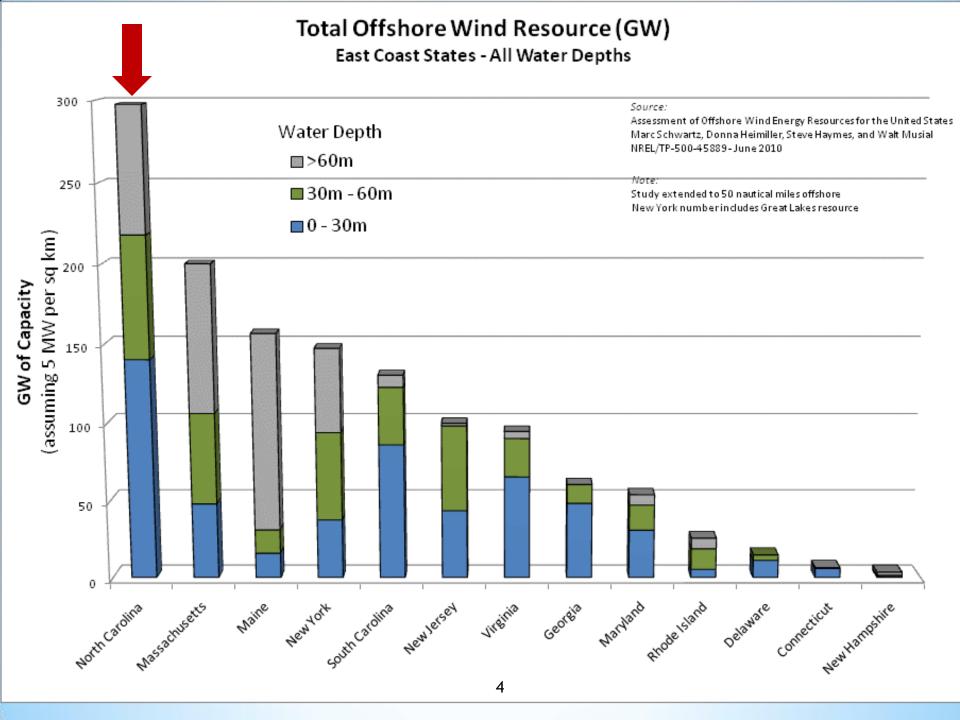


U.S. Offshore Wind Resource at 90m

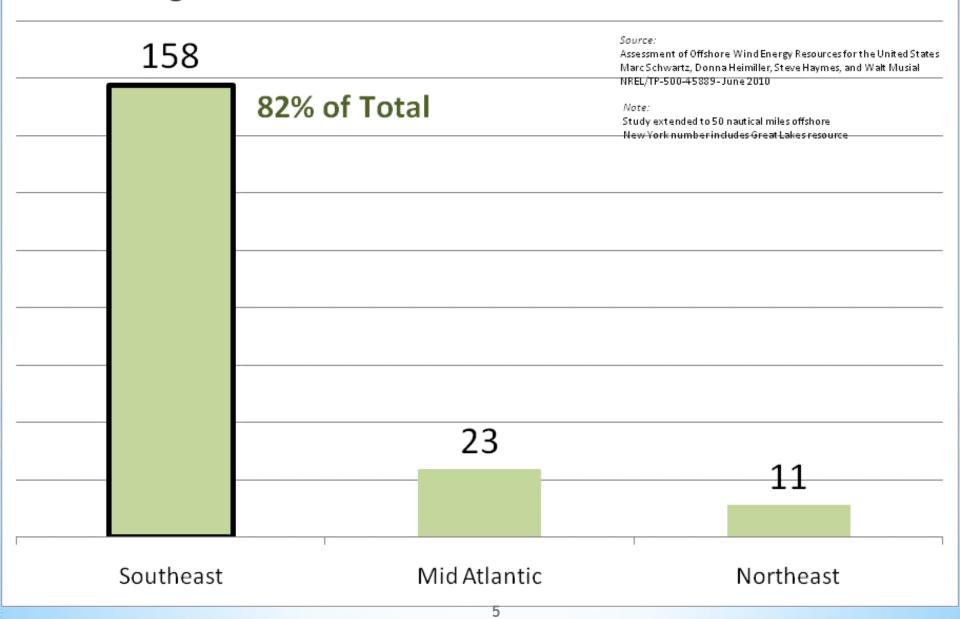


Source: NREL Assessment of offshore wind energy resources for the United States, 2010

