

Project ThermH<sub>2</sub>:  
Hydrogen Blending in Natural Gas Pipelines



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# Dominion Energy – At A Glance

*We are striving to be “the most sustainable energy company in the country”*

- ✓ **Fortune 200** company with 17,000 employees
- ✓ **\$65 billion** market capitalization
- ✓ **7 million** electric and gas utility customers over 16 states
- ✓ **24 gigawatts** of zero-carbon power generation by 2036
- ✓ **\$32 billion** of investments in clean energy over next 5 years
- ✓ Pursuing **Net Zero 2050** as an enterprise-wide goal

**We Believe in Our Core Values**

-  **Safety**
-  **Ethics**
-  **Excellence**
-  **Embrace Change**
-  **One Dominion Energy**

# Dominion Energy Is Pursuing “Net Zero 2050”



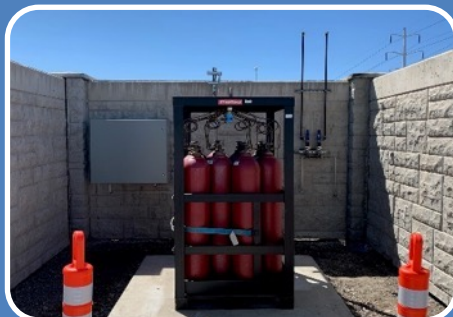
## Capturing Methane Emissions

- 65% reduction from existing gas infrastructure by 2030 vs 2010 levels
- 80% reduction from existing gas infrastructure by 2040 vs 2010 levels



## Developing Renewable Natural Gas Projects

- Partnerships with Smithfield Foods & Vanguard Renewables
- Designing, building and operating RNG plants at swine and dairy farms



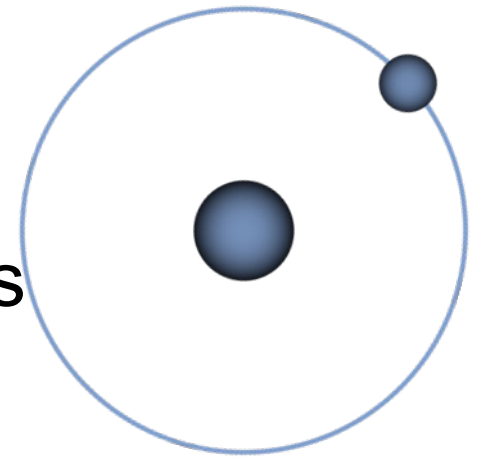
## Incorporating Hydrogen Into The System

- Prepare gas system to receive 5% hydrogen by 2030
- ThermH<sub>2</sub> is a multi-phase leading hydrogen blending initiative in US

# Why H2? “The ABCD’s of Hydrogen”

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- Abundant: Hydrogen is the most **abundant** element in the universe, found in water and in all hydrocarbons.
- Broad: Hydrogen’s use is **broad**, serving the same markets as natural gas—heating, power generation, transportation.
- Compatible: Hydrogen is largely **compatible** with natural gas infrastructure – pipelines, valves, leak monitoring detection, combustion turbines.
- Decarbonize: Hydrogen helps **decarbonize** the global economy, especially hard-to-decarbonize sectors such as cement and steel.



# Comparing Natural Gas to Hydrogen

Category	Natural Gas (methane)	Hydrogen
Chemical Symbol	CH4	H2
Molecular Weight (g/mol)	16	2
Molecular Diameter (pm, 10-12m)	380	289
Heat Content (Btu/scf)	912	275
Heat Content (Btu/lb)	21,515	51,593
CO2 Intensity (g/Kwh)	198	0
Boiling Point (°F)	-306	-423
Flame Temperature (oF)	3586	3895
Flammability Range	5-15%	4-78%
Specific Gravity	0.55	0.069
Vapor Density (lb/ft3)	0.0406	0.0052

Hydrogen is 8x lighter than methane and 14x lighter than air

Hydrogen has less than 1/3 the volumetric heat content of methane.

