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## Who Are We?

*Clean Power Now* is a grassroots advocacy group supporting the timely development of viable renewable energy projects.

Renewable energy of one sort or another has been available for a long time to power homes, office buildings or even towns, but never entire regions. However, that is changing. Technology has advanced to the point at which wind can be harnessed as a source of utility-scale power. Today it is the world's fastest-growing energy source.

One of *Clean Power Now's* roles is to evaluate proposed renewable energy projects for viability. Based on Cape Wind's experience and technical expertise, we believe that the Nantucket Sound Wind Farm proposal is viable and serves the public interest, and that the Army Corps of Engineers' permitting process should be allowed to proceed without hindrance.

## Association

Although Clean Power Now was formed to counter the false and misleading statements of those individuals and groups that oppose the Cape Wind project, we receive no funding from and have no affiliation with Cape Wind other than our interest in their project.

## Funding

Unlike some so-called grassroots organizations, *Clean Power Now* is dependent entirely upon donations and grants. We do not have the luxury of holding expensive fundraisers at exclusive clubs! ✦



## General Membership Meeting

### When:

October 4, 2003

2pm to 5pm

### Where:

First Congregational Church

329 Main Street

Route 6A

Yarmouth, MA

(Between Exit 7/Willow Street and Exit 8/Union Street off of Route 6)

## 21 Reasons to Support the Windfarm

The windfarm will...

- 1) ...bring enormous benefits from a source of energy that has no hidden costs.
- 2) ...deliver an average of 170 and a maximum of 420 megawatts, supplying three-quarters of the power consumed on the Cape and Islands.
- 3) ...eliminate approximately 360 tons of particulate matter, 4,600 tons of sulfur oxides, 1,400 tons of nitrogen oxides, and 1,000,000 tons of carbon

dioxide for every year.

- 4) ...eliminate approximately 15 premature deaths every year, 200 emergency room visits, 5,000 asthma attacks, and 35,000 cases of daily upper respiratory symptoms and other related afflictions in New England.
- 5) ...save approximately \$56 million dollars every year in health care costs.
- 6) ...take a meaningful and positive step toward reducing mankind's impact upon climate change and global warming.
- 7) ...improve the air in Barnstable County, currently labeled the worst air quality in Massachusetts according to

the American Lung Association.

- 8) ...eliminate the import of approximately 95 million gallons (2.25 million barrels) of heavy #6 fuel oil every year if the energy is displaced from oil fueled generators and thereby reducing our payments to foreign nations by \$60 million dollars.
- 9) ...reduce our dependence upon foreign supplies of oil and the associated political ramifications.
- 10) ...reduce the oil shipped by barge and tanker to other electrical power plants, decreasing the likelihood of devastating oil spills.
- 11) ...diversify our energy sources, providing a more robust regional capability to offer electrical energy under any natural or terrorist circumstance.
- 12) ...provide long-term stability in electric rates to Cape and Islands consumers.
- 13) ...lower the cost of electricity in all of New England because the cost of wind is always zero.
- 14) ...provide a model for additional development of off-shore wind power in the United States.
- 15) ...provide over 150 good, local jobs in Barnstable County and 600 to 1,000 jobs in New England.
- 16) ...enhance local property values and encourage tourism.

Furthermore...

### *We need your support!*

Send your email address to [windfarm@cleanpowernow.org](mailto:windfarm@cleanpowernow.org)

If you received this newsletter via the mail, please consider sending us your email address (if you have one) and receiving this electronically—the cost of an email is negligible, but printing and mailing costs add up.

#### **Send Money**

Clean Power Now is a grassroots organization funded entirely by grants and donations. The reality is that we need cash to continue our work.

We're willing to sweeten the deal for you: Send us \$15 or more and we will send you one of our Clean Power Now t-shirts with our slogan, "It's not the view, it's the vision." (Multiple t-shirts may be purchased for \$15 each.) If you prefer, pick them up at the general membership meeting for just \$12.

#### **Volunteer**

No money? Give your time! Write letters to your representatives; share The Vision with your friends, neighbors, family and coworkers. Want to do more? Contact us! You can make a difference!

Please mail your donation to:

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Our apologies, but we cannot accept credit cards, stocks or securities.

## The Vision . . . . .

- 17) ...although the project is spread across 24 square miles, it will occupy a total of less than one acre allowing unlimited use of the space between the monopole towers that support the windmills.
- 18) ...the Army Corps of Engineers has screened alternative land-based and offshore sites throughout New England, resulting in a preliminary finding that Nantucket Sound is the best location for this project.
- 19) ...Cape Wind Associates has agreed to pay any lease and/or fee if so imposed by the federal government.
- 20) ...Cape Wind Associates has agreed to post a bond for the complete decommissioning of this project if and when it reaches the end of its useful life.
- 21) ...there are currently seventeen state, and federal agencies reviewing this project under the National Environmental Policy Act and the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act to ensure that this project is in the public interest. ✦

## Writing Your Elected Officials

Two very important points to remember about Cape Wind:

- 1) The review of the Cape Wind project is being conducted under the National Environmental Policy Act,

which mandates that a project be in the “public interest” to be approved.

- 2) Our politicians often make decisions based on the opinions of the people they represent, and as we have discovered in recent elections, every voice counts. If our elected officials know that we support the windfarm, they will support the windfarm.

It is vital that you take some time to write your representatives and let them know how you feel.

Here are some suggestions:

- Be polite and focus on the positive; remember the old adage: “You catch more flies with honey than vinegar.”
- Use the “21 Reasons to Support the Windfarm” as a guideline. Don’t quote it verbatim; put it in your own words.
- A written letter holds more weight than email or phone calls, but mail can take weeks to get to elected federal officials. Use the fax; it has the same influence, it is virtually instantaneous, and you even get an acknowledgement of receipt.
- If you don’t have time to compose a letter, a phone call is an acceptable alternative.
- We have included names and addresses here, but there are more. If you don’t see your state representative, you can find them online at <http://www.state.ma.us/legis/citytown.htm> ✦

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## Reasonable?

Ernie Corrigan, spokesman for the Alliance to Protect Nantucket Sound, was recently quoted as saying, "...we are still months away from the Army Corps issuing a DEIS, and until then the best thing to do is look at this thing coldly, without getting drawn into the emotion of it."

We've been saying this all along. There are seventeen state and federal agencies involved in the review of this project, and until they issue a determination, there is little point in getting worked-up over issues that may not exist.

But to hear this from the Alliance is startling given their habit of spreading misinformation to incite fear, uncertainty and doubt about the Cape Wind project.

This *is* the Alliance that,

- ...claims that noise from the windfarm will be heard six miles away.
- ...depicted the size of the windfarm as being three times larger than it will be, and then defended that position.
- ...has claimed that the windfarm would be a hazard to air traffic when the FAA stated that it won't be.
- ...has alleged that this project will hurt tourism and property values, even though windfarms actually increase tourism and have a positive effect on property values.

Suddenly the Alliance *sounds* reasonable, but we have to wonder what they are up to. ✦

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