# Appendix 7:

# **Public Notices and Comments**



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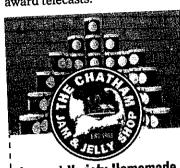
Teamed with composer Jack Elliott in a television scoring partnership, Ferguson and Elliott wrote the themes for "Charlie's Angels" and "Barney Miller" in the 1970s as well as scores for episodes of numerous other series, including "The Rookies," "Starsky and Hutch," "Police Story" and "Banacek."

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The Superior Court
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RE: LBM Financial LLC v Stephen V. Raleigh Trustee of The

RS&T Really Trust
ORDER OF NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
TO: Stephen V. Raleigh, Trustee, of the RS&T Realty Trust, with
a last known address of Barnstable (Hyannis) in the County of Barnstable, all in said Commonwealth; AND TO ALL PERSONS ENTITLED TO THE BENEFIT OF TH SERVICES MEMBERS' CIVIL RELIEF ACT OF 1940 AS AMENDED

SERVICES MEMBERS' CIVIL RELIEF ACT OF 1940 AS AMENUED V 2003 as amended:

LBM Financial, LLC, a Massachusetts limited liability company having its principal place of business in Marlborough, Middlessx County, Massachusetts, claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering property situated at 73 Lewis Street, Barnstable (Hyannis), in said County of Barnstable, given by Stephen V. Raleigh, Trustee of RS&T Realty Trust' to LBM Financial, LLC, dated February 1, 2007, and recorded in Barnstable County Registry of Deeds, Book 21751, Page 223, and Document No. 1,055,554, noted on Certificate of Title No. 175973, has filled with said court a Complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry on and possession of the premises-therein described and by exercise of the power of sale contained in said mortgage.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Service Members' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended, and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Barnstable in said County on or before 08/13/2010, or you may be forever barred from clalming that such foreclosure is invalid under said Act.

Witness Raphara i Rouse Esquire Chief Justice of the Sungri-

Witness, Barbara J. Rouse, Esquire, Chief Justice of the Superior Court, at Barnstable, Massachusetts, this 14th day of June, valid under said Act.

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Scott W. Nickerson, Clerk of the Courts By: John S. Dale ist Assistant Clerk

7/01/10

#### MORTGAGEE'S NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Frederick A. Kling and Christina M. Kling to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated September 27, 2007 and recorded with the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds in Book 22382, Paga 289 Registered with Barnstable County Registry District of the Land Court as Document Number 1074316 noted on Certificate of Title Number 172227 of which the Mortgage the undersigned is the present holder for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 PM. on July 15, 2010 at 36 Woodland Avenue, Mashpee, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wilt:

Public Auction at 12:00 PM. on July 15, 2010 at 36 Woodland Avenue, Mashpee, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land with the buildings thereon now known and numbered as 36 Woodland Avenue, Mashpee, County of Barnstable, Commonwealth of Massachusetts and consisting of two parcels as described as follows: Parcel One - Recorded Land A lot of land being shown as Lot 126 on plan land entitled 'Ashumet Shores, Section 2 Mashpee, Massachusetts Developed by American Central Company May 1965 revised August 1965, C.A. Pickering Associates, C.E. and which said plan being duly recorded with the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 201, Page 93. See Title Book 1827 Page 248 Parcel Two - Registered Land A lot of land being shown as Lot 126 on land court plan 29883-B (sheet 3) a copy of which said plan being duly filed with the Barnstable County District of the Land Court. Being the same premises conveyed to the herein named mortgagors by deed recorded with Barnstable County Registry of Deeds Document 958,989 Cft. 172227 The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, building and zoning laws, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal leins and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession.

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GMAC Mortgage, LLC Present Holder of said Mortgage By its Attorneys, Orlans Moran PLLC P.O. Box 962169 Boston, MA 02196 Phone: (617) 502;4100

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DEPARTMENT

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Rural Utilities Service

Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative: Notice of Intent to Solicit Comments and Prepare an Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Solicit Comments and Prepare an Environmental Assessment

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) intends to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) to meet its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and 7 CFR part 1794 in connection with potential impacts related to a proposed project by the Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative (CVEC). The proposed Brewster Wind Energy Project (proposed action) consists of installing two wind turbines and associated facilities in the Town of Brewster's Commerce Park area. CVEC is requesting that RUS provide financial assistance for the proposed action.

