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Elizabeth Mahony
Commissioner
Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources
100 Cambridge St. 9th Floor
Boston, MA 02114

Dear Commissioner Mahony,

On behalf of Unitil, I am writing to express our enthusiasm for supporting the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (MA DOER) on their Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) application. Unitil shares MA DOER's commitment to support medium- and heavy-duty fleet electrification in Massachusetts and their goal to equitably benefit low-income and disadvantaged communities (LIDAC.)

MA DOER has proposed a set of comprehensive and effective strategies that will address the many electrification challenges faced by fleets and assist the Commonwealth in achieving the substantial emissions and pollution reduction goals outlined in the application. Through enhanced electric vehicle rebates, technical and financial support for charging infrastructure, expanded fleet advisory services, LIDAC-based outreach and engagement efforts, and workforce development programs targeting training for essential electric vehicle maintenance and repair, this project, if awarded, will definitively support an accelerated transition to zero emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicles among fleets throughout the Commonwealth.


Unitil is a gas and electric distribution utility serving customers in the North Central region of Massachusetts. Unitil has a strong commitment to expanding EV charging infrastructure in its service area and offers an EV Charging Program that provides infrastructure improvements (make-ready work) incentives to customers who want to install publicly available EV charging infrastructure. Although Unitil does not have a program for fleets at this time, Unitil will work with MA DOER to support medium- and heavy-duty fleets within its capacity.

Unitil will support the charging infrastructure component of the MA DOER CPRG program through a host of non-financial actions, including:

- Assisting participating fleets with enrollment in utility managed charging programs, where applicable.
- Ensuring a primary point of contact is identified for communication and collaboration with the CPRG projects.
- Participating in a steering committee that will meet regularly with MassCEC, DOER, and other Utilities/JOAs.
- Participating in fleet electrification town halls and other public fleet events.

The Commonwealth has proven to be committed to the decarbonization and electrification of Massachusetts and its fleets specifically. Unitil is excited about the possibility of joining MA DOER to implement this important and far-reaching program. Please contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,



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