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Mainstream Renewable Power - Comments on AB525

Mainstream is a global developer of renewable energy and has developed approximately 20 percent of the offshore wind in the North Sea, including those in operation or under construction.

Offshore wind represents an unparalleled opportunity to supply responsibly developed clean electricity to help meet California's SB100 goals. Offshore wind will diversify California's energy portfolio, and help to mitigate growing climate risks, while protecting marine, coastal and cultural resources, and bringing economic benefits statewide.

California is well positioned to be a global leader in floating offshore wind. However, economies of scale and a long-term pipeline are essential to drive down costs, deliver competitively priced clean power, and encourage investment and establish job creation and workforce training in our state. Only with ambitious planning goals can this be achieved.

We see tremendous benefits occurring on the east coast where states have committed to over 30 GW of offshore wind. We are also seeing these benefits in Scotland, where 15 GW of floating offshore wind will be deployed in the coming decade.

Mainstream urges the Commission to set ambitious offshore wind planning goals of 5 GW by 2030 and 20 GW by 2045 to position California as a global leader in floating offshore wind.