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Misty Night
VISUALIZATION STUDY FOR
OFFSHORE NORTH CAROLINA

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Base Photograph
Photo Name: OBS_0073-UV
Date: April 16, 2012
Time: 9:00 PM
GPS Coordinates: lat 35.106871°, long -75.95277°
Viewpoint Elevation: 0°

Weather
Moon is below horizon
Weather Conditions: Starlit (see notes)
Visibility²: 10 mi
Wave Height: 2 - 4'
Period: 3 sec.

Camera
Camera Make/Model: Nikon D7000
Sensor Dimensions: 23.6 mm X 15.6 mm
Lens Make/Model: Nikkor DX AF-S 35 mm
Lens Focal Length: 35 mm
35 mm Equivalent Focal Length: 52.5 mm
Horizontal and Vertical Angles of View:
37.3° wide and 25.3° high
Camera Height: 1.5 m (5')
Camera Azimuth: 142°

Wind Turbine Information
Number: 200
Make and Model: Siemens SWT-3.6-107
Height/Dimensions:
Support Structure/Monopile Ht.: 13 m (43')
Hub Ht. (above Monopile): 80 m (262')
Rotor Diameter: 107 m (351')
Total Height to Tip of Blade: 147 m (481')
Service Platform: A bldg. 50'H X 100'W X 200' L
elevated 50' above the water

NOTES

• The resulting image represents an impression of how the wind project lighting might appear if it were surrounded by a light mist on an otherwise clear night.
• The simulated light is derived from a photograph of an LED L-864 FAA warning light taken at Lempster, NH on a clear night from a distance of 15 nm. The photograph of the light as displayed on a Lenovo W520 laptop computer at a screen resolution of 1600 X 900 was compared to the light as actually seen. The selected image most closely captured what was actually seen.
• The "halo" effect caused by a light mist was simulated by (1) increasing the width and height of the light's image by three times and (2) giving a transparency of 75% to simulate the light's dimming due to dispersion. Lastly, WindPRO's fog "visibility distance" setting was set to 22.5 nm to simulate dimming of the light due to interfering water vapor.
• The photo was taken with a UV filter.
• Refraction Coefficient (k) = .075

VIEWING INSTRUCTIONS

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Make and Model: Vestas V164-7.0 MW
Height/Dimensions:
Support Structure/Monopile Ht.: 13 m (43')
Hub Ht. (above Monopile): 105 m (345')
Rotor Diameter: 164 m (538')
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1 GPS Coordinates
Location coordinates as used in WindPRO to register the wireframe diagram to the photograph. Due to slight errors and lens distortion, these values may differ at the fourth significant digit as obtained from a handheld GPS device at the time the photographs were taken and as shown on the Project Location Map.

2 Visibility
Visibility is obtained from the closest airport weather station (see chart at right). The chart shows which weather station was used for each site. Visibility is measured up to ten statute miles.

3 Camera Azimuth
Camera azimuth was obtained using a magnetic compass at the time of photography. However magnetic anomalies in the study area make some of these measurements unreliable. The camera azimuth reported here is for true north and reflects the bearing used to register the wind turbines to the photograph in WindPRO.

4 Refraction Coefficient
The correction for refraction comes from Technical Appendix F Earth Curvature and Refraction of Light, in the report Visual Representation of Windfarms Good Practice Guidance, prepared for Scottish Natural Heritage (h+m 2006). The coefficient of refraction k is commonly defined as the ratio between the radius of the earth and the radius of the light in the line of sight between an object and the observer (Hirt 2010). The value reported here is half this value, but it is multiplied by two in the Technical Appendix’s equation.

ABBREVIATIONS
nm nautical miles
mi statute miles
mm millimeters
m meters
sec. seconds
‘ feet
” inches
° degrees
lat latitude
long longitude

REFERENCES