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Mr. John McLaurin, President
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Dear Mr. McLaurin:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Ocean-going Vessels At-Berth Regulation (At-Berth Regulation). In this letter, the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA) requested that the California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) extend the deadline for submitting the vessel fleet and terminal plan updates required by the At-Berth Regulation until pending regulatory amendments are approved. Although the regulatory amendments process for the At-Berth Regulation is currently underway, the amendments are not planned for Board consideration until later in 2017. However, we are extending the plan submittal deadline by three months to provide time for the industry to plan accordingly for this transition.

The At-Berth Regulation requires that affected fleet operators submit a plan identifying the compliance option they will use to reduce at-berth emissions at a port and outlining how vessels in the fleet will comply with the requirements of the regulation. Operators of terminals are also required to provide updated plans to CARB outlining how the terminal will provide the necessary infrastructure for affected fleets to comply with the regulation. Effective January 1, 2017, the regulation increases the requirements for vessels to plug in to shorepower, or use alternative controls, from 50 percent up to 70 percent of affected vessel visits. The deadline for the submittal of the vessel and terminal plans for the upcoming 70 percent reduction requirement was scheduled for July 1, 2016.

CARB recognizes that an extension is necessary to provide fleets and terminals the necessary time to submit their 2017 compliance plans under the guidance of the upcoming 2016 At-Berth Regulatory Advisory, which will be released in the near future. Therefore, we will be extending the deadline for the submittal of these plans from July 1, 2016 to October 1, 2016. The new 2016 At-Berth Advisory will serve to inform vessel fleets of the specific expectations during the transition period.

We appreciate PMSA's ongoing participation in our joint effort to successfully implement the At-Berth Regulation, and to develop potential amendments. If you have any further

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Sincerely,



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