

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

March 24, 2023

Secretary Jennifer Granholm
U.S. Department of Energy
1000 Independence Avenue SW
Washington DC 20585

RE: Regional Hydrogen Hubs, FOA Number: DE-FOA-0002779

Dear Secretary Granholm:

We write in strong support of the Pacific Northwest Hydrogen Association's (PNWH2) application to the Department of Energy's Regional Clean Hydrogen Hubs program (H2Hubs). Supported by the region's vast federal and non-federal hydropower resources, the PNWH2 will not only demonstrate our region's ability to produce, process, deliver, store, and use clean hydrogen, we believe it will serve as a national model of how an integrated clean hydrogen network can facilitate the creation of an affordable and self-sustaining clean hydrogen economy.

With federal support, the Pacific Northwest Hydrogen Association will be able to build out a robust network of hydrogen suppliers and off-takers in both western and eastern parts of Washington and Oregon, as well as parts of Montana. Under this proposal, hydrogen will be produced by harnessing existing clean, renewable, and abundant hydropower resources in our region, resulting in the greenest hydrogen in the nation. This proposal also demonstrates how clean hydrogen can fuel support decarbonization efforts already being made in the transportation, industrial, and agriculture sectors, as well as the rapidly expanding zero-carbon aviation sector being pioneered in our region.

Projects included in this proposal successfully completed a rigorous vetting process which began by subjecting over 140 project submissions to a high degree of scrutiny from subject matter experts and a diverse panel of regional stakeholders. In addition, the PNWH2 team endeavored to select partners and projects that complement each other to ensure network synergies, limit redundancy, maximize private and local cost-sharing, and produce the most efficient distribution of resources.

The PNWH2 is governed by a board of directors which includes public and private sector leaders, tribal nations, utilities, labor, and environmental representatives. The proposal is supported by the state governments of Oregon and Washington, which have continually demonstrated a commitment to government-to-government consultation with Tribal Nations, coordination with labor unions, and a dedication to environmental justice and community engagement during the development of large infrastructure projects.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of PNWH2's application to create a green hydrogen network of producers, consumers, and connective infrastructure in the Pacific Northwest. We are incredibly enthusiastic about the benefits the PNWH2 could bring our region,

and nation, and believe this proposal is particularly well aligned with Congress' intent when establishing and funding the H2Hubs program.


Sincerely,



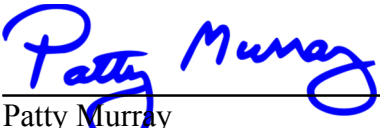
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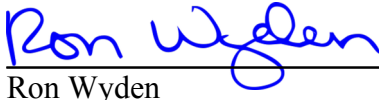
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