

March 6, 2023

Ms. Jeanine Townsend Clerk to the Board State Water Resources Control Board 1001 I Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Townsend:

## **Subject: Comment Letter – OTC Policy Amendment**

The Green Hydrogen Coalition (GHC) is writing to express our support for the proposed Amendment to the Water Quality Control Policy on the Use of Coastal and Estuarine Waters for Power Plant Cooling. As an educational 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in California, our mission is to facilitate policies and practices that advance green hydrogen production and use in all sectors of the economy to accelerate a carbon-free energy future.

We are in support of the proposed Amendment to extend the compliance schedule for the Alamitos, Huntington Beach, Ormond Beach, and Scattergood Generating Station. The Amendment will allow the Scattergood Generating Station to have an additional five years, until December 31, 2029, to comply with the policy.

This extension will ensure grid reliability and resiliency during stressed grid events, while maintaining financial sustainability for ratepayers. It will also provide the Scattergood Generating Station with the necessary time to transition to a green hydrogen generating station, which will significantly reduce the station's carbon footprint and promote a more sustainable and reliable energy future for California.

We urge you to adopt the Proposed Amendment to the OTC Policy for the LADWP SGS compliance date extension. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns regarding our position on this issue.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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