#### LWR IES INTERFACE TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT & DEMONSTRATION

FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT DE-FOA-0001817

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## WHY DAVIS-BESSE?

The objective is to diversify and increase the revenues of nuclear plants facing increased competition from renewables and low-cost natural gas. This project will demonstrate the technical feasibility and economic viability of a hybrid system in order to facilitate large scale commercialization.

- Benefits of operating at Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station (DBNPS)
  - Electrical power is taken at plant output and prior to the switchyard (no grid tariffs applied reduces cost to power skid).
  - Inputs for hydrogen production are electricity and water (ability to scale up at DBNPS using existing utilities). Future scale-up activities could utilize a portion of the plant's thermal energy.
  - Plant's relative proximity to key markets are ideal for reducing transport distances (Toledo, I-80/I-90 Corridor, Detroit, Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, etc.).
  - Hydrogen will be generated from a "carbon-free" source.



# **GRANT PROPOSAL STATUS**

- Proposal was submitted to the Department of Energy (DOE) on 04/26/2019.
- Received notification to begin award negotiations on 09/10/2019.
- Received pre-award authorization of funding on 11/26/2019.
- Still in negotiations for complete award.
- Project Collaborators Include:
  - Idaho National Labs (INL)
  - Arizona Public Service Palo Verde
  - Xcel Energy Monticello & Prairie Island
- Project duration is 24 months from entry into the period of performance.

#### **GRANT PROPOSAL STATUS** (CONT.)

DBNPS Hydrogen Project - Proposed Schedule																							
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# **HYDROGEN SKID SELECTION**

- Equipment to be used is Low Temperature Electrolysis (LTE) using Polymer Electrolyte Membrane (PEM) technology.
  - Using a proven technology to minimize risk for the project.
- Equipment is to be containerized.

Hydrogen

- "Turn-key" solution will help to reduce additional engineering efforts and project risk.
- Requires roughly 2 MW of electricity and 2,400 gallons of water per day at maximum operating capacity.



Image taken from https://www.energy.gov/eere/fuelcells/

## **DESIGN & ANALYSIS**



- <u>Analysis</u> Determine the effect the skid and supporting equipment will have on plant operation, design and the licensing basis.
- <u>Electrical Design</u> Develop the safest and most efficient means to connect the equipment to the plant's electrical distribution system.
- <u>Mechanical Design</u> Select and design for the optimal water source.
- <u>Civil Design</u> Design foundations, supports, and structures necessary for skid installation.

### **MODIFICATION IMPLEMENTATION**



# **COMMISSIONING & TESTING**

- Ensure no adverse effects on the plant, grid, or skid.
- Control software will be able to modulate H<sub>2</sub> output based on input variables.
- Control software will interface with Programmable Logic Computer (PLC) on vendor supplied H<sub>2</sub> skid.

#### Percent of Time at Specific ATSI Day Ahead LMP (\$/MW-hr) - 2 Year Lookback



#### Percent of Time ATSI Day Ahead LMP (\$/MW-hr) - Cumulative



# **TRANSPORT & CONSUMER BASE**

"Need to identify existing and help cultivate emerging markets"

- INL Technical Economic Assessment (TEA)
  - Written for DBNPS by the Idaho National Laboratories (INL)
  - Discusses business case for bulk hydrogen distribution in the Toledo, Ohio area (fuel cell vehicles, petroleum refineries, iron-ore plants, fertilizer production facilities, etc.)
- Local/Regional Partnerships
  - Transportation costs are a significant portion of the expected price of our product. Reducing the transportation distances is important to the success of the project and future scale up activities.
  - Can leverage production facility's proximity to major transportation corridors and potential consumer base.



# **SCALE-UP / PROJECT CONCLUSION**



At maximum operating capacity, the pilot plant is expected to produce 800- $1,000 \text{ kg-H}_2/\text{ day}$ , and consume roughly 2 MWe.

DBNPS has a nominal output of 925 MWe (2,817 MWt).

Preliminary estimates show a positive return on investment if future scale-up activities are pursued.

### **QUESTIONS?**

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