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To: CEC, Eli Harland and Elizabeth Barminski.
From: John Reed, Channel Wind, LLC

Channel Wind, LLC has sent you both two emails and we still wait for a response. One was on 8th November, 2023 and the other was on 7th of May, 2024 (attached for reference). As we get near to the end of June and the opening of the solicitation process, it would be wonderful if you could respond to those emails and this docket comment in the near term. We believe teamwork and open communication at all levels is really key for the success of this new industry. We have made progress on the development of our Mobile Port Facility project by lining up solid subject matter experts to work with us to deliver something truly amazing for the floating offshore wind industry. We are positioned a bit outside the traditional established group of ports that will also be applying for funding. For that reason, we want to be sure you do not need anything additional from us than what we shared with Eli at the San Diego Conference last November. We would be happy to get on a call with CEC if needed. We look forward to you and the persons involved to set application rules that provide for a fair opportunity for Channel Wind, LLC to apply for funding. Thank you.

Additional submitted attachment is included below.

Re: John Reed of Channel Wind reaching out to Eli Harland and Elizabeth Barminski #2

John Reed <jtreed@channelwind.com>

Tue 5/7/2024 12:52 AM

To: offshorewind@energy.ca.gov <offshorewind@energy.ca.gov>

Cc: Jennifer Ralston <jlralston@channelwind.com>; Steve Oxholm <smoxholm@channelwind.com>

Hello again Eli Harland and Elizabeth Barminski,

I have yet to hear back from either of you on this. It's been 6 months. Eli, you met myself, Jennifer, and Steve in San Diego at the Reuters conference. At the conference, you indicated funding language has not been finalized. We hope that is going okay and will be written to include our unique approach. The website still shows, "pending".

Can we please hear something back from both or either of you on this soon? Specifically, we'd like to know if there is anything we can do to help with the process. In the last 6 months we have gathered lots of allies and supporters of Channel Wind across many stakeholder groups. When do you expect we will be able to apply for the funding? We look forward to connecting with both of you on this. Thank you.

John



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From: Channel Wind

Sent: Wednesday, November 8, 2023 7:50 AM

To: offshorewind@energy.ca.gov <offshorewind@energy.ca.gov>

Subject: John Reed of Channel Wind reaching out to Eli Harland and Elizabeth Barminski #2

Hello Eli Harland and Elizabeth Barminski.

I attended last week's workshop. Thank you for that. I'd like to get the chance to tell you more about Channel Wind and what kind of new and exciting floating port infrastructure we are aiming to create.

We need all the support, recognition, partnerships, and funding that the state wants to provide. The invited guests that were allowed time to prepare their pitch did a terrific job. I see their facilities becoming wonderful job centers for actually building all the big parts and tools needed. If they are all not focused on component manufacturing, we will not get where we need to be. I envision Long Beach making the high value Nacelle Power Plants and SF making high value Blades and Rotor Hubs. Other ports can dedicate their limited space to the rest of the needed components. Then, all of them allowed to coordinate their deliveries to a Mobile Port Facility (MPF) for immediate turbine assembly and integration so that these very heavy completed components do not have to experience excessive handling and the completed turbine does not have to experience excessive transport distances.

Excessive handling is one of the 8 forms of waste when it comes to building a lean manufacturing process. For the sake of our climate goals, I believe it is imperative on all of us involved in California

Offshore Wind to work together and create the leanest process in the world and then share it with others.

Would you like to hear our project pitch before you establish the rules of engagement for this port and infrastructure grant funding program? I'd love the chance to provide that for you. Our new approach is estimated to not only shorten time lines, but also give California more economic and environmental benefits.

So that we can see it in writing again, I copied the words from your website below.

"The grant program aims to support the buildout of offshore wind facilities and maximize the economic and environmental benefits of an offshore wind industry in California by supporting the improved capabilities of California ports, harbors, and other waterfront facilities".

To keep us in the running for this grant, we consider our Mobile Port Facility (MPF) part of the "other waterfront facilities". We are willing to consider partnerships with anyone you have in mind.

Please reply as soon as possible. I look forward to meeting you. Thank you.

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<https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/offshore-wind-waterfront-facility-improvement-program#:~:text=The%20CEC%20is%20establishing%20the,wind%20infrastructure%20improvements%20in%20order>



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