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Cc: DeGiusti, Stephen; Sitomer, Gabrielle; Cochrane, Phil; Stout, Robert; Stultz, Mark
Subject: RE: Analysis: N.J. offshore wind may benefit from end of Christie's term

Thanks for your note, Bob.

Promoting and protecting the role of gas as an increasing part of our energy mix is a paramount priority. We need to be ready to speak to this wherever there is a credible effort to dis-incentivize gas.

Will be good to hear more and talk about how we can bring messaging resources if necessary and appropriate.

Joe

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Hi, Patrick.

I note below an article where the Union of Concerned Scientists is arguing for an increased Renewable Portfolio Standard for New Mexico in the 2019 legislative session. At the same time, they argue against an expected move towards natural gas by NM utility companies.

We are obviously OK with the move away from coal-fired plants, but I wonder if you might have some insight into how big an issue this might be in 2019 and whether we need to step up positive arguments for natural gas.

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INDUSTRY UPDATE

**Analysis: N.J. offshore wind may benefit from end of Christie's term**

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie's term ends in January and is expected to bring about a change in leadership that will lead to the rapid growth of the state's offshore wind industry. "New Jersey has all the classic elements for offshore wind to work," said US Wind Director of Project Development Paul Rich, whose company holds a federal lease to develop a space off the coast of Atlantic City. Many wind companies are in New York this week attending the American Wind Energy Association's Offshore WINDPOWER conference.

Bloomberg (free registration) (10/24)

**Wind is a major job driver in Texas, Gore says**

Wind supports job creation in Texas and has resulted in 22,000 new positions, said former Vice President Al Gore while speaking at the GridNEXT Conference in Texas on Monday. Gore also praised Georgetown Mayor Dale Ross for helping his city transition to a 100% renewable energy economy.

KTAL-TV (Shreveport, La./Texarkana, Texas) (10/23)

**Report: N.M. could boost job creation by investing in wind, solar**

A stronger Renewable Portfolio Standard would help New Mexico shift away from coal-burning power plants, triple its installed wind capacity from 2016 levels by 2030, create new jobs and benefit the environment, according to the Union of Concerned Scientists. "Policymakers and residents must decide if they want to intentionally seize the considerable in-state job growth, community investment and public health improvements that come from turning towards a strengthened RPS and away from natural gas," said co-author and UCS Director of State Policy and Analysis Jeff Deyette.

North American Windpower online (10/23)

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SSE, Coillte launch 169-MW Galway project in Ireland

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SSE and Coillte have begun operations at their 169-megawatt Galway project in Ireland featuring 58 3-MW machines from Siemens Gamesa, said the companies. The project was build in two phases, one with a capacity of 64 MW and another with 105 MW.

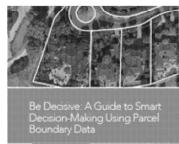
[ReNews \(UK\) \(10/23\)](#)



Consortium begins offshore wind feasibility study in India

Fowind, a consortium led by the Global Wind Energy Council, has begun studying offshore wind feasibility in Gujarat and Tamil Nadu, India, by analyzing the states' current grid infrastructure and considering what type of updates would be needed to integrate offshore wind. Fowind said its assessment will likely lead to a basic blueprint for developing India's offshore wind industry.

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Report: Repowering can add an average of 20 years to a turbine's life

After reviewing more than 300 land-based and offshore wind turbines, German firm 8.2 Consulting has come to the conclusion that the average turbine could have 20 years added to its lifetime through repowering. "Operators have to consider very carefully how they can maximize their energy output and reduce operating costs," said Head of Sales and Marketing Philipp Stukenbrock.

[ReNews \(UK\) \(10/23\)](#)



ECONOMY, ENERGY & TRENDS

BNEF: Oil firms invested \$6.2B in clean energy over the past 15 years

The world's largest oil firms invested \$6.2 billion in clean energy over the past 15 years and participated in 44 clean energy deals in 2016 alone, up from 21 in 2015, according to Bloomberg New Energy Finance. "This reflects their underpinning strategy to test out new ideas and businesses," said report co-author Richard Chatterton.

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Northern Maine college adds drone education to curriculum

Northern Maine Community College professor Wayne Kilcollins has become certified flying unmanned aircraft systems and will add drone education to his Wind Power Technology curriculum at the school, according to Kilcollins and NMCC. Kilcollins said he recognized a growing demand for drone skills in the wind industry and will demonstrate to students how the technology can be used to inspect turbines and in other applications.

[North American Windpower online](#) (10/23)



POLICY WATCH

8 former FERC members object to Perry grid proposal



Eight former Federal Energy Regulation Committee Commissioners, including five former chairmen, have written a letter to the agency objecting to Energy Secretary Rick Perry's proposal favoring nuclear and coal-burning power plants. They write that it would "disrupt decades of substantial investment made in the modern electric power system, raise costs for customers, and do so in a manner directly counter to the Commission's long experience."

[CleanTechnica](#) (10/23)



Perry (Scott Olson/Getty Images)

PJM CEO: Perry proposal "simply unworkable"

Energy Secretary Rick Perry's proposal to favor nuclear and coal energy would not be legal, said PJM Interconnection President and CEO Andrew Ott. He said a rule requiring grid managers to credit coal and nuclear plants would be "simply unworkable."

[The Plain Dealer \(Cleveland\)](#) (10/23)



AWEA NEWS

Fact check: Report by competing energy sources ignores renewables' advances

A recent report by consulting firm IHS Markit misses recent technological advances that have drastically reduced the cost of renewable energy, while also enabling wind and solar to provide essential grid reliability services in many cases better than conventional power plants. The report was commissioned by the Nuclear Energy Institute, Edison Electric Institute and the Chamber of Commerce, also incorrectly focuses on renewable energy as the reason coal and nuclear power plants are retiring, when experts have concluded that low natural gas prices and flat electricity demand are the primary factors. [Read more](#).



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Helen Hayes,
actress



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