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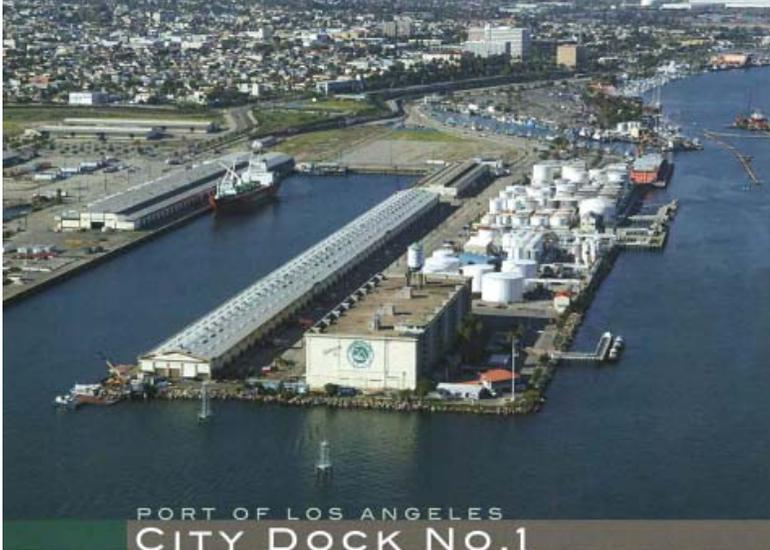
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On behalf of the Southern California Marine Institute (SCMI), I am pleased to submit comments to the California Energy Commission on the development of the First Triennial Investment Plan for the Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Program. SCMI is at a critical junction in its evolution with the development of City Dock #1 in the Port of Los Angeles. We feel that this project is consistent with the development of clean energy technologies and approaches and believes that our current and new facility can assist the State can lead the way for clean energy strategies nationwide.



SCMI is currently a consortium of the California State University, the University of Southern California, Occidental College and UCLA. We are in the design phase of the City Dock #1 project in the Port of Los Angeles. This will be a ~\$500 million 28 acre facility that will house our university interests, state and federal agencies and commercial interests. The new Institute will have an unparalleled collaborative focus across these stakeholders and disciplines. We believe that SCMI will be uniquely situated to support the needs of coastal and marine research and technology in Southern California.

As an example, we are currently planning on developing the world's largest and only complete seawater wave tank, which can be used for a variety of applications such as testing wave energy generating devices. In addition, to having the

infrastructure to develop new technologies, we can also serve as a shore based support for a variety of marine projects throughout the Southern California Bight.

Thank you for considering this new facility in your future plans,

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