



THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI
Governor

August 4, 2008

Dick Pedersen, Director
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality
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Dear Mr. Pedersen:

By this letter I designate, on behalf of the State of Oregon, attorney and former Port of Portland Commission President Jay Waldron as a co-convener for the Bi-State Columbia River Diesel Emission Reduction project.

This Bi-State Columbia River Diesel Emission Reduction project has the potential to meet many of Oregon's environmental, economic and social objectives. This project recognizes the vital role that freight transport plays in our economy, both today and into the future, while exploring opportunities to reduce diesel emissions. The project will build on existing activities and focus on areas where collaboration can enhance diesel emission management along the Columbia River Corridor. As part of this bi-state Solutions project, I also welcome and encourage collaboration with the State of Washington.

I appreciate the Department of Environmental Quality's effort in initiating the process that led to this project. The diesel emission reduction generated by this project will not only help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, but will also provide air quality and human health benefits in the Portland/Vancouver area and the I-5 corridor. Also important, these benefits will extend to the Columbia Gorge area and play a part in the overall strategy to reduce haze in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. I look forward to DEQ's continued leadership in these arenas.

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The coordination with the State of Washington and the process of collaboration are equally exciting and provide the foundation for a solid project. I know the Oregon Solutions staff will help bring effective partners to the table, integrate resources for an implementation strategy, and document commitments in a "Declaration of Cooperation" for the project. I look forward to hearing about your progress.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Kulongoski', written in a cursive style.

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