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Dear Chair Hochschild and Commissioners,
We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the California Energy Commission (â€œCECâ€) Draft AB 525 Offshore Wind Strategic Report and all the work that CEC staff and commissioners have put into the thorough report. The AB 525 Offshore Wind Strategic Report will be a critical roadmap for California state agencies and communities.

Our communities are racing from comment period to comment period across different federal and state agencies to ensure representation in formally submitted comments as part of many critical processes that are moving offshore wind forward right now. Just coming off the heels of BOEM's PEIS, and participation in state and federal transmission planning processes means that we need more time to thoughtfully respond to the AB 525 strategic plan. We ask you to please extend the deadline to April 26 and also host workshops in communities slated for offshore wind development. Please see additional comments in the attached letter.

Thank you for your consideration and leadership on these matters.

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

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California Energy Commission
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AB 525 Draft Offshore Wind Strategic Plan - Request for Public Comment Period Extension & Workshops in Humboldt and Del Norte

Dear Chair David Hochschild and Commissioners,

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the California Energy Commission (“CEC”) Draft AB 525 Offshore Wind Strategic Report and all the work that CEC staff and commissioners have put into the thorough report. The AB 525 Offshore Wind Strategic Report will be a critical roadmap for California state agencies and communities.


Due to the breadth of content covered in the report, concurrent offshore wind processes, and the importance of the AB 525 Offshore Wind Strategic Report, we respectfully request the extension of the public comment period to April 26, 2024.

The public comment period extension will support the increased engagement of Tribal Nations, historically underserved communities, and nearby communities – an important recommendation found in the report itself. The extension will also support engagement from stakeholders and advocates impacted by the recent devastating storms across California.

To further ensure meaningful participation in the comment process, we also ask that the CEC host in-person workshops on the draft plan in both Humboldt and Del Norte Counties.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to submitting comments in response to the publication of the draft AB 525 Offshore Wind Strategic Report.

Sincerely,



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