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Port San Luis is not feasible as an Offshore wind Operations and Maintenance Port

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Dear California Energy Commission,

The feasibility study done by Mott McDonald(MM) regarding the use of Morro Bay and Port San Luis (PSL) Bay for an offshore wind operations and maintenance (O&M) port found that Morro Bay will not be feasible, but that PSL could possibly be feasible with the use of the Cal Poly Pier.

There are many requirements for an O&M port that MM did not address that should have made PSL unfeasible as well:

1. PSL has no protection from a south swell. *(see attached map) This would require a very long jetty. This has been attempted by the Army Corp. of Engineers in the past and found unfeasible due to a large deep sink hole. Also, this would change the entire ecosystem and waves of the bay. It is often full of bait, fish, whales, and porpoise because of its open exposure to ocean currents. Avila Beach is also a popular beach for swimming and surfing.

2. Industrial chemical storage and transportation. Avila Beach has a history of a large oil spill that required the entire town to be dug up and cleaned in the 90's. Avila locals will not be open for any more chemical storage anywhere near their town. Each turbine requires 187 gallons of grease, 40 gallons of hydraulic oil, 106 gallons of gear oil, 1585 gallons of dielectric fluid, 793 gallons of diesel fuel, 243 lbs. of sulfur hexafluoride, 357 gallons of propylene glycol, and 48 gallons of ethylene glycol. (BOEM Revolution Wind FEIS). The single road access to San Luis Bay, used by locals and tourist alike, is a very narrow windy single lane road that is not amenable to large tanker trucks.

3. Lay-down platform area for turbine equipment " The Cal Poly Pier is permitted to be used for marine research only, not industrial use. MM gave the option of moving Cal Poly's marine research lab somewhere else. There is no other local option for this, that is an unrealistic option and unfair to all the San Luis Obispo Cal Poly students that attend to get a degree in marine science. A large platform off the Hartford pier would require large amounts of costly dredging in an ESHA protected area.

4. Wet storage for towed-in platforms - towing is the highest cost of wind turbine maintenance. Towing to Long Beach (over 200 miles away) for all repairs will not be a

Google Map of San Luis Obispo Bay

***note the orientation of the bay open to south.**

