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Metroplan
Attn: Casey Covington, Executive Director
501 W. Markham St., Ste. B
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

RE: Letter of Support for Arkansas Tri-Region Coalition's CPRG application

Dear Mr. Covington:

I am writing to express Entergy Arkansas, LLC's (Entergy Arkansas) intent to serve as a utility partner in support of the emission reduction goals outlined in the Arkansas Energy and Environmental Innovation Coalition's CPRG Implementation Plan.

The coalition partners, Metroplan, Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission, and City of Fort Smith have collaborated to develop a strategy to reduce emissions, create jobs, reduce energy consumption, and improve livability in the three largest Metropolitan areas of Arkansas. This partnership is an opportunity to further demonstrate the value of coordination among regional entities across the State of Arkansas.

Entergy Arkansas was the first investor-owned utility in the state to establish goals to be carbon neutral by 2050, has one of the cleanest generating fleets in the region, and is the largest solar provider in the Natural State. We look forward to working directly with Metroplan to support regional economic development and quality of life for its residents and our customers. Our goal is to create long-term, sustainable value for all stakeholders, including our customers, the communities we serve, employees, and owners. We seek to create that value through sustainable business practices that integrate environmental, social, governance, and economic objectives and concerns.

In partnership with Metroplan, Entergy Arkansas will partner to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve air quality, and provide energy cost savings by:

- Implementing an LED lighting plan that will reduce more than 1,000 metric tons of CO^{2e} emitted.
- Increasing cost-effective renewable generation that helps keep rates affordable.
- Amplifying marketing efforts to increase participation in residential and commercial energy efficiency programs; and
- Providing EV Project consultation and cost-effective electrical service for EV Charging infrastructure projects in Entergy Arkansas service territory.



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Given Entergy Arkansas's expertise as electric utility service provider and commitment to improving the communities we serve, I trust we will be a valuable and effective utility partner to enable the success of the proposed projects. We are excited to work with Metroplan to participate in and assist with providing safe, reliable service for this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "V. Thompson", written in a cursive style.

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