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Commissioner Janea Scott
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-32
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for DME Medium/Heavy-Duty Freight Demonstration Project under GFO-15-604

Dear Commissioner Scott:

On behalf of Cleantech San Diego please accept this letter as one of strong support of Martin Operating Partnership's Medium/Heavy-Duty (MHD) DME Vehicle and ITS demonstration project under the Energy Commission's "Freight Transportation Projects at California Seaports" solicitation.

The OEM-led partnership of Volvo, Oberon Fuels, and Martin Operating Partnership will help demonstrate and commercialize an extremely promising low-emission, greenhouse gas-reducing alternative fuel option focused on delivering a 0.1 g NOx certification value and outlining the technology and development issues necessary to achieve even lower NOx emissions. The ITS component will test systems that can provide even lower emissions in disadvantaged communities and critical non-attainment areas, while preserving full vehicle performance in other areas.

Cleantech San Diego member company Oberon Fuels is an innovative small business startup that is an integral part of San Diego's thriving cleantech community. Their efforts along with Volvo Group to bring DME to market in North America as a clean-burning alternative to diesel has the potential to bring economic benefits in the form of jobs and smarter, sustainable freight movement, as well as environmental benefits in the form of cleaner air and reduced organic waste in our landfills.

Supporting California's small business innovators is important to driving progress in bringing cleaner, more sustainable technologies to market. This demonstration project will go a long way in allowing fleets and regulators to assess and evaluate the performance of DME in heavy-duty trucks. Success will mean increased demand and the ability to move the market to commercialization.

DME is a critical alternative fuel for achieving emission reductions along our most polluted trade corridors. The health of California's communities depends on rapid adoption of near-zero and zero-emission freight solutions. We believe Martin Operating Partnership's DME project could demonstrate a critical near-term emission reduction solution for trucks that travel California highways.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions about our support for this project, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Anderson".

Jason Anderson
President and CEO
Cleantech San Diego