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Regenerate California's Comments - Request for Public Comment Period Extension on the AB 525 Draft Offshore Wind Strategic Plan

Additional submitted attachment is included below.













March 7, 2024

California Energy Commission 715 P Street Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Docket number: 17-MISC-01 - Request for Public Comment Period Extension on the AB 525 Draft Offshore Wind Strategic Plan

Dear Chair Hochschild and Commissioners,

We appreciate the opportunity for stakeholders and communities to participate in the California Energy Commission's ("CEC") public comment process for the Draft AB 525 Offshore Wind Strategic Plan - a critical roadmap that delineates pathways for the responsible development of offshore wind in California.

In alignment with the sentiments expressed by other stakeholders, we respectfully request an extension of the public comment deadline to April 26, 2024. This extension is essential to provide Tribal Nations, impacted community members, and environmental justice advocates adequate time to thoroughly review and contribute insights to the plan. Their lived experiences and knowledge are instrumental in ensuring a comprehensive and well-informed plan. Moreover, with the AB 525 workshop scheduled for March 20, 2024, it is crucial that stakeholders are granted the necessary time to better understand the draft Strategic Plan, ask clarifying questions, and to articulate their perspectives.

We appreciate the CEC's diligence and commitment in facilitating an inclusive and transparent public engagement process in steering the future of offshore wind development in California.

Sincerely,

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