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MA Dept of Public Utilities to Avangrid on its request for time to renegotiate power contract: Denied

On Friday November 4, 2022, the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU) denied Avangrid's request to suspend the proceeding in which the state is reviewing Avangrid's power contract. The DPU denied Avangrid's request to reopen the evidentiary record to let Avangrid assert its financial picture has changed. This, according to Avangrid, calls for new contract pricing, effectively seeking to shift costs from its shareholders to electricity consumers.

The DPU gave Avangrid 3 business days to say whether it wants to;

- 1) move forward with the power contracts Avangrid signed up for after a competitive process, or
- 2) dismiss the contract review proceeding altogether.

Looks like Wednesday Nov. Nov. 9th is the day for Avangrid.

The DPU's conclusion at page 13 and 14 of its Order:

"....Commonwealth Wind is a sophisticated market participant, well capable of factoring economic contingencies into its contract prices, negotiating contract terms to protect its interests in the event of unforeseen circumstances, and exercising its options under the existing PPAs. Less than six months after the Companies filed the PPAs with the Department, Commonwealth Wind is stating that the contracts it competitively bid on and freely negotiated are no longer viable.

.... In addition, the Companies' **residents and businesses that financially support these contracts deserve certainty whether the Projects, if approved**

by the Department, will deliver consistent with the PPAs Commonwealth Wind and Mayflower Wind executed after a competitive solicitation..."

The DPU noted at page 6 that **the utilities who negotiated the contract with Avangrid in good faith said they have no intent of renegotiating.**

The DPU also noted at page 11 that Avangrid's statements to DPU and investors did not square up:

"Commonwealth Wind further asserts that it could not state with certainty that the Project was not viable with the financing afforded by the PPAs prior to September 28, 2022 (Motion to Reopen at 4). **Commonwealth Wind's statements are irreconcilable with the statements it made to its investors on September 22, 2022.** It is clear that Commonwealth Wind reached a level of certainty in its internal assessment of the Project and the PPAs, a level of certainty strong enough to inform its investors that it was postponing the Project for a year, despite the November 1, 2027 commercial operating date provided in the PPAs, and that it would seek to renegotiate the contracts, before the records closed in these proceedings (John Chesto, Supply Chain Issues Slow Development of Major Mass. Offshore Wind Farm, Boston Globe (September 22, 2022))."

Read the whole order [here](#).

Special thanks to local residents, some with helpful financial experience, who are tracking this matter so closely and sharing information.



Town Council OKs Town Manager negotiating Host Community Agreement with Avangrid

On Thursday Nov 3rd, the Town Council authorized the Town Manager to negotiate a Host Community Agreement with Commonwealth Wind.

In prior Avangrid projects, the Town Manager enters such negotiations, which are confidential and therefore out of public sight. Before the public sees the product of his negotiation or has a chance to comment on a draft, it is final. Avangrid goes forward and issues a [press](#) release, touting to [investors](#) and [state](#) officials that the Agreement is a reflection of 'strong community support' and calls it a "key milestone for the project."

See the flow below of how CT's Park City Project Agreement unfolded. At a prior OVA meeting, Town Manager Ells said he would think about this process and come back to OVA to discuss it.

Osterville Town Councilor Paul Cusack voted to send Mr. ELLS into such confidential negotiations. He said "...I just feel that there is consensus out there about America's bigger national interests....unfortunately there will be interruptions, inconveniences..."

The **Osterville Village and Professional Association** has expressed its opposition to the landing at DOWSES, and its position that if it does land at DOWSES, the route should not be through the Business District.

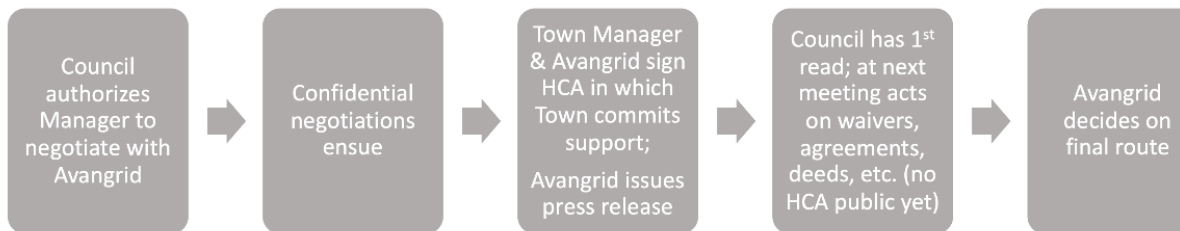
A local survey was 10:1 opposed to landing at DOWSES.

Watch the Council meeting on demand [here](#).

Example: Host Community Agreement Process for Project 2, Connecticut's Park City Wind through Centerville

Town Manager commits by contract to support the project publicly before government bodies; happens before final route is known and before public sees draft or final HCA

Council grants company approvals, deeds, etc. with knowing final route; draft HCA not provided to public for comment; final not posted on Town or company websites



Avangrid press release says HCA entered, is key milestone, will be filed with state EFSB, reflects strong community support before final route is known to public, or HCA made available to public



Avangrid Still Asking MA MEPA to Spend Resources on Environmental Review Despite Non-viable Contract

Despite its CEO declaring Commonwealth Wind's power contract not to be viable and to require renegotiation for the project to move forward, Avangrid is nevertheless continuing to ask the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) office to spend public resources reviewing Avangrid's Environmental Notification Form and the public to spend time reviewing and commenting on it.

STATE MEPA "co-hosting" meeting with Avangrid

When: Nov. 16th at 6:00 p.m.
Where: Osterville Library or Virtual
[Register](#)

Find Avangrid's ENF [HERE](#)

Written comments are due to MEPA November 29th.

3 easy ways to send in your ENF comments

1. Send comments on the ENF to MEPA online through its Public Comment Portal [here](#).
 2. Email comments to mepa@mass.gov (refer to New England Wind 2 Connector)
 3. Mail comments to: Secretary Bethany A. Card Attn: MEPA Office Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs 100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900 Boston, MA 02114
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Despite non-viable contract, Avangrid will take soil borings off Dowses

Avangrid will resume geotechnical survey work and take soil borings under the sea floor this month and in December.

If you see a vessel off of Dowses Beach starting November 7th or so, it's Avangrid.

"Often the surest way to convey

misinformation is to tell the strict truth"

- Mark Twain

Locals have been working hard in thier free time to find and share information about Commonwealth Wind. Thank you all!

It always comes with links to direct sources. That lets everyone read and draw their own conclusions. Whether Avangrid filings, investor presentations, transcripts, company marketing material, Town processes or DPU orders, links to original material is provided.

One Councilor in particular, Council Atsalis of Centerville, has regularly (on tape, and a matter of record) asserted that community members provide misinformation. Yet, the assertions do not cite specifics or direct sources to counter confirmed facts, quotes, and original source documents.

We're all in this together, right?

Residents, please keep helping your community stay informed by sending information!

If anyone - Councilor Atsalis or others - have specific corrections, more or better information sources, share it! Facts, links to source documents and quotes are appreciated!

If officials working on these issues on our behalf would provide detailed, real-time information about the wind projects and processes on the Town website, residents would be most grateful.



**Energy Facility Siting Board
approves or disapproves
Commonwealth Wind proposed location**

email Your View

[Here](#) is one by a Centerville resident on Park City

e-mail for Barnstable projects is [Robert.J.Shea @ MASS.GOV](mailto:Robert.J.Shea@MASS.GOV). Put
Commonwealth Wind in the subject line.



Background Information in the Reading Room

Easy access to documents in the [Reading Room](#).

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