

September 27, 2018

Asim Z. Haque, Chairman  
Ohio Power Siting Board  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: Ohio Power Siting Board Case No. 16-1871-EL-BGN  
*In the Matter of the Application of Icebreaker Windpower Inc.*

Dear Chairman Haque and members of the Ohio Power Siting Board,

The undersigned organizations write in support of the proposed Icebreaker offshore wind project, the application for which is currently before the Ohio Power Siting Board in Case No. 16-1871-EL-BGN.

As organizations that advocate for the advancement of clean energy in Ohio, the Environmental Defense Fund, League of Women Voters of Ohio, Mom's Clean Air Force, Ohio Citizen Action, and Ohio Interfaith Power and Light believe this project is an important step for the state of Ohio toward a clean energy future. The Icebreaker project will put Ohio on the map as a leader in new technology to help us achieve cleaner air and healthier communities, as this project would be the first freshwater offshore wind farm in North America. Deployment of more renewable energy in northeast Ohio could help alleviate health impacts imposed on some of the most vulnerable Ohioans by reducing our reliance on fossil fuels and improving our air quality.

We believe the compromise reached between Icebreaker, the Ohio Environmental Council, Sierra Club, the Business Network for Offshore Wind, and the Indiana/Kentucky/Ohio Regional Council of Carpenters will ensure important wildlife and environmental protections are implemented through the Application and Stipulation requirements. The Memorandums of Understanding, the Bird & Bat Conservation Strategy, the continuing oversight from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and OPSB Staff, the ability of the two signatory environmental parties to provide input in ongoing discussions finalizing aspects of the conservation strategies, and the commitments that Icebreaker has included in the Application as part of this project will ensure that the demonstration project balances our need for clean energy with protecting Ohio's natural resources.

It is vital that the siting of any energy facility within the state is responsibly implemented to ensure minimal negative impacts to air, land, water and public health through a rigorous and transparent regulatory process. That is of particular importance here, as this demonstration project will serve as precedent for any possible future project proposals in Lake Erie. This six turbine demonstration project will provide data and guidance on how Ohio can move forward with clean renewable technology on Lake Erie in a manner that protects our natural resources, and will determine how Ohio can move forward as a leader in clean, renewable energy. We believe the Application and Stipulation provide this important guidance and environmental protections, and that the Stipulation should be approved.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for a clean energy future for Ohio, and our support for the Stipulation filed in the Icebreaker project, which will ensure the project is a model for any future clean energy proposals involving Lake Erie.

Environmental Defense Fund

*Dick Munson, Director, Midwest Clean Energy*



Ohio Citizen Action

*Rachael Belz, Executive Director*



League of Women Voters of Ohio

*Jen Miller, Executive Director*



Ohio Interfaith Power & Light

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**Subject:** Kindly add to Icebreaker, Case 16 1871 EL BGN

Hello Matt

Would you please add this article about Germany's wind energy catastrophe, to the Icebreaker Case number as in the subject line? The volume of information coming now from Germany is frankly, staggeringly against wind development. Crippling the economy, creating energy poverty of a high order, and of course, hypocritically importing some nuclear from France, and [building out coal as fast as they can](#). Hardly something to aspire to.



### **Germany Is a Coal-Burning, Gas-Guzzling Climate Change Hypocrite**

By Paul Hockenos

Angela Merkel hasn't come close to earning her reputation for leadership on climate change.

We reference this article and example, because a few of the supporters for the Icebreaker use Germany's experience with wind, to show relevance to Lake Erie and the Icebreaker, citing success and greening. Nothing could be further from the truth. Indeed, the more reference points we can use for the project proposal, the more heightened our sense of danger will be. Ontario, as you know, becomes another "sisterly" comparison of the kind that sends of warning bells.

Actually, there are now two articles to add.

Thank you.

Kind regards,

Sherri

*Sherri Lange*

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## Germany's Energiewende program exposed as a catastrophic failure

**Guest Blogger** / 19 hours ago

*EU climate alarmist champion Germany has its Energiewende program exposed as a catastrophic failure with enormous costs*



**Guest essay by Larry Hamlin**

An audit of the EU's leading climate alarmism energy policy program concludes that Germany's Energiewende is a colossal and hugely expensive debacle.

The screenshot shows the homepage of 'The Global Warming Policy Forum'. At the top, there is a line graph titled 'Global Mean Temperature' showing a rise from 14°C in 2001 to 15°C in 2017. The website's navigation bar includes links for HOME, WHO WE ARE, LATEST POSTINGS, PRESS RELEASES, GWPF NEWSLETTER, CONTACT, and RSS. Below the navigation bar, a breadcrumb trail reads: 'You are here: The Global Warming Policy Forum (GWPF) > Germany Risks Permanent Loss Of Control Of Energiewende, Federal Audit Office Warns'. The main section is titled 'INTERNATIONAL NEWS' and features the article 'GERMANY RISKS PERMANENT LOSS OF CONTROL OF ENERGIEWENDE, FEDERAL AUDIT OFFICE WARNS'. The article is dated 29/09/18 and by Daniel Wetzel. The headline of the article is 'Bei der Energiewende droht Deutschland der endgültige Kontrollverlust'. The article text states: 'Germany's Federal Audit Office has accused the government of a catastrophic mismanagement of the green energy transition (Energiewende). The wastage of resources is "unprecedented".' Below the text is a video player showing a landscape with wind turbines and solar panels.