DATES: Written comments on this Notice must be received on or before July 31, 2010.

ADDRESSES: To send comments or request additional information, contact: Ms. Lauren McGee, Environmental Scientist, USDA, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 independence Avenue, SW., Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250-1571, telephone: (202) 720-1482 or e-mail: lauren.mcgee@wdc.usda.gov. A siting study and project description have been prepared for the proposed action. All documents are available for public review at the RUS address provided in this notice and on the agency's website at: http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed Brewster Wind En-SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed Brewster Wind Energy Project consists of: constructing two 410-foot turbines and associated facilities at the preferred Commerce Park location (generally adjacent to and south of the Mid-Cape Highway, east of Commerce Park Road and north of Freemans Way). The property is currently owned by the Town of Brewster, a CVEC member, and is zoned for industrial use. Because the sile is easily accessible through existing roads, it is not anticipated that the proposed project would require accessory facilities, such as substations or additional transmission taps. taps.

RUS is the lead federal agency, as defined at 40 CFR 1501.5 for preparation of the EA. With this notice, federally recognized Native American Tribes and federal agencies with jurisdiction or special expertise are invited to be cooperating agencies. Such tribes or agencies may make a request to RUS by contacting the RUS contact provided in this notice. Designated cooperating agencies have certain responsibilities to support the NEPA process, as specified at 40 CFR 1501 6/th 1501.6(b).

As part of its broad environmental review process, RUS must take into account the effect of the proposed project on historic properties in accordance with section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and its implementing regulation, "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR part 800). Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3), RUS is using its procedures for public involvement under NEPA to meet its responsibilities to solicit and consider the views of the public during section 106 review. Accordingly, comments submitted in response to this solicitation for comments will inform RUS decision-making in section 106 review. Any party wishing to participate more directly with RUS as a "consulting party" in section 106 review may submit a written request to the RUS contact provided in this notice.

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RUS will use input provided by government agencies, tribes, private organizations, and the public in the preparation of the EA. The EA will be available for review and comment for 30 days. If RUS finds, based on the EA, that the proposed action will not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment, RUS will prepare a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). Public notification of the FONSI would be published in newspapers with circulation in the project area. RUS may take its final action on proposed actions requiring an EA (§1794.23) any time after publication of applicant notices that a FONSI has been made and any required review period has expired. When substantive comments are received on the EA, RUS may provide an additional period (15 days) for public review following the publication of its FONSI determination. Final action will not be taken until this review period has expired. Where appropriate to carry out the purposes of NEPA, RUS may impose, on a case-by-case basis, additional requirements associated with the preparation of an EA, RUS determines that the proposed action will have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment, the preparation of an EA, RUS determines that the proposed action will have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment, the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement will be required. Any final action by RUS related to the proposed action will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal, State, and local environmental laws and regulations and completion of the environmental review requirements as prescribed in RUS's Environmental Policies and Procedures (7 CFR part 1794).

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Said premises will be sold subject to and/or with the benefit of any and all restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, outstanding tax title, municipal or other public taxes, assessments, liens or claims in the nature of liens, and existing encumbrances of record created prior to the mortgage, if any there be.

Said premises will also be sold subject to all leases and tenancies having priority over said mortgage, to tenancies or occupations by persons on the premises now or at the time of the said auction which tenancies or occupations are subject to said mortgage, to rights or claims in personal property installed by tenants or former tenants now located on the premises, and also to all laws and ordinances including, but not limited to, all building and zoning laws and ordinances. cluding, but not limited to, all building and zoning laws and ordi-

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As its Attorneys, FROM THE OFFICES OF: Jon S. Davis, Esquire, STANTON & DAVIS, 1000 Plain Street, Marshfield, MA 02050, (781) 834-9181 (2139-3122-709F /Sweeney) (06-24-10, 07-01-10, 07-08-10)(252256)

