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Please include the following comments in the testimony and tomorrow (2/20/2019) night's meeting:

The coming of the steam engine, electricity and space travel all evoked some angry and fearful reactions. And these reactions are understandable—change is difficult and can be frightening. Change requires us to adjust to new patterns and develop new habits in our daily lives. But we need to be thinking about the bigger picture here: we are facing a major change in our climate and we can mitigate the effects of that change by eliminating the carbon emissions that are causing it. The harm being done to us and the wildlife that surrounds us by the warming, rising and acidification of the oceans is much greater than any harm that might be done by a laying two cables under our waters. An offshore wind farm of this size is a development that can actually make a difference in how we cope with global warming. It is a pioneering step and as such might come with some downsides. But overall, it is the right thing to do.

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