



# City of Morro Bay

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September 10, 2014

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary  
888 First Street NE  
Washington, DC 20426

Secretary Bose,

While the City of Morro Bay is pleased to see alternative energy sources explored and utilized in our area, we submit the following comments opposing Dynegy's Preliminary Permit applications to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) for their proposed Point Estero and Estero Bay Wave Parks.

As currently proposed, both Dynegy Wave Park locations present significant cause for concern in three key areas: access to fisheries, safe navigation and impact on marine mammals and other marine species.

First, commercial and recreational fisheries have played significant roles in the development of Morro Bay and continue to remain vital economic and social contributors to our community. California West Coast fisheries are some of the most highly regulated fisheries in the world. Both proposed locations would significantly disrupt commercial and recreational fishing.

Second, both wave park locations pose significant navigational hazards. Morro Bay is a designated Harbor of Safe Refuge and is the only safe harbor between Monterey and Santa Barbara; thus, a safe entrance and exit to our harbor are critical. Both wave park locations pose significant safety issues for the boating public, both commercial and recreational, and the City is opposed due to navigational hazards.

Third, Morro Bay's ocean environment is the natural habitat for a wide variety of marine mammals including whales, harbor seals, sea lions and dolphins some of which are currently listed under the Endangered Species Act. As proposed, the projects have the potential for significant negative impact to marine mammals and may increase the risk for collision or entanglement with the wave energy converters (WECs), mooring systems and transmission lines.

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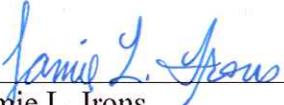
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In addition, the introduction of man-made noise into the environment may cause disruption in marine mammal communication, migration and navigation. These disruptions must be mitigated to the maximum extent possible at any proposed wave park location.

Additionally, the applicants have not held any public information forums detailing the project, which inhibits stakeholder awareness and participation in the process.

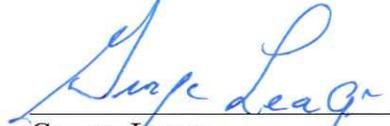
We anticipate you taking the comments of the City of Morro Bay into consideration with regard to Dynegy's Preliminary Permit applications for their proposed Point Estero and Estero Bay Wave Parks. We reserve the right to make additional comments if this project proceeds further.

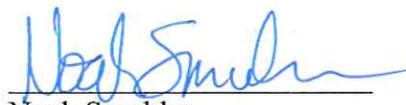
Respectfully submitted,

  
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