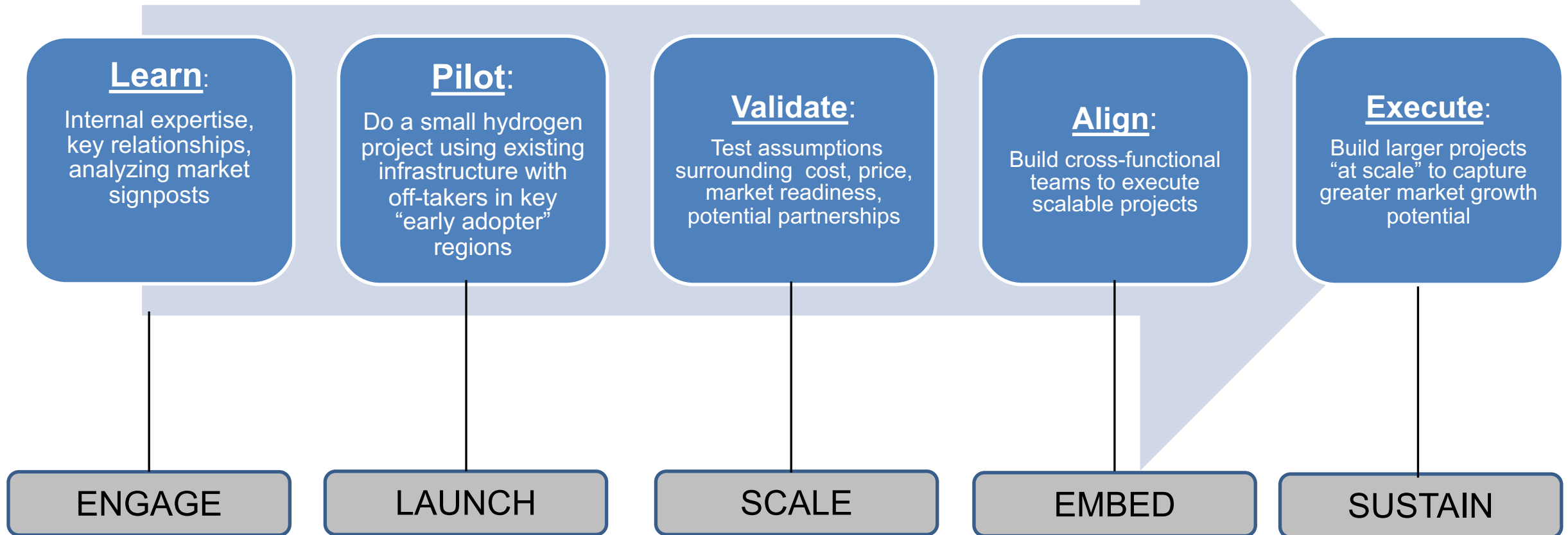
Hydrogen burns hotter (i.e. higher flame temperature) than methane.

Hydrogen has a wider flammability limit than methane.

