



March 27, 2024

Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
79 Elm Street
Hartford, CT 06106

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Energy Efficiency Board (EEB), I am submitting this letter of commitment for the coalition application to the EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Phase II Implementation Grant (EPAR-OAR-CPRGI-23-07) for the proposed five-year New England Heat Pump Accelerator. The Accelerator will create mid-stream incentives at the distributor level to encourage the full replacement of HVAC and water heating systems across Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island. The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) is the lead applicant for the coalition.

The Energy Efficiency Board is a group of appointed advisors who utilize their experience and expertise to evaluate, advise, and assist the state's utility companies in developing and implementing comprehensive, cost-effective energy conservation and market transformation plans. The Board ensures these plans help Connecticut consumers reduce energy use in their homes and businesses and help the State meet its changing and growing energy needs. To learn more about the Board, its mission, and its membership, visit: energizect.com/eeb/about-eeb. The Board was created in 1998 by the Connecticut State Legislature, and now operates under mandates in Public Acts: 11-80 Section 33, 13-298 Section 16, and 21-139.

Efficient cold-climate heat pumps can reduce energy costs and offer substantial emissions and health improvements for New England residents. Because of this fact, many states have prioritized the installation of heat pumps through state policies and energy efficiency rebates. At the same time, there is a gap between current HVAC workforce capabilities and the need for additional heat pump installers to meet anticipated heat pump market growth. Leveraging the distributor network to engage in training contractors on new technological capabilities and proper system design will increase contractor adoption of heat pump technologies and flow these benefits to customers.

I am aware that strong community partnerships and networks are needed to design and manage the proposed heat pump accelerator program to advance environmental and public health issues in the region. I am committed to supporting the prioritization of all disadvantaged and underserved communities within urban, rural, and tribal communities in this program.

As the Chair of the Energy Efficiency Board, I agree to work in our region to support heat pump deployment and community engagement. Further, the EEB commits to work with CT DEEP as appropriate in support of the following tasks as part of our regular work of the Board:

- providing input on the design, performance measures, and resources required for the coalition to implement the Accelerator; and
- providing feedback to CT DEEP and the coalition with ideas, contacts, and engagement to help meet Justice 40 and other environmental justice goals for the Accelerator.

Our support for this project will allow CTDEEP and the coalition to more effectively implement the New England Heat Pump Accelerator because the Energy Efficiency Board can provide their experience and expertise to ensure the Accelerator integrates well with the existing Conservation and Load Management Programs we oversee in Connecticut.

Should this funding request be successful, I look forward to working with you on this valuable project beginning in mid-2024. If you have any questions, please contact the Board's Executive Secretary at eeb_secretary@energizect.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AKosior', written over a faint circular stamp.

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