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MICHAEL FONG
DIRECTOR
WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
1011 PLUM STREET SE
OLYMPIA, WA 98504

Dear Director Fong:

Subject: ACCELERATING WASHINGTON STATE'S CLIMATE COMMITMENTS: A BOLD & INCLUSIVE PATH TO NET ZERO EMISSIONS

On behalf of Seattle City Light (City Light), the municipal electric utility for the City of Seattle and several franchise communities, I am writing in support of the programs outlined in your grant application, *Accelerating Washington State's Climate Commitments: A Bold & Inclusive Path to Net Zero Emissions*, for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Program's (CPRG) Implementation Grants through the lifetime of the project period. City Light is committed to the goals of this grant application to implement ambitious, scalable measures to achieve significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and substantial community benefits across the transportation, built environment, and waste management sectors in alignment with Washington State's Priority Climate Action Plan (PCAP).

The grant application includes support for the Seattle Central College EcoDistrict, a conversion of the district energy system at the college from fossil-fueled steam to an all-electric, high efficiency system. This project will result in saving more than 1384 metric tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions annually, resulting in a 95% reduction in the college's GHG footprint.

Seattle City Light is the electric utility serving Seattle Central College. We are a supporter of this electrification project and have partnered with the College in its design. City Light is currently administering a grant from the Dept. of Commerce in support of its pre-development phase, and we view the EcoDistrict as an important milestone for the State of Washington and the City of Seattle.

We understand it has been chosen by the state as a pilot project for implementing "energy as a service" as a means to finance and operate clean energy conversions in state buildings. The EcoDistrict represents an effective collaboration between the user and the utility enabling us to improve our environment and responsibly manage our cleaner energy sources.

We understand that part of their CPRG grant will be used to develop new workforce training programs for clean building professionals. Their sister college, South Seattle College, has the Sustainable Building Science Technology department which offers an array of degree and certificate programs and the EcoDistrict will serve as a teaching laboratory for these programs.

For these reasons City Light supports the Washington State Department of Commerce on its application for the CPRG Implementation Grants to accelerate the state's implementation of its climate goals, and we urge its favorable selection by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



David Logsdon (Mar 8, 2024 08:54 PST)

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CPRG - Seattle Central College EcoDistrict

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