

RESOLUTION OF THE IDAHO GOVERNOR'S LEADERSHIP IN NUCLEAR ENERGY (LINE) COMMISION 3.0

SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL MODULAR REACTORS AND OTHER ADVANCED REACTORS AT IDAHO NATIONAL LABORATORY

WHEREAS Idaho National Laboratory (INL) stands out as a distinctly proficient science, research and technology resource in Idaho, the United States, and the World; and

WHEREAS INL is the Nation's lead nuclear energy research, development, demonstration, and deployment laboratory for the United States; and

WHEREAS INL is one of only 17 national laboratories owned by the U.S. Department of Energy; and

WHEREAS INL employs more than 4,200 scientists, engineers and support staff and accordingly is one of Idaho's largest employers; and

WHEREAS Advanced Reactors (AR), which include Small Modular Reactors (SMR), are emerging as the most technologically advanced, safe, secure, and cost-effective nuclear reactors in the world; and

WHEREAS private sector companies to date have invested more than one billion dollars in the development, design, and testing of ARs; and

WHEREAS the government of the United States, through the U.S. Department of Energy, has invested hundreds of millions of dollars in the development, design, testing, and licensing of SMRs/ARs; and

WHEREAS INL has been selected by the U.S. Department of Energy and at least one private sector company as the laboratory where the first ARs will be constructed, tested, and operated; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Department of Energy and several private sector companies agree that only through the continuation of these public-private partnerships will the billions of dollars of additional investment be raised to deploy the first ARs in the United States; and

WHEREAS the active fostering of a vibrant domestic supply chain for future AR development is an economic and national security priority of the State of Idaho and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS the State of Idaho has an economic and educational interest in joining the private sector and government of the United States in promoting investments in AR development:

NOW, THEREFORE, THE LEADERSHIP IN NUCLEAR ENERGY COMMISSION RECOMMENDS that the Governor and Legislature of the State of Idaho explore and implement a variety of methods to invest in SMRs/ARs at INL, including enacting legislation and developing policies to include tax incentives to support the research, development, testing, and implementation of SMR/AR activities within Idaho, including INL.