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California Energy Commission  
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Re: Docket No. **12-EPIC-01**  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

To the Commission:

In developing alternative sources of energy, our marine environment promises unique opportunities for technology advancement and applications. The clean and sustainable potential of the oceans, particularly development of technologies for use of tidal and ocean currents is quite promising to researchers.



The University of Southern California and its ten university partners in the Southern California Marine Institute have joined together with the Port of Los Angeles to build a new and greatly expanded facility in the Port hosting marine research and education at the water's edge. This facility is in the early stages of design and has great potential to incorporate many cutting edge energy saving features in it, as is appropriate for a lab focused on sustainable use of ocean resources. Moreover, it will have ample space to house marine energy research and development operations, both public and private, in almost 200,000 square feet of research and education space.

Because of its location at in the center of population on the southern California coast, a sustainable marine energy R&D center at the City Dock Project would be an ideal site for the EPIC Program to demonstrate its commitment to multi-institutional marine energy research and education.

Very truly yours,

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