

March 29, 2024

Administrator Michael Regan  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

**Re: Application EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07 for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure for Taxis and Rideshare Vehicles and Zero-Emission Ground Support Equipment Voucher Program**

Dear Administrator Regan:

I am writing to express support for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey's ("Port Authority") application to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's NOFO (**EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07**) for its Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) Program. The Port Authority's request to the EPA addresses the implementation of two measures prioritizing GHG reduction: electric vehicle charging infrastructure (Measure 1) and airport ground support equipment (GSE) electrification (Measure 2). Reduction of GHG through vehicle electrification aligns with New York Power Authority's (NYPA) VISION 2030 goal of partnering with our customers and the state to meet their energy goals.

Per the New York – New Jersey metropolitan statistical area's (NY-NJ MSA) Priority Climate Action Plan, transportation and stationary energy sectors are the largest sources of GHG emissions identified in the region's action plan. Both measures proposed to the EPA yield marked reductions in GHG emissions at Port Authority airports which include three of the nation's largest and most heavily transited air travel facilities for the movement of both people and goods globally. The measures outlined in the Port Authority's application reflect a commitment to climate action and can help the agency achieve its net zero goal.

The Port Authority's proposal aligns with the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission's "Green Rides" initiative that requires the city's rideshare fleet to be either zero-emission or wheelchair accessible by 2030. Measure 1 of this proposal targets the tens of thousands of daily taxi and rideshare trips from the Port Authority's airports.

NYPA has served as a technical expert over multiple years for vehicle electrification infrastructure projects at the Port Authority, including transformers, high voltage direct current conduit, and switch panels for electric buses, ground support vehicles, and public facing charging infrastructure.

There is a growing need to expand the number of power-ready sites in the region, and we welcome continued conversations with the Port Authority regarding opportunities to expand fast charging stations at its airports. The proposed measures of this project has the potential to position the Port Authority, NY-NJ MSA, and regional partners as leaders in GHG emission reduction initiatives from the aviation and vehicle sectors, by demonstrating the environmental, economic, and social benefits of decarbonization efforts.

NYPA supports the Port Authority's request for the U.S. EPA to favorably consider this project that is designed to reduce GHG emissions resulting from vehicles traveling to and from Port Authority operated airports and from airside GSE. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein should be construed as requiring NYPA to enter into a contract with the Port Authority or supporting its proposal if awarded. Any NYPA participation is subject to the parties entering into an agreement upon mutually agreeable terms.

Sincerely,

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