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### **Norfolk District announces application for coastal wind farm; public scoping meeting, public comment period on tap**

**Norfolk, Va.** -- The Norfolk District of the Army Corps of Engineers has received a permit application from Winergy LLC to construct an offshore wind farm. The project will be located in the Atlantic Ocean adjacent to Northampton County, on the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

Winergy LLC is seeking a permit to construct 150 wind turbine generators impacting approximately 1.5 acres of sub-aqueous bottom over a 25-square-mile area between 1 and 3 miles east of Smith Island, off the coast of Northampton County.

This permit application is being considered pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. The entire Public Notice is located at

<http://www.nao.usace.army.mil/Regulatory/PN/PN.html>

The Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public, federal, state, and local agencies and officials, Indian tribes and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the individual and cumulative impacts of this proposed activity. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Pursuant to this public notice, Norfolk District will conduct a scoping meeting between 3:30-5 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 19, at the Northampton High School, 16041 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Va. (Business Route 13), where Winergy LLC officials will be available to provide information and to answer questions regarding the project. Corps officials will be available to answer questions regarding the permit process. During the scoping meeting, between 7-10 p.m., interested parties will be divided into work groups in order to identify and define specific issues to be addressed in environmental documents required by the National Environmental Policy Act. Federal, state and local agencies as well as private individuals, organizations and groups are invited to attend this meeting. The record will remain open for 15 days following this meeting for the submission of written comments.

Please note again that this is not a public hearing. The decision on whether or not to conduct a public hearing will be made at a later date. A public hearing is conducted when the District Engineer determines that information obtained via written comments or through a scoping meeting on issues vital to the decision-making process cannot be obtained.

Anyone may request a public hearing to consider this permit application by writing to the District Engineer within 60 days of the date of this Public Notice, stating specific reasons for holding the public hearing.

Replies to the Public Notice or comments regarding the proposal should be addressed to: Rick Henderson, Norfolk District, Army Corps of Engineers, 803 Front Street, Norfolk, Va. 23510-1096, and should reach this office by Sept. 5. E-mail [Richard.E.Henderson@usace.army.mil](mailto:Richard.E.Henderson@usace.army.mil) should you have any questions about the contents of this notice, or call Henderson at 757-441-7653.

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