“Germany’s Federal Audit Office has accused the federal government of having largely failed to manage the transformation of Germany’s energy systems.”

“A little more than a year before Germany’s climate-policy “milestone 2020”, the auditing body has concluded a catastrophic assessment of the government’s energy policy. Germany would miss its targets for both reducing greenhouse gas emissions and primary energy consumption as well as for increasing energy productivity and the share of renewable energy in transport. At the same time, policy makers had burdened the nation with enormous costs.”

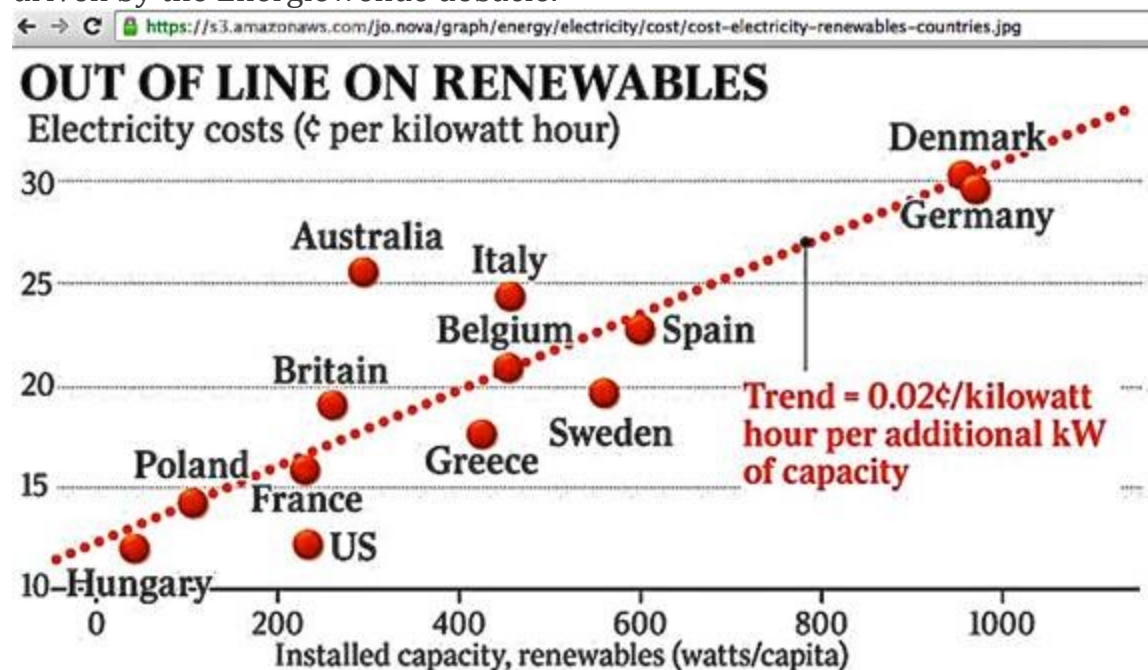
The audit further concluded that the program is a monumental bureaucratic nightmare where “The Federal Government, incidentally, does not have an overall grasp of the costs or any transparency in this respect.”

“The scope of the legislation is also striking,” Scheller stated: “At national level alone, 26 laws and 33 regulations regulate the generation, storage, transmission, distribution and consumption of energy. There is, however, “no place where everything comes together, no place that assumes overall responsibility”, Scheller criticized.

“For example, there are “no quantified targets, no measurable indicators” for the energy policy goals of affordability and security of supply, Scheller criticised: “Here we are poking around in the dark.” For five years now, the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology has been responsible for the green energy transition, but the ministry is “in no position to determine what it must do to ensure that the goals of the Energiewende are demonstrably and economically achieved”.

“Overall, the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology is trying “to give the impression that the current coordination and control of the energy transition is essentially designed at optimal level,” the auditors conclude. “Failing that, the German and international public could get the impression that Germany is simply incapable of successfully shaping and implementing the Energiewende that is planned society-wide and for the long term.”

Germany’s electricity rate have skyrocketed to the highest levels in the EU largely driven by the Energiewende debacle.



As is always the case the climate alarmist renewable energy advocacy main stream media in both the U.S. and Europe will do everything possible to conceal this disastrous policy debacle from public view.



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