 VA - GA: 63% of East Coast shallow water resource



Offshore Wind Resource Potential Gigawatts in <30m of Water and >12nm Offshore





*Public Support for Wind

2013 NC Public Opinion Survey (commissioned by NCSEA):

Land-Based Wind Energy: Offshore Wind Energy:

80.9% Support 75.8% Support

13.1% Oppose 15.1% Oppose

6.0% Unsure/no answer 9.1% Unsure/no answer

2012 Clemson University study of Myrtle Beach area:

 Marine recreationists - over 70% of respondents showed support for offshore wind in the area.

*Political Support for Wind

NC Governor McCrory support letter

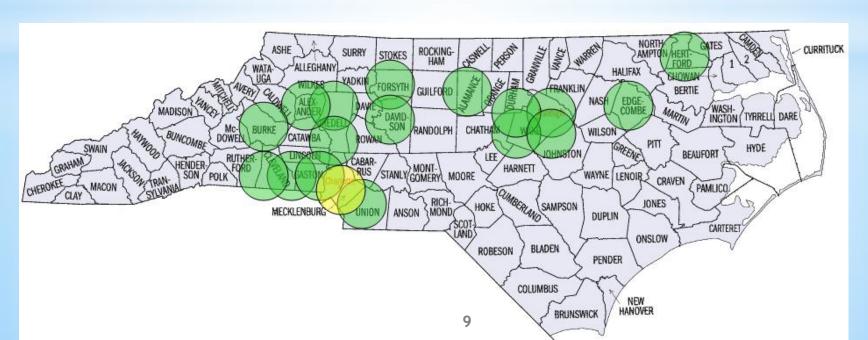
Local resolutions in support of offshore wind

BOEM Task Forces in 3 states

*Land-Based Wind Supply Chain

- Over 60 facilities in SE
- 5000+ jobs in SE

- No utility scale wind
- Basis for offshore supply chain



*Estimated Offshore Wind Construction Cost

Ranked: Lowest to Highest

NC	-9.3%
GA	-7.0%
SC	-6.5%
VA	-5.7%
ME	-2.6%
MD	-2.1%
RI	+0.8%
DE	+3.1%
СТ	+5.7%
NY	+12.7%
NJ	+12.7%
MA	+13.2%

Four lowest cost states are in the Southeast

15% Higher Cost

15% Lower Cost

Based on 400 MW wind farm with \$5,975/kW capital cost (2010\$)

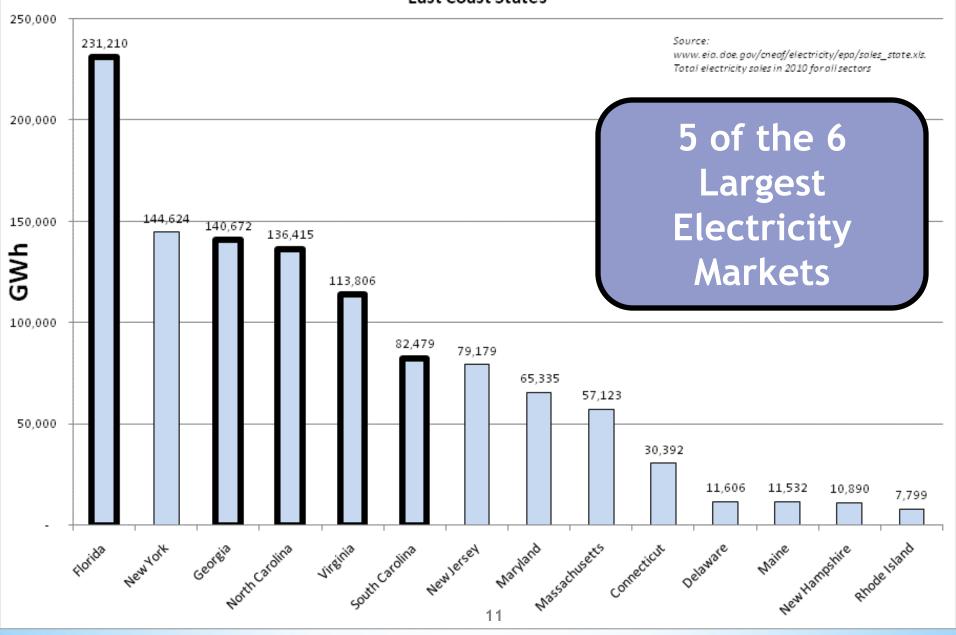
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Updated Capital Cost Estimates for Electricity Generation Plants, U.S. Energy Information Administration, Nov 2010 http://tonto.eia.doe.gov/oiaf/beck_plantcosts/pdf/updatedplantcosts.pdf - Page 22-5 to 22-6

