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Senator Maria Cantwell Accepts Pathfinder Award at ReliOn

Award celebrates Senator's work on fuel cell tax credit

Spokane, Wash.: ReliOn, the leading provider of high reliability fuel cell solutions for backup power applications, today announced that Senator Maria Cantwell (WA) visited ReliOn in order to accept the Pathfinder Award, given by the U.S. Fuel Cell Council. The award ceremony, which took place October 17, 2008, celebrated the Senator's leadership, vision and support of legislation and actions to enhance renewable energy technologies including hydrogen fuel cells.

The U. S. Fuel Cell Council is a 100-member strong trade association that is dedicated to fostering the commercialization of fuel cell technology throughout the United States. The council created the Pathfinder Award in order to recognize individuals and organizations outside the fuel cell industry which have made a substantial contribution to fuel cell development and commercialization. Bud DeFlaviis, Director of Government Affairs for the U.S. Fuel Cell Council discussed the work Senator Cantwell has done over the last several years in order to support fuel cells and other alternative energy power sources.

“Since the beginning of the 110th Congress, Congressional leaders committed themselves to extending tax credits for fuel cells and other alternative energy technologies. As time went on, movement on tax credit legislation had come to a standstill. Maria Cantwell's unwavering support and her willingness to work with her colleagues kept the issue alive. Her persistence and willingness to work in a bipartisan way helped ensure that the long term credit was passed into law.”

The fuel cell investment tax credit extends an existing tax credit which was set to lapse at the end of 2008 to 2016. It also expands the program to allow commercial customers to receive \$3,000 per kilowatt of installed fuel cell solutions or 30% of the cost, whichever is smaller.

ReliOn President and CEO, Gary Flood stated during the event, “ReliOn has delivered more than 1.7

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megawatts of commercial fuel cell solutions to locations primarily in North America, and we are now focused on expanding our reach to South America, Europe, Asia and other international locations. The legislation developed and supported by Senator Cantwell is key to ensuring that the United States will be a leader in fuel cell technology, which will increase opportunities for commercial growth within the industry.”

“The clean energy tax bill marks a game-changing point in our nation’s history and definitive step in the right direction,” said Senator Cantwell. “I was pleased that we were able to provide the fuel cell industry the certainty of an eight year tax credit to make sure this promising technology and companies like ReliOn are part of the coming clean energy revolution.”

About ReliOn:

ReliOn is a leader in the development and marketing of modular Proton Exchange Membrane (PEM) fuel cell products. The company markets commercially available fuel cell products using its patented Modular Cartridge Technology®. ReliOn products are available domestically and internationally for commercial and industrial backup applications in the 300-Watt to 12-kilowatt range. ReliOn fuel cells are certified to multiple safety and performance standards. www.relion-inc.com.

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