

Libertad Power

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New Mexico Environment Department (NMED)
1190 St. Francis Drive, Suite N4050
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505

Re: Letter of Support for the Clean I-40 Tradeport Corridor Funding Opportunity
Number: EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07

To the New Mexico Environment Department:

I am writing to express Libertad Power's strong support for NMED's Clean I-40 Tradeport Corridor and related proposal to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a Carbon Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG).

Libertad Power is a leading developer of clean hydrogen production capacity and related infrastructure serving off-takers in utility scale energy storage and power generation, as well as heavy haul transportation, across the Southwest. Hydrogen FCEV heavy trucks and rail locomotives fueled with clean hydrogen have great potential to decarbonize freight traffic between California and Texas. Achieving this goal would, in turn, significantly reduce GHG emissions and deliver major public health improvements, including among poor communities located near freight traffic routes.

To fully realize clean hydrogen's potential to reduce GHG emissions and drive related economic growth in New Mexico, Libertad Power prioritizes clean hydrogen production and delivery with the lowest possible carbon intensity. We believe this approach aligns with emerging Federal standards for clean hydrogen, responds to market demand signals among early adopters and helps mitigate community concerns related to clean hydrogen. Libertad Power looks forward to working with NMED and others to achieve the goals of this important effort.

Sincerely,



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