2010 Electricity Sales

East Coast States



*Thank You.



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Utility Regulation and Offshore Wind: Opportunities and Obstacles for the Southeast

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OVERVIEW OF UTILITY STRUCTURE

Traditional Regulatory Model

- Utilized in the Southeast, Southwest, Northwest
- Vertically-integrated utilities
- Utility controls generation, transmission and distribution
- Rates based on cost of service plus allowed return, all as set by the relevant regulatory commission (Public Service Commission in SC; Utilities Commission in NC; State Corporation Commission in VA)

OVERVIEW OF UTILITY STRUCTURE

Wholesale/Organized Markets

- Utilized in the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic and California
- Markets organized under an independent system operator (ISO) or regional transmission organization (RTO)
- ISO/RTO is an independent entity that has operational control of the transmission systems and operates a wholesale market for energy sales in the region



ELECTRICITY GENERATION

Owned Assets Approach:

- Utility owns and develops the generation source
- Utility rolls the development costs into its services rates
- Predominant approach in markets where vertically-integrated utilities dominate, although utility-owned generation occurs in wholesale markets as well

ELECTRICITY GENERATION

Independent Developer Approach:

- Private developer finances and develops the generation source
- Developer enters a long-term power purchase agreement (PPAs) with a utility whereby the utility buys the power generated from the developer
- More popular in wholesale markets and markets where state policy otherwise encourages private development

ELECTRICITY GENERATION

Hybrid Approach:

- A mix of utility owned assets and the use of PPAs by utilities to procure energy
- Whether a market relies on owned assets, PPAs or a mix is ultimately a function of state policy
- For example, California is an organized market but state policy permits generation ownership by utilities

SOUTHEAST APPROACH

 Regulatory structure in the Southeast does not strongly incentivize utilities to enter PPAs

- More likely to see some utility ownership of generation and involvement in the development of offshore wind projects
- Utility ownership of offshore wind farms offers both benefits and challenges

BENEFITS OF UTILITY OWNERSHIP

- Existence of similar regulatory environments in southeastern states creates potential for coordination of large-scale regional development plans for offshore wind
- Creates economies of scale and cost reduction
- Offers long-term, more predictable development plans

OBSTACLES TO UTILITY OWNERSHIP

 High CAPEX costs associated with the planning, construction and development of offshore wind installations

- Lack of state policy and regulatory incentives
- Uncertainty of regulatory landscape (e.g. federal production tax credit)

PROSPECTIVE INCENTIVES

- Nuclear cost recovery model
 - permits utility to recover from ratepayers partial development costs before project completion
- Tax incentives
 - renewal of federal production tax credit
 - extension of federal investment tax credit to offshore wind
 - state tax incentives
- Renewable energy portfolio standards
 - mandatory in NC
 - voluntary in VA

REGULATORY CHANGES ARE NECESSARY

- 5 Necessary Preconditions to Offshore Wind:
- 1. Political Buy-In
- 2. Favorable Economics
- 3. Availability of Finance
- 4. Manageable Risk
- 5. Proven Technology



POLITICAL BUY-IN

 Uniformly, deployment of expensive, new technologies will occur only where political signals remain consistently encouraging for a number of years.

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