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## **Re: Comments on AB 525 Offshore Wind Strategic Plan Draft Report, Docket No. 17-MISC-01**

On behalf of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union (ILWU), we appreciate the opportunity to comment on AB 525 Offshore Wind Strategic Plan Draft Report. The ILWU represents dockworkers and seafarers on the West Coast including California, Oregon, Washington, Hawaii and Alaska. The ILWU is excited to welcome offshore wind to the states we call home and be a part of Governor Newsom's ambitious goals to transition to renewable energy. However, we are deeply concerned that the maritime industry – specifically U.S. dockers – have been overlooked as offshore wind projects unfold at ports around the country. It is a priority for the ILWU to protect our traditional, geographical and historic jurisdiction and ensure that any jobs or work created by offshore wind projects do not displace the existing workforce that traditionally performs this work. As such, we ask that the ILWU's jurisdiction is respected and the ILWU workforce is utilized for offshore wind projects and that these concerns are incorporated into the Final Strategic Plan.

ILWU dockworker jurisdiction includes the loading and unloading of vessels, barges, rail and trucks at waterfront terminals; the tracking of cargo around port terminals; and the maintenance and repair of containers and cargo-handling equipment. ILWU dockworkers have performed this work on the West Coast since 1937. Given our longstanding footprint on the waterfront, there is no better expert in the movement of cargo than our members.

ILWU has a long and proud history of supporting the renewable energy industry up and down the West Coast. ILWU dockworkers have been critical in unloading and transporting components for massive onshore wind turbines for over three decades.

The ILWU is focused on ensuring that our jurisdiction is not undermined by policies, mandates, or legislation that establish prerequisites such as “project labor agreement,” “skilled and trained,” and “apprenticeship” that absent certain clarifications, would otherwise assign our traditional, historic, and geographic work to another workforce. Any policies, mandates, or legislation that does not expressly protect the ILWU's jurisdiction would prevent our members from participating in offshore wind projects that will provide future jobs in our communities. We will continue to advocate for both protections regarding dockworker jurisdiction and a commitment from legislators and policymakers to respect the jurisdiction of all workforces.

The ILWU is committed to working with federal and state governments, harbor districts, and local stakeholders to ensure a timely roll out of offshore wind and other clean energy projects in California and look forward to opportunities for continued collaboration as these projects progress throughout the state.

We look forward to continuing to work with you on solutions that have made California an economic engine and the West Coast ports productive since 1934. Thank you again for your ongoing commitment

to investing in our ports, American jobs, and the ILWU dockworkers who make our ports successful. Thank you for all your work in moving California to a green economy.

The ILWU respectfully requests that these concerns are taken into full consideration and implemented prior to the Final Strategic Plan being released. We look forward to working with the California Energy Commission to secure the interests of all participants and a successful deployment of offshore wind provided by union labor in California.

Sincerely,



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