

## "Voting Energy" Guide – Survey

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### *Global Considerations*

#### 1. Do you believe that ...

... skyrocketing energy prices increasingly reflect global market pressures?

- Yes
- No

... the "war on terror" and other global conflicts have anything to do with U.S. reliance on foreign oil?

- Yes
- No

... the world's consumption of fossil fuels is changing global climate?

- Yes
- No

### *Cape & Islands Issues*

#### 2. Do you believe that reliance on fossil fuels ...

... harms the economy of the Cape & Islands region, through high prices and capital outflows?

- Yes
- No

... affects public health in the Cape & Islands region, through air pollutant emissions and mercury releases?

- Yes
- No

... degrades water quality and habitat in the Cape & Islands region, through deposition of airborne pollutants, surface runoff, and fuel spills?

- Yes
- No

... poses risks to the future of the Cape & Islands region, through the localized effects of global climate change?

- Yes
- No

#### 3. How would you characterize current and possible future adverse impacts on the Cape & Islands of continued reliance on fossil fuels?

- Extreme
- Serious

- Moderate
- Minor

- No threat
- Net positive effect

#### 4. Given that the capacity of proposed wind and ocean energy projects far exceeds current regional electricity demand, do you believe that communities on the Cape, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket ...

... could become electricity independent within the next 10 to 15 years?

- Yes
- No

... should be working aggressively toward a long-term goal of energy independence?

- Yes
- No

**5. Do you support ...**

... the 130-turbine wind energy project proposed for Nantucket Sound?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

... the 90- to 120-turbine wind energy project proposed for Buzzards Bay??

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

**6. How many wind turbines should be installed ...**

... in Nantucket Sound?

- 0
- > 0
- ~30
- ~75
- 130
- As many as feasible

... in Buzzards Bay?

- 0
- > 0
- ~30
- ~75
- 90
- 120
- As many as feasible

**7. In waters around Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket, would you support community-based siting and installation of ...**

... large-scale, ocean-based wind farms not visible from land??

- Yes
- No

... large-scale wave and/or tidal energy projects not visible from land?

- Yes
- No

**8. For offshore renewable energy projects sited in the Cape & Islands region, what benefits should host communities receive? (Check all that apply)**

- Long-term, stable power supply contracts
- Employment opportunities for local residents
- Mitigation fees for adverse impacts
- Opportunities for public ownership
- Final say on project siting and sizing

- Investment in complementary education, research, and economic development initiatives
- Integration with demonstration projects for plug-in hybrid, hydrogen, or other advanced energy systems

**9. Would you support creation of a Cape & Islands renewable energy cooperative, which could buy power from renewable energy developers at wholesale rates, own and operate energy projects and systems, and give residents and businesses direct control over its decisions?**

- Yes
- No

## Campaign Promises

10. Which statements below best characterize your responses to energy issues? (Check all that apply)

- I support immediate action to increase investment in energy efficiency.
- I support immediate action to increase investment in renewable energy.
- I support immediate action to increase investment in energy R&D.
- I support immediate action to control greenhouse gas emissions from existing sources.
- I will let my children worry about energy issues.
- I support sustained efforts to increase energy supply within the region and to reduce exposure to market volatilities.
- I support sustained efforts to level the playing field among energy options and accelerate the transition toward clean energy sources.
- I will let my grandchildren worry about energy issues.

11. What's the best way to increase energy efficiency? (Check no more than two)

- Increase efficiency standards for vehicles, buildings, appliances, etc.
- Increase subsidies for efficiency measures
- Reduce subsidies for fossil fuels
- Increase the cost of fossil fuels to reflect environmental, health, security, and climate considerations

12. What's the best way to increase reliance on renewable energy? (Check no more than two)

- Accelerate renewable portfolio standards
- Increase subsidies for renewable energy technologies
- Reduce subsidies for fossil fuels
- Increase the cost of fossil fuels to reflect environmental, health, security, and climate considerations

13. Do you support the pending 20-year extension of the operating license for the Pilgrim Nuclear Station in Plymouth, which represents a major source of low-price, non-emitting power?

- Yes
- No

14. To meet growing electricity demand, what kinds of new, large-scale power plants should be constructed in Massachusetts? (Check all that apply)

- Natural Gas
- Oil
- Coal
- Nuclear
- Land-Based Wind
- Offshore Wind
- Bioenergy (Trash, Wood, etc.)
- Wave/Tidal

**15. To meet growing regional demand for natural gas, which of the following do you support? (Check all that apply)**

- Expanding existing pipelines to increase imports from elsewhere
- Constructing an LNG terminal in Fall River
- Constructing an LNG terminal in Boston Harbor
- Constructing an LNG terminal off Gloucester
- Constructing LNG capacity elsewhere in New England
- Exploring and possibly developing natural gas resources off the coast of Massachusetts
- Developing natural gas resources elsewhere

**16. To reduce reliance on foreign oil, which of the following do you support? (Check all that apply)**

- Drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
- Increasing fuel efficiency standards for all classes of vehicles
- Increasing subsidies for gas-electric hybrids, plug-in hybrids, biodiesel, ethanol, and other alternatives
- Accelerating research on biofuel, hydrogen, fuel cell, and other transportation technologies
- Exploring and possibly developing oil resources off the coast of Massachusetts
- Developing oil resources elsewhere

***Personal Commitments***

**17. What kinds of vehicles do you own or use regularly? (Check all that apply)**

- Sedan, Minivan, etc.
- SUV or Truck
- Diesel Vehicle
- Flex-Fuel Vehicle
- Hybrid
- Motorcycle
- Bicycle
- Public Transit

May we contact you with information on cleaner transportation options?

- Yes
- No

**18. How do you heat your home?**

- Oil
- Natural gas
- Other fossil fuel
- Electricity
- Wood or other bioenergy source
- Solar thermal
- Geothermal

May we contact you with information on cleaner/green heating options?

- Yes
- No

**19. Do you currently purchase “green power”?**

- Yes  No

May we contact you with information on power supply options?

- Yes  
 No

**20. Which of the following renewable energy options would you consider for your home or office? (Check all that apply)**

- Solar thermal system for hot water/space heating  
 Bioheat system for space heating/hot water  
 Solar photovoltaic system for electricity  
 Wind turbine for electricity

May we contact you to schedule a renewable energy site assessment?

- Yes  
 No

Comments:

Thank you very much for your participation in this survey. Please mail completed forms to the address below. Results – in the form of a “Voting Energy” guide – will be posted on the Cape & Islands Energy Information Clearinghouse at [www.cirenew.info/votingenergy](http://www.cirenew.info/votingenergy) as they become available. Let me know if you have any questions.

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