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Additional submitted attachment is included below.



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California Energy Commission
Docket Office
1516 Ninth Street
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Re: Salesforce Supports California's Ambitious Offshore Wind Targets

Salesforce appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the draft "Offshore Wind Development off the California Coast: Maximum Feasible Capacity and Megawatt Planning Goals for 2030 and 2045" report (AB 525 Report).

As a major business and employer in California, Salesforce is proud to support the state's ambitious and responsible offshore wind deployment targets through the AB 525 implementation process. We recognize the urgent need to scale up domestic clean energy production and this legislation would advance our climate goals while creating good jobs and promoting energy security.

Therefore, as the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission (Energy Commission) works to set targets for AB525, we urge you to consider setting bold targets for the responsible deployment of **5 GW by 2030** and **20 GW by 2045**, with minimum requirements of at least **3 GW by 2030** and **10 GW by 2045**. These ambitious targets will initiate the state's opportunity to capture the economic and clean air benefits of this industry, an especially valuable boost as California grapples with the economic and public health impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Offshore wind is an important clean energy resource and the development of offshore wind in California can create another pathway for the U.S. to meet its ambitious climate goals while creating green jobs. We are already feeling the effects of climate change across the West — from increased heat waves and extreme wildfires to drought and hazardous air quality. Because of these risks, we are making significant commitments and investments to reduce our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and invest in clean energy resources. Salesforce has achieved net zero emissions across our value chain and 100% renewable energy for our operations, but in order to truly decarbonize and achieve a 24/7 clean energy grid, we recognize that clean energy like offshore wind must be significantly scaled up. That is why we joined 12 of our peers in support of AB 525's passage ([see support letter here](#)).

While large-scale deployment of renewable energy infrastructure is urgent to combat climate change, it is important that this is done in a responsible manner so as to avoid, minimize, and

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mitigate impacts or threats to ecosystems and the people that rely on them. Identification of sites for offshore wind development should be informed by the best available science and by robust and early engagement with Tribes, Indigenous communities, and stakeholders. Moreover, wind developers should be encouraged to ensure that jobs and job training are available to local workers and workers from underserved communities.

For floating offshore wind technology, which is new and has never been deployed in California waters, it is important to encourage operators to design infrastructure to reduce environmental impacts and negative interactions with marine life, and to ensure rigorous monitoring so that we can learn about potential environmental impacts and address any serious impacts effectively. Lessons learned should be used to adaptively manage projects to minimize impacts going forward.

We urge you to set bold deployment targets that meet the urgency required at this moment. Targets of 5 GW by 2030 and 20 GW by 2045 will initiate California's opportunity to capture the economic benefits of the offshore wind industry, while ensuring that the state meets its renewable energy and climate goals.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bijan Mehryar". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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