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Mitch Weiss, Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUPPORT: TCEP Application - Port of Oakland Green Microgrid Project

Dear Executive Director Weiss:

On behalf of the members of the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA), we write to express strong support for the Port of Oakland's application for its Green Power Microgrid project under the Commission's Trade Corridor Enhancement Program (TCEP). This project will enhance renewable energy utility infrastructure, improve the resiliency of the Port's utility operations, and prepare for the integration of zero emissions vehicles and equipment into the Port of Oakland's maritime operations.

PMSA and its member ocean carriers and marine terminal operators partnered with the Port of Oakland in its adoption of an ambitious *Seaport 2020 and Beyond Air Quality Plan* which seeks to reduce the emissions impact from its activities and transition into zero and near-zero emissions cargo operations. This air quality plan also supports initiatives which lower the carbon footprint of seaport operations and support the state's ambitious greenhouse gas goals.

This TCEP application will further these Port-specific goals and do so in a manner which aligns local and state policymakers' broad goals for emissions reductions. Furthermore, it is important to note that as proprietary public agencies, California's seaports rely primarily on revenues from operations and not public taxpayer dollars, making these types of applications to help Ports and their customers pay for the overhead of non-revenue generating infrastructure even more critical.

We appreciate your consideration of the Port's application and your support of continued investments in California's freight and industrial transportation needs. Please do not hesitate to contact PMSA regarding this or any other port and maritime related issues.

Sincerely,



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Vice President & General Counsel