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# DENNIS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

July 21, 2010

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The documents prepared to date for this project indicate the following:

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Sincerely,

Spyro Mitrokostas

Executive Director

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# UTILITY & ENERGY CONSERVATION COMMITTEE TOWN OF HARWICH

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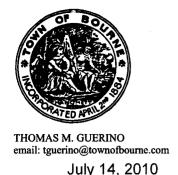
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Sincerely,

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July 27, 2010

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RE: Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative's Commerce Park Wind Energy Project in Brewster, Massachusetts

Dear Ms. McGee:

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Thank you for this opportunity to submit comments in support of the Commerce Park Wind Turbine project.

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Sincerely.

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Dear Ms. McGee:

We are writing in support of the proposed Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative's Commerce Park Wind Energy Project in Brewster, Massachusetts. The proposed project consists of two community scale wind turbines for installation in Brewster's Commerce Park area.

Through our Utility & Energy Commission Chairman, we understand that the site, Commerce Park, is ideal for the installation of two community scale wind turbines because the area is zoned for industrial use and we have been informed by Brewster officials that there is ample acreage to provide more than the usual buffer between turbines and neighboring residences.

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Sincerely,

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Mr. Jonathan S. Adelstein Administrator Rural Utilities Service U.S. Department of Agriculture 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20250-1571

Dear Mr. Adelstein:

I wish to lend my full support for the Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative's Commerce Park Wind Energy Project in Brewster, Massachusetts. The proposed project would install two community scale wind turbines for Brewster's Commerce Park area.

The Electric Cooperative was formed in September 2007 with a mission to develop renewable energy projects on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. Under the direction of the Brewster Energy Committee, the Town has been analyzing the feasibility of installing community scale wind turbines for many years. This analysis has been conducted in an open and public process and has concluded that the development of community scale wind turbines is economically feasible, will have positive environmental impacts through the reduction of green house gases, and reduce long-term electric costs.

Development of this wind turbine project enjoys broad public support demonstrated by two separate affirmative votes at Brewster Town Meeting. This project will directly benefit the Town of Brewster, its residents and the members of the Cape & Vineyard Cooperative.

Thank you for giving this application your full consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact Chris Adams on my staff at 508-771-0666 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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cc: Lauren McGee



# **Cape and Islands Wind Information Network**

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July 29, 2010

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Dear Ms. McGee

I am writing as the President of the Cape and Islands Information Network (CIWIN). CIWIN is a non-profit group comprised of residents, business owners, and civic leaders representing the voice of the Cape Cod and Islands citizens who encourage the continued careful and considerate review of municipal and private wind installations for the Cape and Islands. CIWIN researches and collects science-based data and community experiences applicable to site-specific wind energy installations, communicating and sharing this information to create an educated citizenry. The CIWIN website can be viewed at www.ciwin.org.

I am providing written comments in support of the Cape and Vineyard Commerce Park Wind Turbine Project. Rural Utilities Service (RUS) seeks input in performing an Environmental Assessment as to the public benefit and potential impacts of the proposed Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative's Commerce Park Wind Energy Project in Brewster, consisting of two community scale wind turbines for installation in Brewster's Commerce Park area.

Brewster's Commerce Park, off Freeman's Way, is ideal for the installation of two community scale wind turbines, as the area is zoned for industrial use with ample acreage to provide more than the usual buffer between turbines and neighboring residences. On July 1, 2010, the Brewster Town Assessor, Dave Tately, verified the zoning of the intended installation site as industrial: "The Commerce Park land is exempt as it is Town owned land, but it resides within an Industrial zoned area."

The town of Brewster has adopted bylaws to regulate Large Wind Energy Turbines (LWETs) and the Brewster Planning Board is charged with the special permit granting for LWETs. The Brewster Planning Board does not foresee any issues in the permitting process for the LWET special permit for the two turbines on Brewster's municipal land.

