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Hon. Michael Regan

Administrator

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Washington DC 20004

Subject: Letter of Support

Mid-Atlantic Zero Emission Freight Corridor coalition (NOFO EPA-R-OAR-CPrg-23-07)

Dear Administrator Regan,

The Connecticut Light and Power Company d/b/a Eversource Energy is pleased to support the State of New Jersey’s application entitled [*Mid Atlantic Zero Emission Freight Corridor Coalition]* submitted to the Environmental Protection Agencyin response to NOFO EPA-R OAR-CPRG-23-07. Eversource is New England's largest energy delivery company with 4 million electric, gas and water customers in Connecticut*,*Massachusetts, and New Hampshire. In Connecticut, Eversource provides electric service to approximately 1.4 million customers in 140 cities and towns. 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 NJ DEP and its partners to support this effort.

As Eversource understands it, this project would support a coordinated effort by the four states of New Jersey, Maryland, Connecticut, and Delaware to deploy charging infrastructure for zero-emission trucks in key freight corridors including Interstate-95 and other intersecting highways that are essential for transporting goods throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. Importantly, Eversource is currently supporting a regional planning study that can help to inform the design and siting of charging sites built through this project. The East Coast Commercial ZEV Corridor project is a U.S. Department of Energy-funded effort, led by CALSTART, to develop a strategic plan for commercial zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) infrastructure deployment along the Interstate 95 corridor. The corridor plan will be informed by assessments of regional energy and infrastructure needs, as identified by working groups of key stakeholders, including Eversource. The grant sought by New Jersey and its partners will enable the states to transition quickly from collaborative planning to implementation, guided by strategic recommendations about cost effective sites and measures to accelerate the adoption of zero-emission trucks by regional commercial fleets.

Utilities have an important role to play in preparing distribution and transmission infrastructure for a transition from diesel to zero-emission freight trucking. Eversource lends its support to this application in recognition of the need for public charging infrastructure for commercial zero-emissions trucks, and the opportunity this project would create to electrify freight movement and reduce transportation sector greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution in the region.

Sincerely,



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