



March 12th, 2024

Katrina Kessler, Commissioner
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
520 Lafayette Road
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Subject: Center for Energy and Environment Support of the State Minnesota's CPRG Coalition Proposal for Equitable Residential Decarbonization (Award Number EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Commissioner Kessler,

I write to affirm that we Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) plan to partner with the State of Minnesota and the City of Minneapolis to implement the suite of equitable residential decarbonization programs in your agency's proposal.

We anticipate participating in the proposed work through active engagement in developing and refining programming to effectively deliver on the purpose of ensuring low-income and disadvantaged communities are centered and prioritized in the work of decarbonizing all homes in Minnesota. At a minimum, this means we will:

- actively participate in the four annual convenings described in the proposal,
- share information and resources from state and local government into the communities we serve to build awareness about programs and home decarbonization opportunities,
- share information from the communities we serve to state program staff and relevant local government staff as part of program development and to improve programming and results over time.
- Contribute in specific ways that emerge out of the development of the proposed work and make sense for our organization.

CEE is excited to partner in this equitable residential decarbonization work because it aligns with our mission. Our mission is to discover and deploy the most effective energy solutions that strengthen the economy and improve the environment. CEE brings over 40 years of experience working with customers and contractors improving energy efficiency and decarbonizing homes in MN.

We are excited to have this proposal move forward as a coalition because we believe this will be most effective as a collaboration between state and local governments. We have partnered with the City of Minneapolis, a coalition member, for decades on various residential projects including affordable housing technical support, competitive lending products, and energy audit cost sharing. We are committed to continuing and growing this partnership through the work of implementing the CPRG proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ra', is positioned above the printed name of the sender.

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