Supportive evidence in support of the Commerce Park turbine proposal in specific areas follows:

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Typical of Cape Cod's natural re-foresting after the large-scale 19<sup>th</sup> century cutting to provide timber for shipbuilding and salt works activities, the forest surrounding Commerce Park is relatively new growth pitch pine and oak of between 35 to 60 feet in height. This tree cover will act as a buffer between the turbines and residences.

Surrounding terrain is hilly with about a 30 to 50 foot difference in elevations.

Clearing of the new-growth pitch pine and oak on the industrial site for equipment delivery, project staging, and tower lay-down will be limited.

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Shadow: With all residences lying to the south, east or west of the turbine installations, flicker concerns are minor. When the sun is 10 degrees above the horizon and clear of trees, a shadow from the 400 foot turbine will be thrown 2,268 feet, with the shadow dissipating over the distance. While a full shadow analysis will be forthcoming, it can be anticipated from experience with similar turbines lying at equal distance from residences, that Woodlands residents in the western end of the complex at a distance of 2,207 feet will experience a faint flicker on winter afternoons, lasting no more than fifteen minutes. Conditions on those afternoons will have to be sunny and the turbine blades will have to be perpendicular to the sun. Similarly, the single residence lying 3,344 feet to the west of Commerce Park will be moderately affected by flicker on winter mornings for about 10 minutes when conditions are right.

Noise: A strong recommendation for the Commerce Park wind turbine project lies in the anticipated low noise impact. The Commerce Park siting offers greater distances from local residences than those provided in previously successful local wind installations with similar terrain, like the Mass Military Base installation, the Hull, MA installations, the Mass Maritime installation, and the Portsmouth, RI installations. With a minimal distance to the closest residence of 2,207 feet, noise is not considered an issue for the Commerce Park project.

Additional noise mitigation lies in the site's proximity to Route 6, Cape Cod's major highway. The highway lies 1500 feet away from Turbine B and 770 feet away from Turbine A. Sound from the highway contributes to the area's high ambient sound level of 45 db. Sound emissions from turbines of the 1.5MW size class range from 40 to 45 db at 200 feet away.

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Community Benefits: Wind energy conversion systems can offer tremendous benefit to host communities. The positive experiences derived from the success of wind installations in Hull, MA and Portsmouth, RI provide testimony. Few mainland communities can take advantage of wind technology due to a critical, often missing component: a robust wind resource. Even on the Cape and Islands, the interlacing of FAA airspace restrictions combined with tight land restrictions reduces viable wind installation opportunities to a scant few.

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Sincerely,

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Cape and Islands Wind Information Network

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Sincerely Jum

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Dear Ms McGee

I am writing in support of the proposed Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative's (CVEC) Commerce Park Wind Energy Project in Brewster, Massachusetts, 02631. The proposed project consists of two community scale wind turbines for installation in Brewster's Commerce Park area.

I am a member of the Brewster Energy Committee. We have worked diligently for the past several years to improve our energy efficiency and cost in Brewster. Over the past two fiscal years we have reduced our energy consumption by 3% by using education and conservation.

CVEC has recently installed 200,000 kiloWatts of solar cells on our schools. Our power purchase agreement with CVEC will reduce the cost of electricity to Brewster and further clean our air.

We are once again working with CVEC to install two wind turbines which will also reduce our cost of electricity and clean our air. The turbines are to be located in an industrial part of Brewster away from residents. (Minimum distance to the nearest residence is just under a half mile).

The Town of Brewster has adopted bylaws to regulate Large Wind Energy Turbines (LWETs) and the Brewster Planning Board is charged with special permit granting for LWETs. This project will be subject to review by both state and local agencies.

Please approve the necessary regulations for CVEC's wind turbines in Brewster.

Sincerely.

**Brewster Energy Committee Member** 



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Dear Ms. McGee:

I am writing in support of the proposed Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative's Commerce Park Wind Energy Project in Brewster, Massachusetts. The proposed project consists of two 1.5 MW community scale wind turbines for installation in Brewster's Commerce Park area. As the Energy Coordinator for both the Cape Cod towns of Bourne and Barnstable, and previously as a wind energy consultant, I've had an opportunity to observe a number of commercial-scale wind turbine projects. In my experience, very few have been as well-conceived and appropriately sited as the Commerce Park project.

