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These are my first concerns and questions:

1. The Public Trust Doctrine, at least in State Waters, is violated. Development of OSW by foreign companies is detrimental to consumers financially, performs unmitigated biological harm on land and sea, and disappears fishing grounds, a right guaranteed by the CA Constitution. These consequences are not in the best interests of the people of CA and therefore not in the best interests of the State.

2. Transmission technology is not ready. Permission is being asked to do something whose consequences are unknown. As stated in the March workshop, the status and costs of offshore wind-related transmission technologies including related electrical components, is still emerging, not commercially available, and challenging with long linear facilities crossing many land use types and jurisdictions many land use types and jurisdictions. Also from the workshop, "Environmental permitting for onshore and offshore transmission will be complicated and arduous participation in a joint effort with Idaho Power for the "SWIP North" transmission project. Has anyone talked about how CA contracts with other states will be affected?

3. The number and kinds of port developments is nebulous. Some locations have been identified with potential responsibilities, i.e. staging, manufacturing, assembling, operation, maintenance. However, the individually named ports themselves have not been evaluated for viability and reliability. For example, Morro Bay is a harbor, not a port. It is a national and state estuary occupied by endangered federal and state species. Morro Rock, itself, is an indigenous sacred site.

4. Where are the alternatives?