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Additional submitted attachment is included below.



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Re: Revised draft of the 2016-2017 Investment Plan Update for the
Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program

Commissioner Scott and CEC staff:

The California Fuel Cell Partnership acknowledges and appreciates the extensive work that CEC staff has put into developing this latest investment plan update, and we appreciate CEC and the Advisory Committee's ongoing support to include funding for the implementation of hydrogen fueling infrastructure.

Much progress has been achieved and excitement is building now that fuel cell electric vehicles are being sold to customers here and around the globe. This commercial launch is due, in large part, to the implementation of a retail hydrogen fueling infrastructure by industry stakeholders co-funded by CEC.

We appreciate CEC's recognition and inclusion of funding for the medium- and heavy-duty advanced technology vehicle category. This funding will benefit medium- and heavy-duty FCEV development, such as buses, package delivery trucks and drayage trucks. These vehicle categories will play an important role in meeting California's goals for zero-emissions in the freight sector.

We look forward to the upcoming grant funding opportunities for hydrogen stations and the expansion of this network to support the rollout of the early commercial FCEV market in California.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft 2016-2017 Investment Plan Update. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Bill Elrick
Executive Director