



Trump's Campaign Targets Offshore Wind with Cash Incentives

Description

The Trump administration has agreed to pay \$1 billion to the French energy company TotalEnergies. This unusual move aims to halt U.S. offshore wind projects, which supporters view as innovative but critics label as reckless.

On Monday, the Interior Department confirmed that TotalEnergies would effectively receive a refund for its leases for projects near North Carolina and New York. The funds will be redirected to a liquefied natural gas terminal in Texas and other fossil fuel ventures. The department described this agreement as a way to prevent taxpayers from supporting "ideological subsidies" that only benefited the expensive offshore wind sector.

This decision follows several unsuccessful attempts by President Trump to stop offshore wind projects through executive orders, which have faced legal challenges. U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer, a Democrat from New York, expressed concern, calling the payment a potential precedent that misuses taxpayer money.

Conversely, Robin Shaffer, leader of the anti-offshore wind group Protect Our Coast New Jersey, praised the administration for its creative strategy following judicial obstacles. Shaffer argued that the leases should never have been granted due to environmental concerns.

Amid rising energy costs and increasing oil prices, some Democrats have pushed for stronger energy independence. Virginia has recently begun power supply from an offshore wind project targeted by the administration. U.S. Senator Tim Kaine criticized the payout as "idiotic" during the ongoing energy crisis.

TotalEnergies has already suspended its offshore projects in the U.S. and will focus on its fossil fuel operations. It remains uncertain whether the Trump administration will pursue similar strategies in the future.

Vocabulary List:

1. **offshore** //,ɔf'ʃɔr// (adjective): located in the sea, away from the coast
2. **leases** //'li:sɪz// (noun): agreements to use property for a set time
3. **liquefied** //'likwə,faɪd// (adjective): made into a liquid, often by cooling
4. **subsidies** //'sʌbsɪ,dɪz// (noun): money given by government to help people or businesses
5. **precedent** //'preɪsɪdənt// (noun): an earlier example that guides later decisions
6. **suspended** //'sə'spɛndɪd// (verb): temporarily stopped something, not allowed to continue



Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. How much has the Trump administration agreed to pay TotalEnergies?
Option: \$500 million
Option: \$750 million
Option: \$1 billion
Option: \$1.5 billion
2. What does the Trump administration aim to halt with the payment to TotalEnergies?
Option: Onshore wind projects
Option: Offshore wind projects
Option: Solar energy projects
Option: Nuclear energy projects
3. Which state recently started power supply from an offshore wind project?
Option: California
Option: Texas
Option: Virginia
Option: New York
4. Who expressed concern about the payment to TotalEnergies?
Option: Robin Shaffer
Option: Tim Kaine
Option: Chuck Schumer
Option: Donald Trump
5. What type of terminal will the redirected funds be used for?
Option: Coal terminal
Option: Liquefied natural gas terminal
Option: Solar power station
Option: Nuclear facility
6. Which group did Robin Shaffer lead?
Option: Protect Our Coast New Jersey



- Option: Offshore Wind Alliance
- Option: Energy Independence Coalition
- Option: Natural Gas Advocates

True-False

- 7. The Trump administration's payment to TotalEnergies is intended to support offshore wind projects.
- 8. TotalEnergies has halted its offshore projects in the U.S.
- 9. Senator Tim Kaine supported the payout to TotalEnergies.
- 10. The agreement with TotalEnergies includes funds being used for fossil fuel ventures.
- 11. Robin Shaffer criticized the Trump administration for its strategy regarding offshore wind.
- 12. President Trump has been successful in stopping offshore wind projects through executive orders.

Gap-Fill

- 13. The Trump administration has agreed to pay \$1 billion to TotalEnergies to halt U.S. offshore wind projects, which supporters view as _____.
- 14. The funds from TotalEnergies leases will be redirected to a liquefied natural gas terminal in Texas and other _____ ventures.
- 15. Senator Chuck Schumer called the payment a potential _____ that misuses taxpayer money.
- 16. Robin Shaffer supported the administration's creative strategy following judicial _____.
- 17. Some Democrats have pushed for stronger energy _____ amid rising energy costs.
- 18. TotalEnergies will focus on its fossil fuel operations, raising questions about whether similar strategies



will be pursued in the _____ .

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. \$1 billion 2. Offshore wind projects 3. Virginia 4. Chuck Schumer 5. Liquefied natural gas terminal 6. Protect Our Coast New Jersey

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. True 11. False 12. False

Gap-Fill: 13. innovative 14. fossil fuel 15. precedent 16. obstacles 17. independence 18. future

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. What are often targeted by cybercriminals to gain unauthorized access?

Option: Networks

Option: Vulnerabilities

Option: Firewalls

Option: Databases

2. What term describes a hopeful attitude towards the future?

Option: Pessimism

Option: Realism

Option: Optimism

Option: Cynicism

3. What does it mean to increase or intensify in severity?

Option: Regulate

Option: Escalate

Option: Diminish

Option: Moderate

4. What financial assistance is often provided by the government to help reduce costs?

Option: Grants

Option: Loans

Option: Subsidies

Option: Investments

5. What term refers to interruptions that can cause confusion or disorder?

Option: Consolidations



- Option: Improvements
- Option: Disruptions
- Option: Stabilizations

6. What term is used to describe strained relations or conflicts between entities?

- Option: Relaxations
- Option: Tensions
- Option: Harmonies
- Option: Unities

7. What term is used to describe a sudden increase or rise?

- Option: Minimized
- Option: Dropped
- Option: Surged
- Option: Stagnated

8. What is the term for making a process easier or less difficult?

- Option: Obstructed
- Option: Complicated
- Option: Facilitated
- Option: Impeded

9. What term describes a substance that has been made liquid?

- Option: Solidified
- Option: Liquefied
- Option: Frozen
- Option: Gaseous

10. What verb means to counterbalance or compensate for something?

- Option: Increase
- Option: Offset
- Option: Reduce
- Option: Enhance

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. Natural disasters can lead to significant disruptions in _____ services.

12. The emergence of new technologies often changes _____ industries.

13. Political tensions can escalate due to _____ actions.



14. After the announcement, the stock prices surged to new _____ highs.
15. Organizations must identify their security vulnerabilities to _____ risks.
16. The report generated a sense of optimism about the _____ economy.
17. The new software facilitated _____ communication between teams.
18. Liquefied natural gas is often transported in _____ tankers.
19. Farmers often rely on government subsidies to _____ agricultural costs.
20. The stock market experienced a correction after a long period of _____ growth.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The event was unprecedented in its scale and impact.
22. Hackers often exploit system weaknesses to gain unauthorized access.
23. The situation began to escalate after the controversial decision.
24. The stock market index reflects the performance of various companies.
25. The gains from investments may offset other financial losses.
26. Steps were taken to mitigate the effects of the disaster.
27. A market correction can often lead to new investment opportunities.
28. Sales surged during the holiday season, exceeding all expectations.
29. Heightened tensions amid the negotiations made progress difficult.
30. The military was deployed to assist in the disaster relief efforts.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Vulnerabilities 2. Optimism 3. Escalate 4. Subsidies 5. Disruptions 6. Tensions 7. Surged
8. Facilitated 9. Liquefied 10. Offset

Gap-Fill: 11. essential 12. traditional 13. provocative 14. record 15. mitigate 16. global 17. efficient
18. specialized



19. offset 20. rapid

Matching sentence: 1. unprecedented 2. exploit 3. escalate 4. index 5. offset 6. mitigate 7. correction 8. surged 9. tensions 10. deployed

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