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# Trump's Campaign Targets Offshore Wind with Financial Incentives

## Description

The Trump administration has agreed to pay \$1 billion to the French energy company TotalEnergies to stop its offshore wind projects in the U.S. This decision affects planned developments off the coasts of North Carolina and New York. Officials say the funds will support a liquefied natural gas terminal in Texas and other fossil fuel projects. They describe the agreement as "innovative," claiming it ends financial support for an unreliable offshore wind industry.

This shift follows federal court decisions that blocked President Trump's attempts to halt offshore wind development through executive orders. Senator Chuck Schumer, a Democrat from New York, criticised the payout, calling it a misuse of taxpayer money. In contrast, Robin Shaffer, leader of an anti-offshore wind group, supported the move, arguing that offshore wind leases were harmful to the marine environment.

Trump has consistently opposed offshore wind, claiming wind turbines are costly and harmful to wildlife. Recently, he reiterated his commitment to ending the offshore wind industry if he returns to office. The U.S. is currently facing rising energy prices, and Democrats argue that stopping offshore wind projects is a poor decision during this energy crisis.

As investigations into the legality of this payment continue, many within the government question the direction of U.S. energy policy.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **offshore** //,ɔf'ʃɔr// (adjective): away from the land; located at sea
2. **liquefied** //'lɪkwə,faɪd// (adjective): made into a liquid form for storage
3. **terminal** //'tɜ:mənəl// (noun): a place where goods are loaded and unloaded
4. **misuse** //mɪs'ju:s// (noun): use in the wrong or harmful way
5. **leases** //'li:sɪz// (noun): agreements to rent land or property for a set time
6. **legality** //'lɪ'gælɪti// (noun): whether something is allowed by law

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice



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1. How much has the Trump administration agreed to pay TotalEnergies?
    - Option: \$500 million
    - Option: \$1 billion
    - Option: \$2 billion
    - Option: \$750 million
  
  2. Which state is NOT mentioned as being affected by the offshore wind project stoppage?
    - Option: Texas
    - Option: North Carolina
    - Option: New York
    - Option: California
  
  3. Who criticized the payout decision made by the Trump administration?
    - Option: Robin Shaffer
    - Option: Chuck Schumer
    - Option: TotalEnergies
    - Option: Environmental Protection Agency
  
  4. What is the Trump administration's plan for the funds paid to TotalEnergies?
    - Option: Support offshore wind projects
    - Option: Establish a liquefied natural gas terminal
    - Option: Invest in solar energy
    - Option: Decrease taxpayer funds
  
  5. What industry does Trump and his supporters claim to be unreliable?
    - Option: Natural gas
    - Option: Solar power
    - Option: Offshore wind
    - Option: Coal
  
  6. What energy issue is the U.S. currently facing according to the document?
    - Option: Rising energy prices
    - Option: Decreasing energy resources
    - Option: Stable energy prices
    - Option: Sufficient energy supplies

**True-False**



7. The agreement between the Trump administration and TotalEnergies supports offshore wind projects.
8. Chuck Schumer advocates for the offshore wind industry.
9. Robin Shaffer is against offshore wind projects.
10. Trump has expressed support for wind turbines in his statements.
11. This decision to pay TotalEnergies will help with fossil fuel projects.
12. There are no ongoing investigations regarding the legality of the payment to TotalEnergies.

### Gap-Fill

13. The Trump administration has agreed to pay \$1 billion to TotalEnergies to stop its offshore wind projects in the U.S., affecting developments off the coasts of North Carolina and \_\_\_\_\_ .
14. Senator Chuck Schumer criticized the payout, calling it a misuse of \_\_\_\_\_ money.
15. Trump has consistently opposed offshore wind, claiming wind turbines are costly and harmful to \_\_\_\_\_ .
16. The agreement was described as 'innovative,' aiming to end financial support for an \_\_\_\_\_ offshore wind industry.
17. The U.S. is currently facing \_\_\_\_\_ energy prices, according to the document.
18. As investigations into the \_\_\_\_\_ of this payment continue, questions arise about U.S. energy policy.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. \$1 billion 2. California 3. Chuck Schumer 4. Establish a liquefied natural gas terminal  
5. Offshore wind 6. Rising energy prices

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

**Gap-Fill:** 13. New York 14. taxpayer 15. wildlife 16. unreliable 17. rising 18. legality



## Answer

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