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Hi, Thank you for allowing my comments on the NYS Energy Plan.

My concerns are that the most effective means of generating electricity are utilized and that the methods of generation and distribution are implemented in the most responsible manner with the least amount of "impact" on the consumer. By "impact", I refer to the sights, sounds, inefficiency and costs of Industrial Wind Turbines. I do not feel that "onshore" wind turbines in NYS are a practical approach to any energy plan. Very few sites in NYS offer better than "marginal" conditions for generating electricity. Many of the sites being selected currently are below the minimum criteria for constructing turbines. Capacity factors are very low in NYS. These have been documented. When you factor in that they generate the least amount of electricity in the summer months when the demand is the highest, it does not make good sound business sense to construct these in NYS. Offshore turbines can be effective as indicated by many sources. Industrial Wind Turbines should not be constructed near populated areas. They should not be allowed to be constructed in people's back yards, front yards or anywhere near their home. Issues with Noise, Shadow Flicker, Health and loss of property value all affect property owners.

"Quality of Life". People move to the rural areas to get away from the "city" now having to contend with the threat of having a 476 foot tall turbine constructed next to your home. The quiet rural atmosphere now sounds like a jet engine or a freight train that seldom quiets down. If the NYS Energy Policy includes wind power as part of the solution, then there should be some minimum standards that govern the way they are implemented.

1. Setbacks need to be designed to protect the people. ½ mile from homes should be the minimum safe distance.
2. Noise limits should be set at 5dB above the lowest measured levels before construction.
3. No turbine should be constructed so as to cast a shadow on a home.

Town boards needs supervision so that "conflict of interest" is not allowed to influence the outcome of a project. Companies should no be allowed to own and operate both generation and transmission. Subsidies should not be allowed for a method of generation that is unreliable, intermittent and undependable. My comments may be shared as needed.