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## **Obsidian Pacific NW Hydrogen Hub**

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#### **Hydrogen Hub Critical Step to Decarbonization**

#### A Regional Solution:

- Least Cost Energy
- Industrial Feedstock
- Collect/store RE across the region
  - Electrolysis
- Deliver H2 to
  - Ports,
  - Data centers
  - Industrial parks
- Fertilizer, NH3 feedstock
- The DFG: Dispatchable Firming Generator



Obsidian's Pacific Northwest Hydrogen Hub Initiative



Hydrogen Storage Pipeline connects OR, WA & someday, Lewiston, ID



Data center back up power - Hydrogen replaces diesel fuel



Arrowhead Travel Plaza with Hydrogen Fueling Stations



Hydrogen electric trucks haul garbage from Portland and refuel in Arlington



Hydrogen to Farms Initiative enables sustainable farming through local energy and fuel generation



Gas Turbine, powered by Hydrogen



Purpose-built Solar & Wind 200 MW PV on 1200 acres



1000 tonne H2 Storage Manifold Co-Located under Solar Field

Nitrogen Fertilizer Plant: 450 tonne/day

Using Renewable Hydrogen: Nitrogen Fertilizer Production

Fertilizer: N2 + H2 → NH3 + heat

Price Volatility

Locally, lower cost

#### Using Renewable Hydrogen:

#### **Backup Generators and**

#### **Emergency Power**

The pipeline stores thousands of tons of hydrogen for Power generation:

- 1. Utilities need to balance wind and solar generation
- 2. Data Centers need:
  - 1. Back up Power that does not pollute
  - 2. Dispatchable power when grid power is expensive



Using Renewable Hydrogen: Commercial Transportation

- 1. Currently, largest emitter of greenhouse gasses.
- 2. Hydrogen EVs are EVs
- 3. Faster fueling times
- 4. Longer range than EVs
- 5. H2 infrastructure vs electricity

infrastructure

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#### Solar and Wind Renewable Energy: 6 acres = 1MW

Hydrogen Production via

Electrolyzer: 500 – 750 kw

-Automation - autonomous tractors, robotic weed control

-Storable/Portable – piping to neighboring farms

-Resilience - power outages, climate change

Tesla Powerwall: 500 kwh







## Benefits of Hydrogen on the Farm

- Less expensive fuel:
  - HEVs: Tractors, trucks, ATVs
- Decreased maint. costs.
  - TCO HEVs is less than ICE
- Generators mobile power plant
  - e.g. F150 Lightening (BEV) or
  - F550 H2 truck (HEV)
- Proprietary control farm energy
- Irrigation Pump Elect. Resilience





#### Volatility of Fossil Fuel Markets

#### Avoid Uncertainty:

Use Renewable Energy and Storage



Note: Prices are Average Annual prices for Retail Regular Gas <u>not</u> Peak Prices so peaks are smoothed out

Source of Data: US Energy Information Administration CPI-U Inflation index- www.bls.gov

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## Managing risk

Production risks Market Risks Financial Risks Legal Environmental Risks Fuel Cost Risk



## Hydrogen On the Farm





## On Farm Fertilizer Production

#### Haber Bosch – Ammonia Production

Not yet commercially available



Haber-Bosch Reaction

$$N_2 + 3 H_2 \rightarrow 2 NH_3 \quad (\Delta H = -92.4 \text{ kJ·mol-1})$$

#### Thank You!

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#### Farming Before Fossil Fuels

- 40% of farm land feed for work animals.
- If photosynthesis is 1% efficient
  - Sun to biomass/nutrients as fe

## And solar PV to hydrogen is 10% efficient

- Then 10x improvement means:
  - **4% of land for energy collection**, -not counting wind

