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To the California Energy Commission:

On behalf of the California Marine and Intermodal Transportation System Advisory Council (CALMITSAC) I am pleased to offer comments to the Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Proposed Triennial Investment Plan.

CALMITSAC was established in 2002 by the California Legislature to serve as a clearinghouse for the California Port and Intermodal Community stakeholder organizations. Our members include the U.S. Department of Transportation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, California Air Resources Board, Department of Transportation, and State Lands Commission, and state port, railroad, organized labor, engineering firms, academic, and industrial organizations.

Our comments on various sections of the Proposed Triennial Investment Plan are the following:

1. The Energy Commission expressed interest in working with “Advisory Groups” from various energy-related sectors (page 165). CALMITSAC would welcome the opportunity to establish a Maritime Energy Sector Advisory Group. We have on our board the complete spectrum of California’s marine, port and intermodal community. In taking on this role, we would request funding from the Energy Commission, at a level comparable with funding for other Sector Advisory Groups.
2. Under priority S.15, the Energy Commission wishes to “Strengthen the Clean Energy Workforce”, in this case relative to the marine, port and intermodal sector (page 143). California’s ports are at the national center of deployment of new energy technologies, such as Alternative Marine Power (AMP, or Cold Ironing), electric or other fueled vehicles, require specialized training. Accordingly, we strongly support funding for the California Community Colleges, and their workforce training programs. The port, maritime, and intermodal community can I work through CALMITSAC to establish a portal for students from California universities, and also the Veteran community, into jobs within our sector.

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3. We support Strategic Objective S9, Advance Plug in Electric Vehicle Infrastructure and Use EVs to Improve the Operation and Performance of California's Power Grid (page 96) This includes support for funding of the five component projects of that category.

In particular, we would like to express support for funding of the overall TTSI/TransPower Electric Truck Program. The first of these electric trucks received \$1 million of funding from the California Energy Commission in 2012. This request expressed by CALMITSAC is for full funding of the overall Transpower/TTSI truck fleet.

4. The "S.14 Strategic Objective under Market Facilitation, "Collaborate with Local Jurisdictions and Stakeholder Groups" – (page 132)., is of particular importance to CALMITSAC. Our organization was establish to build consensus between the many factions located in and around California's port complexes. With funding, CALMITSAC can certainly serve as the port/marine/intermodal sector lead for this Program task.

5. Marine Renewable Energy is important to the maritime community. Many renewable power sources stem from proximity to the ocean. There are significant ocean energy reserves along the entire California coast. However, there are many challenges to harnessing this energy – technological, regulatory, environmental, and cost to name a few. The three marine energy-related categories below are also supported for funding by CALMITSAC.

- S4.5 –Proposed Funding Initiative - Investigate the Economic, Environmental and Technical Barriers to Wave Energy Conversion in California. (page 67).
- S.4.4 –Proposed Funding Initiative – Investigate the Economic, Environmental and Technical Barriers to Offshore Wind in California (page 66)
- S5.3 –Proposed Funding Initiative – Develop Analytical Tools and Technologies to Reduce Energy Stresses on Aquatic Resources and Improve Water-Energy Management (page 73).

We welcome the opportunity to be involved with your EPIC program, and help grow this important industry in California.

Sincerely,



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