

March 15, 2024

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

Dear Commissioner Mahony,

On behalf of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy, 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. Eversource 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.

While medium- and heavy-duty diesel vehicles in Massachusetts represent around 5% of total vehicles on the road, they contribute approximately 20% of on road transportation greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) and almost all of on road diesel particulate matter emissions. In addition, the emissions from these vehicles are inequitably concentrated in urban and low-income and disadvantaged communities, disproportionately affecting the health of residents in those communities.

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 to achieve 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.

Eversource is New England's largest energy delivery company with 4 million electric, gas and water customers in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. In Massachusetts, Eversource provides electric service to approximately 1.47 million customers in 140 cities and towns in eastern and western Massachusetts. With a strong commitment to vehicle electrification and a robust set of programs aimed to accelerate and ease the process of infrastructure deployment, Eversource will be a critical collaborator with MA DOER to support medium- and heavy-duty fleets.

Eversource Energy will directly support and complement the charging infrastructure component of the MA DOER CPRG program through a host of financial and non-financial programs and actions, including:

- Providing funding for make-ready infrastructure and other costs as approved in its Phase 2 EV Infrastructure Program or future funding initiatives authorized by the Department of Public Utilities for fleets undertaking infrastructure deployment as part of this CPRG program, when applicable, eligible and available.

- Assist participating fleets with enrollment in utility load management programs, where applicable.
- Ensuring to the extent possible, 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 of Massachusetts has proven to be committed to the decarbonization and electrification of Massachusetts and its fleets specifically. Eversource Energy is excited about the possibility of joining MA DOER to implement this important and far-reaching program. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kevin M. Boughan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kevin Boughan  
Manager, Clean Energy Strategy & Business Development  
Eversource Energy