

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

Dear Commissioner Mahony,

On behalf of Energy New England, LLC 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.

As a Municipal Cooperative created under MGL Chapter 164, Section 47C, Energy New England, LLC (ENE) works with ~25 Municipal Light Plants (MLP) in the State of Massachusetts to help manage their power supply, efficiency / decarbonization and electric vehicle programs. Further ENE is engaged with the MA DOER and the Center for Sustainable Energy in engaging dealerships in the MOR-EV program. In this role ENE is uniquely positioned to engage with not only MLPs on their EV infrastructure but also to engage with fleet and fleet managers in partnership with the MA DOER to encourage electrification.

Energy New England, LLC will directly support the charging infrastructure component of the MA DOER CPRG program through non-financial commitments, and will work with our Municipal Light Plant partners to provide financial commitments including:

- Provide funding for make-ready, equipment and other costs as approved by the Municipal Light Plant Boards for fleets undertaking infrastructure deployment as part of this program.
- 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. Energy New England, LLC 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Noel Chambers", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Noel Chambers
Director, Energy Efficiency and Electrification
Energy New England, LLC