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To the California Energy Commission:

Subject: DOCKET NO. 12-EPIC-01 - MARINE RENEWABLE RESOURCES

On behalf of the military Services within California, as the DoD Regional Environmental Coordinator, I am writing regarding the California Energy Commission Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Proposed 2012-2014 Triennial Investment Plan.

The military is supportive of further development and deployment of cost effective clean energy production of all kinds. We wish to particularly communicate our support for the orderly development of ocean renewable energy technologies, which are located and developed in a manner compatible with military activities, in California's offshore waters.

A significant portion of California's offshore waters are part of a large network of land, air, and sea ranges that are absolutely vital to national security, providing realistic operational training, as well as research, development, testing and evaluation of weapon systems and sensors. For example, Restricted, Safety, Exclusion, and Security Zones (Code of Federal Regulations) extend throughout Southern California offshore waters in areas utilized for Department of Defense training and testing. If not properly coordinated, development in these waters will create future constraints on military testing and training (such as wave energy impacting submarine operations or wind energy impacting airborne radar testing) which will compromise DoD's ability to carry out its national defense mission.

We support continued research and development activities, especially related to off-shore resources, to better understand how these various technologies interact with military systems, which could inform sitting decisions to enhance compatibility with our current and future operations. We offer our participation in the EPIC planning and selection effort, similar to DoD's participation in the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) process.

My point of contact for this is Michael Huber who can be reached at (619) 532-2303.

Sincerely,

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By direction

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