



July 25, 2022

Dear Residents,

We are writing on behalf of Kitty Hawk Wind, a company that is eager to bring clean offshore wind energy, as well as jobs and economic development, to Virginia. Kitty Hawk is owned by AVANGRID, the third largest developer of onshore wind in the U.S. and is building America's first offshore wind project off the coast of Massachusetts.

The Kitty Hawk Wind team appreciates the ongoing engagement with the community—including at an Open House at the Princess Anne Community Center on April 6, 2022 - as well as other community presentations. During this engagement, our team has shared information about our offshore wind lease area, how the energy generated by wind turbines 36 miles off the coast would come ashore, connect to the grid and provide clean and affordable energy to the region. The Kitty Hawk Wind project would provide power to at least 750,000 homes and businesses and would cut greenhouse gas emissions by 1.5 million tons per year, the equivalent of taking 500,000 cars off the road. The project will help the region develop Virginia-made energy and help address the local climate impacts that threaten our coastal communities, such as sea level rise and severe weather.

We have enjoyed hearing from you and members of the community and are working to schedule additional public meetings. We are committed to providing the community with opportunities to learn more about the project, ask questions, and address potential concerns about project planning and construction.

If you are just becoming familiar with the project, here are some basic facts:

- AVANGRID acquired the lease area for Kitty Hawk Wind in 2017 through a competitive auction held by the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management after a comprehensive, multi-year stakeholder process.
- The lease area is large enough to provide power for 750,000 homes and is located 36 miles southeast from Sandbridge Beach, VA and 27 miles east of Corolla, NC.
- The project will not be visible from Virginia Beach. On the clearest of days, you may be able to see some wind turbines from False Cape, as well some locations in the Outer Banks.

To bring the power ashore, subsea cables will need to connect Kitty Hawk Wind to the electric grid. Kitty Hawk Wind is evaluating a potential landfall location at Sandbridge in the southside parking lot of the market, as well as a proposed route to a new onshore substation at Corporate Landing Business Park. All cables will be underground and not visible to residents. Cables will make landfall using a technique that places the cables approximately 50 to 60 feet below the surface, avoiding damage to the beach and dunes.

The Commonwealth of Virginia and Hampton Roads region are working to develop a hub for the offshore wind industry and recognizing the opportunities for jobs for residents and new revenue streams for local businesses. Kitty Hawk Wind estimates delivering an average of 800 annual jobs, \$1.5 billion in construction spending, and \$100 million in local tax revenues. The total economic benefit in the first 10 years of the project will total \$2 billion to the Hampton Roads region from the Kitty Hawk project alone.

Since 2019, the Kitty Hawk Wind team has been engaging with state and local agencies and community organizations and is committed to continued engagement with all stakeholders. In 2020, AVANGRID opened its field office in Virginia Beach, staffed by our local engagement director and fisheries liaison officer. Since then, additional employees from this region have joined the team bringing their expertise in areas of permitting, maritime operations, and fisheries.

Based on the feedback we have received at our Open Houses; we have prepared a list of frequently asked questions and answers from the Kitty Hawk Wind team's subject matter experts:

1. *Why is Virginia exploring offshore wind and how was the Kitty Hawk offshore wind area selected?*

The Commonwealth of Virginia began exploring offshore wind in 2010 with the establishment of the Virginia Offshore Wind Development Authority and has since legislated requirements for 5.2 gigawatts of offshore wind. Virginia's prominence in the maritime industry and port infrastructure makes it an excellent location to build an offshore wind hub. The location of the Kitty Hawk wind energy area in federal waters was identified by a federal/state task force in 2017 after a multi-year stakeholder process based on an interest by Virginia and North Carolina to explore the development of offshore wind.

2. *Why Sandbridge Beach?*

Because of its unique location, Kitty Hawk has the ability to bring clean energy to either Virginia or North Carolina. The Kitty Hawk team is exploring multiple landing locations for the transmission cable in North Carolina and Virginia, including Sandbridge. Exploring locations north of Sandbridge to date has been restricted by Department of Defense requirements.

3. *What about EMF health concerns?*

Subject matter experts in the field of electric and magnetic fields spoke to residents on June 20, 2022 to address community members' concerns regarding health and safety. A full report can be found on the project website (www.kittyhawkoffshore.com). The key conclusions are as follows:

- The electric and magnetic fields from underground cables will be undetectable at the surface therefore present no danger to public health and safety.
- Magnetic fields generated by underground power cables would fall well below magnetic fields produced many common household items.

4. *How will installation of the cable route impact traffic?*

- We are continuing discussions with the City of Virginia Beach to determine the least disruptive manner in which the project would be constructed.
- Construction will follow city guidelines limiting work to October 1- May 15.
- There will be no road closures, including Sandbridge Road, and traffic safety will be our priority.

5. *What is the timeline for additional community input?*

The permitting process will be ongoing through 2024. During this time frame, there will be multiple opportunities for the public to comment and engage.

Thank you for taking the time to read through this information regarding our project. We are committed to having an open, transparent, and productive relationship with the local community. Should you have any questions, please visit kittyhawkoffshore.com or contact Ashley McLeod, Lead Offshore Wind Public Affairs, by phone (757-748-7084) or email (ashley.mcleod@avangrid.com).

Sincerely,

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