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East Coast Hydrogen Consultation

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero's consultation on the Hydrogen Transport Business Model (HTBM) and associated funding mechanisms. CATCH fully supports the Government's efforts to decarbonise the UK's economy, particularly hard-to-abate sectors such as heavy industry and power generation, through the development of hydrogen technologies and infrastructure.

CATCH is particularly supportive of the strategic focus on hydrogen as a technology option to address the challenges in decarbonising sectors where electrification may not be feasible. We believe that hydrogen networks are essential for connecting producers with consumers efficiently and effectively. Such networks are also vital for balancing supply and demand across the regions.

Regarding the specific funding proposals assessed by DESNZ, we would like to express our support for projects that aim to establish robust hydrogen infrastructure in significant potential hydrogen regions like the East Coast hydrogen cluster. Projects such as ECHP North – Phase 1, which aim to transport hydrogen from points of production to areas of high demand, are essential. They not only support the decarbonisation of the energy sector but also enhance the economic viability of adopting hydrogen solutions by connecting supply directly with industrial consumers.

The Humber Industrial Cluster Plan indicates that the role of hydrogen is critical in decarbonisation of industry and will play a strategically important role, combined with other low carbon technologies, in meeting UK clean power targets.

Kind regards

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