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Re: CCHD response to Offshore Wind Waterfront Facility Improvement Program Workshop and Grant Program Design

Dear Mr. Harland,

We want to thank you and the other members of the CED staff for holding the Offshore Wind Waterfront Facility Improvement Program Workshop on November 3, 2023 and giving the Crescent City Harbor District a chance to present.

This letter is a follow-up to our presentation to reemphasize points we made at the event.

We strongly support the California Energy Commission staff recommendation to allow the uses for all the items in the funding approaches contemplated in the authorizing legislation for the Offshore Wind Waterfront Facility Improvement Program.

Category I and II are important as we move forward on new projects. Being able to apply for funds for activities to support developing retrofit concepts and investment plans and activities supporting final design, engineering, environmental studies and review, and construction of retrofits will be vital to these efforts.

Equally important is Category III. The Crescent City Harbor District is already applying for and securing grant funds for improvement and expansion of infrastructure which could benefit the offshore wind industry in the future.

Investments in ports and harbors will be essential for the development of offshore wind power initiatives. Being able to apply for and use CEC funds for cost share for federal awards we receive for purposes consistent with Category I or Category II activities could make the difference for us in whether a project is able to move forward.

Energy Commission Staff posed several questions as other potential aspects of the solutions to invite comments. We believe that this early in the process, it may be difficult to determine how community concerns will be addressed, however a public process that includes all stakeholder voices should be undertaken by each grant recipient.

The same issue applies to electrification and green ports. Though it may be too early for the identification of specific projects in the small parts, grant recipients should be planning for a green port future.

We thank you for your time and look forward to the opening of the Offshore Wind Waterfront Facility Improvement Program grant period.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Petrick', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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