



March 29, 2024

U.S Environmental Protection Agency Office  
of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund 1200  
Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC  
20460

Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection  
79 Elm Street  
Hartford CT 06106-5127

RE: Letter of Commitment for the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant

To Whom It May Concern,

PowerOptions is committed to partnering with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) and other partner organizations for the proposed five-year *New England Heat Pump Accelerator*. The Accelerator will achieve these goals through a three-pronged strategy designed to activate the supply chain, scale solutions to the specific barriers that low- and moderate-income (LMI) households and disadvantaged communities face in adopting heat pumps, and share data and educational resources across the region.

PowerOptions, as a non-profit energy buying consortium, champions the interests of non-profits and public entities, by leveraging their collective buying power to provide affordable energy solutions. Collaborating closely with their members, PowerOptions fosters the development of Building Decarbonization Roadmaps that establish goals and pathways to meeting emissions targets. Often, electrification emerges as a key strategy within these roadmaps, aligning with the broader objective of reducing carbon emissions. PowerOptions will begin developing a process for heat pump procurement this year to enable the implementation of members' roadmap. The Climate Pollution Reduction Grant will further enable our ability to provide these solutions to our many LMI members including affordable housing, select municipalities and human services.

Efficient cold-climate heat pumps can reduce energy costs and offer substantial emissions and health benefits for New England residents. We especially support this proposal for the Innovation Hub, which will dedicate significant funding to overcome barriers for LMI households and disadvantaged communities in all five states in the coalition. The projects funded under the Innovation Hub will tackle electrification challenges for unique buildings, such as mobile homes and multifamily buildings, develop communitybased solutions to improve access and affordability, and provide resources to cover gaps in current programs, enabling them to offer heat pump upgrades as part of their package of services.

As a regional non-profit we will look for ways to engage with the Accelerator to achieve the goals of the program and help to identify pathways for Innovation Hub projects. This can include participating in working group meetings, providing input or feedback, or other forms of engagement that may come about as the project is designed and implemented.



Should this funding request be successful, we look forward to working with you on this valuable project beginning in mid-2024. Please let us know how we may be of additional assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jonathan R. Stout".

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