

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

Dear Commissioner Mahony,

On behalf of the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC), I am writing to express our enthusiasm for partnering with the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (MA DOER) on their Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) application. We are committed to working with MA DOER in their effort 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 enable 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.

The Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC) is a not-for-profit, public corporation and political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts created by an Act of the General Court in 1975 and authorized to issue tax-exempt debt to finance a wide range of energy facilities. MMWEC provides a variety of power supply, financial, risk management and other services to the state's consumer-owned, municipal utilities.

MMWEC's municipal utility members are committed to decarbonizing and electrifying their power portfolios, in alignment with the Commonwealth's carbon reduction goals. Nearly half of MMWEC's members have already met the 2030 decarbonization targets of 50% carbon-free energy sales. All of MMWEC's member utilities have power portfolio "roadmaps" to guide the way to net zero carbon emissions in 2050, including plans for solar, wind and energy storage.

In line with this commitment, while Massachusetts is already a national leader on policies that support inclusive clean energy deployment and the creation of high-quality green jobs, MMWEC intends to further this leadership. Specifically, we intend to support the efforts that will directly support the charging infrastructure component of the MA DOER CPRG program through a host of financial and non-financial commitments, including:

- Coordinate with MLPs which may have commercial EV charging infrastructure funding to ensure their program offerings are provided to projects awarded under this proposal.
- Assist participating fleets with enrollment in utility managed charging programs, where applicable.
- Ensure primary points of contact are identified for communication and collaboration on projects.
- Commit to conducting a timely site survey analysis and cost proposal for awarded projects.
- Participate in a steering committee that would meet regularly with MassCEC, DOER, and other Utilities/JOAs.
- Participate 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. MMWEC is excited about the possibility of joining MA DOER to implement this important and far-reaching program. As evidenced by its oversight of the MOR-EV medium- and heavy-duty rebate program, as well as other related programs, we believe MA DOER has demonstrated a clear ability to manage this CPRG grant and all its components. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

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