Brewster's Commerce Park, off Freeman's Way, is ideal for the installation of two community scale wind turbines, because the area is zoned for industrial use and has ample acreage to provide more than the usual buffer between turbines and neighboring residences.

Like a number of Cape Cod towns, the town of Brewster has adopted bylaws to regulate Large Wind Energy Turbines (LWETs). The town's wind bylaw charges the Planning Board with the special permit granting authority for LWETs. In addition to the Planning Board, the project will be subject to review by state regulatory agencies.

The substantial amount of studies and documents prepared to date for this project indicate the following:

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Viewshed: Whether the view of the turbines will be attractive or not is obviously a subjective determination. However, in the case of the Commerce Park turbines, the view of the turbines will always be in combination with two existing cell towers.

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Community Benefits: The need to develop appropriately sited renewable energy generation projects is a high priority for the nation, state and region. Of significant value for the Commerce Park proposal is the fact that the project's "green" electricity benefits will be distributed to the entire Cape and Islands community through the Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative. With no fatal flaws, I hope you'll agree this project deserves the USDA funding that will allow the project to become a reality.

Sincerely

Richard D. Elrick

Energy Coordinator, Towns of Bourne and Barnstable

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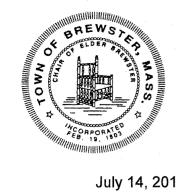
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As in the case of all wind turbine views, enthusiasm or disdain for the view of the Commerce Park wind turbines will be determined by the tastes of the individual beholder. However, in the case of the Commerce Park turbines, the view of the turbines will always be in combination with two existing cell towers.

Most residences will be well beyond a half-mile from the turbines. The closest residence to the turbines is a senior living center, The Woodlands, approximately 2,207 feet to the east of Turbine B and 2,535 feet to the east-southeast of Turbine A. The next closest residence is approximately 2,378 feet to the south, situated in a cul de sac with eleven other homes.

With all residences lying to the south, east or west of the turbine installations, flicker concerns are minor.

A strong recommendation for the Commerce Park wind turbine project lies in the anticipated low noise impact. Additional noise mitigation lies in the site's proximity to Route 6, Cape Cod's major highway. The highway lies 1500 feet away from Turbine B and 770 feet away from Turbine A.

There has been no evidence of long-term effects on property values as a result of the installation of wind turbines in a neighborhood. According to the National Association of Realtors, "Although research remains scant, wind farms appear to have a minimal or at most transitory impact on real estate. A three years study by the U.S. Department of Energy's Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory concludes 'neither the view of wind energy facilities nor the distance of the home to those facilities was found to have any consistent, measurable, and significant effect on the selling prices of nearby homes.

The Commerce Park proposal will be a boon to the Cape Cod community due to its appropriate siting and, most significantly, because the benefits will be distributed to the entire Cape and Islands community through the Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative.

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Dear Ms. McGee

I am writing to express support for the proposed Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative's Commerce Park Wind Energy Project in Brewster, Massachusetts. The proposed project consists of two community scale wind turbines for installation in Brewster's Commerce Park area.

Under the direction of the Brewster Energy Committee, the Town has been analyzing the feasibility of installing community scale wind turbines for many years. This analysis has been conducted in an open and public process. The results of the analysis indicate that the development of community scale wind turbines will be economically viable, have positive environmental impacts through the reduction of green house gases, and reduce the electric costs long-term for the Town of Brewster and other municipalities on Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard.

The site, Commerce Park, is ideal for the installation of two community scale wind turbines because the area is zoned for industrial use with ample acreage to provide more than the usual buffer between turbines and neighboring residences. There will also be no impact on historic properties due to the location of the site.

The development of the Commerce Park Wind Turbine Project by the Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative has been successfully supported through two separate Town Meeting votes. This project will directly benefit the Town of Brewster, its residents and the members of the Cape & Vineyard Cooperative.

I strongly urge you to support the Commerce Park Wind Turbine project.

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United States Senator

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