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The Honorable Bob Wieckowski
Senate Budget Subcommittee 2 on Resources, Environmental Protection and Energy
Legislative Office Building, Room 502
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Richard Bloom
Assembly Budget Subcommittee 3 on Climate Crisis, Resources, Energy and Transportation
Capitol Office, 1021 O Street, Suite 8130
Sacramento, CA 94249-0050

Via electronic email

SUBJECT: Budget Augmentation of Offshore Wind Energy Deployment Facility Improvement Program

Dear Senator Wieckowski and Assemblymember Bloom:

In order to meet California's ambitious climate goals, the state must develop a multi-port strategy that meets the unique needs of offshore wind in deeper waters and supports higher capacity floating wind technologies. This type of investment will address the scale of electricity demand in the state as the power mix shifts to clean energy and zero carbon technologies.

bp supports the Governor's proposal in the 2022-23 proposed budget to allocate \$45 million for ports and feasibility studies. bp is requesting that the legislature increase this amount to \$100 million. This increase would support the development of a multi-port plan by the end of 2022 to assess needs and implement **improvements** to support offshore wind development in the Morro Bay and Humboldt call areas.

bp aims to become a net zero company by 2050 or sooner, and to help the world get there. Rapidly growing our renewables business, including offshore wind is core to this strategy and also includes increasing bp's annual low carbon investment ten-fold, to around \$5 billion a year.

We look forward to working with your office and members of the legislature to accelerate the development of port infrastructure for offshore wind in California. California has the unique opportunity to utilize offshore wind - a renewable, zero-emissions energy source - to help meet its ambitious climate goals.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Orrock".

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