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CEC team and panelists:

Thank you for the excellent presentation. The panel concerning potential areas of technical research and development was useful, but one notable avenue for R&D that was missing was actual turbines themselves. Domestic technologies exist that could significantly increase the specific power of wind generators (for instance - superconducting generators). Given that many logistics and operational issues related to offshore wind installations are directly related to the mass of the turbine, this seems like one promising area where research and development could meaningfully lower the wind plan LCOE. I urge the CEC to solicit inputs from and consideration of domestic entities tied to turbine.