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RE: Coming soon, giants at the beach!

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The Maryland Public Service Commission agreed to have Maryland electric customers pay a steep premium price for two offshore industrial wind projects. However, one of the projects will be built directly off the coast of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware in federal waters in 2022. Originally, the “Skipjack” project was to use six megawatt turbines. This past week it was announced the project will use ten, 853’ tall twelve megawatt turbines from General Electric. To keep airplanes from running into the giant turbines there will be flashing red lights all night long. See the graphic below, supplied by GE, to picture the scale. The wind mills will dwarf the Statue of Liberty, and GE compares them to the height of the Chrysler Building in New York.

A study by North Carolina State University concluded the visual blight of even much smaller wind mills would have a negative impact on coastal tourism. A project proposed near Martha’s Vineyard, Massachusetts was cancelled for this very reason. Governor Carney, and the Delaware Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control supported the Rehoboth project. An argument the wind mills will be far enough off the coast to be barely seen no longer holds water.