# Why Hydrogen Pilots?

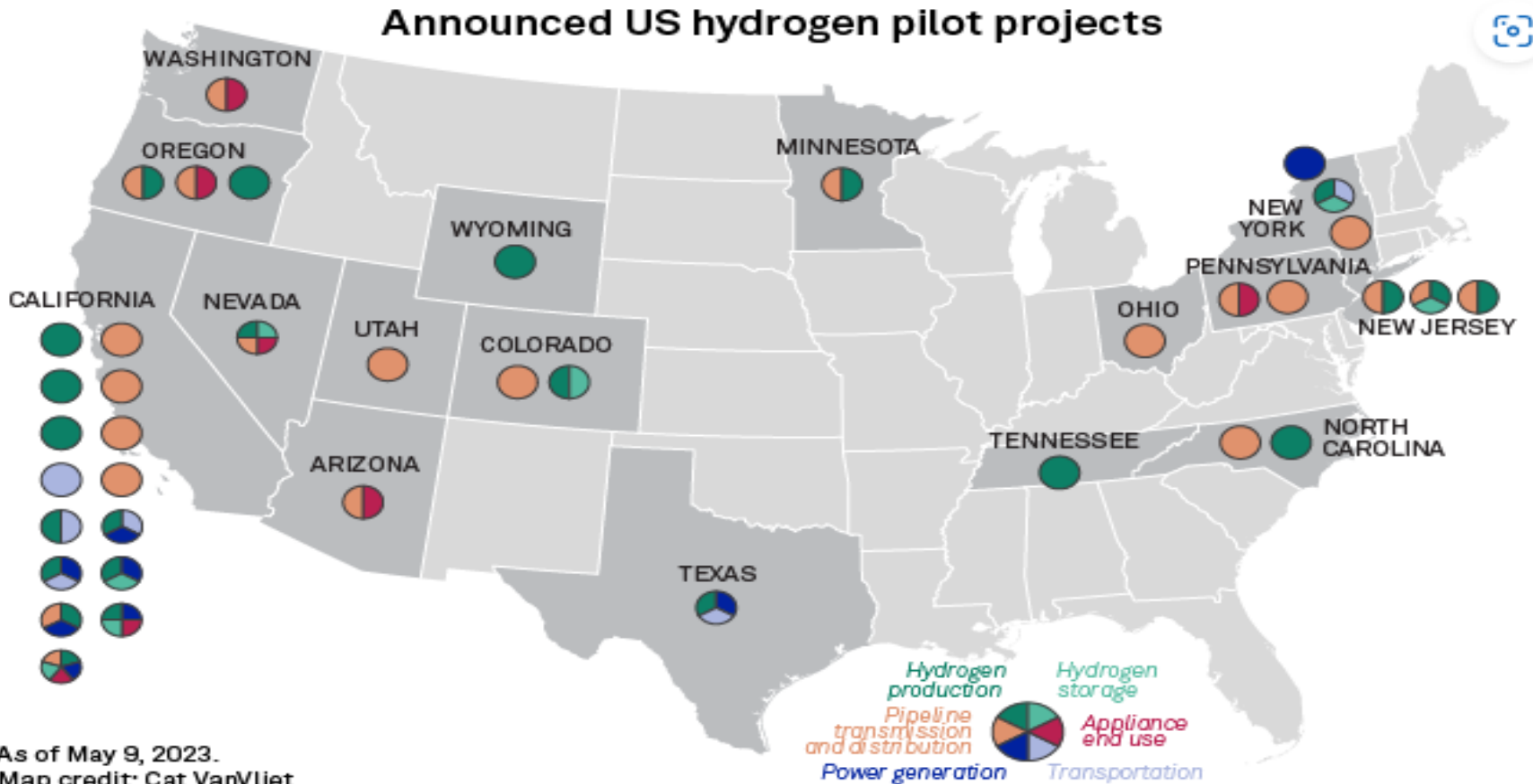
“Hitting Singles”: Micro-Learn Now to Mass-Produce Later

*Pilot projects enable technical, market, and organizational learning at small scale with **less risk**.*



# Industry-Wide Hydrogen Pilots

- Gas and Electric Utilities in 17 states are in various stages of development of their hydrogen pilots in transportation, power generation, transportation and industrial feedstock sectors
- 14 out of 36 (39%) of Dominion Energy’s gas & electric utility peer group have announced or active hydrogen pilots



As of May 9, 2023.  
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Not shown: Hawaii Gas, standard operations

# Dominion Energy: Hydrogen Blending Pilot Comparison

## Ohio: Hydrogen Heights – Phase 1

**Hydrogen Provider:** Linde Gas

**End user appliances:**

- 14 Houses
- 9 Types of appliances
  - Example: Dryer, Furnace
- 26 Total Quantity of appliances
- 40,558 Btu/Hr Average Energy

**Technical Components:**

- 12 cylinders storage (7.35 kg)
- In-line static mixer
- Chromatograph system
- Hydrogen storage tanks

**Facility Specifications:**

- 6” gas main HD plastic (MP – 99 lb)
- No blast wall

**Testing Scope:**

- Gas Control
- Gas Planning
- Field maintenance
- Field operations

## Utah: ThermH2 – Phase 1

**Hydrogen Provider:** Airgas

**End user appliances:**

- 16 Houses
- 11 Types of appliances (Ex. Oven, Range)
- 73 Total Quantity of appliances
- 46,476 Btu/Hr Average Energy

**Technical Components:**

- 16 cylinders storage (7.24 kg)
- No mixer
- Welker “odor-eyes” system
- Alicat flowmeter

**Facility Specifications:**

- 2” gas main MDPE plastic (MP – 45 lb)
- Blast wall

**Testing Scope:**

- Odorization
- NOx Emissions
- Material Compatibility
- End-user appliances

### Similarities

**Hydrogen Capacity:**

Ohio 3,120 scf (7.35 kg)  
Utah 3,000 scf (7.24kg)

**Technical Component:**

GC system to confirm  
blending of hydrogen  
and fuel gas.

