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Additional submitted attachment is included below.

June 25, 2024

Chair David Hochschild
California Energy Commission
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**Comments RE: California Energy Commission Assembly Bill 525 Offshore Wind Strategic Plan
(June 25, 2024)**

On behalf of the members of the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA), we are writing in regard to the California Energy Commission (CEC) Business Meeting on June 26, 2024. PMSA is a nonprofit trade association which represents owners and operators of U.S. and foreign flagged vessels operating along the U.S. West Coast and marine terminal operators at California public ports. The June 26th CEC Business Meeting agenda includes item 3, Assembly Bill 525 Offshore Wind Energy. PMSA is significantly concerned about the insufficient Noticing and proper publishing of relevant meeting materials, namely the AB525 Offshore Wind Energy Strategic Plan. We respectfully request the Commission to reschedule the proposed adoption Resolution for the August 14th Business Meeting.

AB525 Offshore Wind Energy Strategic Plan Volumes I, II and III were released at 1:11 PM on June 25th and the Notice of Proposed Adoption was not released until 1:55 PM, *less than 24 hours prior to the CEC Business Meeting*. The meeting materials and Resolution were also not posted to the CEC website until after 2 PM, with no noticing the resolution was now available. This is entirely deficient and contradictory to the expectation of the public process. Furthermore, the Notice fails to provide any opportunity to submit formal written public comments, beyond "CEC welcomes public comment at its business meetings."

As item 3 concerns a "resolution approving the strategic plan that addresses the requirements set forth in Assembly Bill 525," it is imperative that concerned stakeholders be provided the due opportunity to fully review, consider and thoughtfully respond to the documents that are expected to lead California in its offshore wind generation future. The three Strategic Plan documents total 622 pages; it is not reasonable that CEC staff and the Commission expect stakeholders to be prepared to comment in five working hours for the CEC Business Meeting.

As such, we respectfully request the Commission to reschedule the Resolution for the August 14th Business Meeting and to direct stakeholders that one may submit written public comments on the Final Strategic Plan Volumes and proposed Resolution to the appropriate docket.

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PMSA looks forward to continued collaboration with CEC. Please do not hesitate to contact me at jmmoore@pmsaship.com.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jacqueline M. Moore". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Respectfully,".

Jacqueline M. Moore
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