**Testing Scope:**

Leak Survey  
Safety  
Gas Quality  
Heat Content



# Project ThermH<sub>2</sub> Scope – Phased Approach, Incremental Learning

## Phase 1

- 5% blend at DEU Training Academy confirms existing research
- Status: Completed December 2021.

## Phase 2

- 5% H<sub>2</sub> blending in Delta, UT's IHP system, started 3/23/23
- Status: In Process - PEM electrolyzer expected in Q4 2023

## Phase 3

- 5% H<sub>2</sub> blending in rural HP system: 2028 timeframe
- Status: indicative budget and schedule created

## Phase 4

- Produce synthetic natural gas (biomethane) from industrial CO<sub>2</sub> and green H<sub>2</sub> via biomethanation in HP system: 2030 timeframe
- Status: indicative budget and schedule created



*ThermH<sub>2</sub> – Phase 1 Facility, DEU Training Academy.*

***Phases 3-4: Included in Western Interstate Hydrogen Hub (WISHH) application for ~50% funding match from DOE.***

# Phase 1: Test Findings

## TEST RESULTS

- Appliance Safety: PASSED
- Leak Detection: PASSED
- Pipeline Material: PASSED
- Gas Quality: PASSED



*Water heater with NOx detection equipment.*



*Visual flashback and flame characterization testing.*



*Testing for hydrogen leaks.*

Extensive testing and analysis of 5% hydrogen blending over a variety of applications confirmed our top research priority:

**Hydrogen Blending Is Safe and Reliable**

# Phase 2: Why Delta?

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Delta, Utah will be a leader in this emerging area of energy innovation

- Customer base and system size allows for a controlled environment
- Modern infrastructure system
- Proximity to a variety of renewable and traditional energy sources
- Proximity to massive amounts of potential storage – Salt Caverns

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- Nearly 2,000 customers in the Delta area will receive a blend of up to 5% hydrogen
  - All hydrogen will eventually be created on-site using a process called electrolysis
  - Community will continue to enjoy the safe, affordable and reliable natural gas service they receive today with added sustainability
  - As we blend hydrogen and natural gas, safety and reliability will continue to be our first priority



# Phase 2: Delta, UT Regulator Station Site Overview

- Project will be built at the Delta Regulator Station, Dominion Energy-owned property
- Adequate space for hydrogen production, storage, blending, and construction laydown
- Access to water
  - Expected water consumption is 270 gallons per day or 100,000 gallons per year
- Access to renewable electricity for green hydrogen production
- Will remove 110 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> from the atmosphere per year, the equivalent of planting 5000 trees or removing 25 cars from the roads



# Project ThermH<sub>2</sub>: Phase 1-2 Test Protocols

Test Type	Test Procedures	Comments
Leak Detection	Use handheld devices	Already identified in Phase 1
Appliance Compatibility	Use different appliances: stoves, dryers, furnaces, water heaters, fireplaces	Consider business district or school district; utilized GTI support.
Materials	Embrittlement tests	Utilized GTI support
Electrolyzer Performance	Conversion ratio tested	Conversion ratio = proxy for efficiency
Odorant	Sniff test	Mercaptan detection
Gas Homogeneity Tests	Ensure 5% at start <u>and end</u> of tested area	Consider business district or school district

# Project ThermH<sub>2</sub> Expected Customer Impact - None!

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What can Delta customers expect from 5% hydrogen blending during Phase 2?

**NO CHANGE** to existing residential natural gas appliance performance and no residential appliance adjustments needed

**NO CHANGE** to bills or rates

**NO CHANGE** to system safety

**NO CHANGE** to carbon footprint increases – it actually decreases!



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# OPEN DISCUSSION

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