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

RE: Letter of Intent for the Stark Area Regional Transit Authority's Application to the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program (EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07)

Dear Mr. Regan,

On behalf of the Dominion Energy (Dominion), I am writing to express our intent to support and participate in the Stark Area Regional Transit Authority's (SARTA's) application to US EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grants Program: Implementation Grants General Competition (EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07). We understand that SARTA seeks funds to evaluate/develop and deploy critical need infrastructure that will both at once improve transit access and reliability within SARTA's service area—while also greatly reducing greenhouse gas emissions from SARTA's operations and from key local communities.

Under the project, the project team will collectively evaluate, design / engineer, and deploy an anaerobic digester/biogas capture and upgrading system that will capture existing sludge/biosolids from the City's existing wastewater treatment facility. The proposed system, once operational, will then transform the incoming sludge into 100% renewable biogas, which will in turn be upgraded to renewable natural gas (RNG) suitable for pipeline injection. The project proposes to inject the RNG into Dominion's existing natural gas pipelines, for distribution to the uses proposed under the project. The captured RNG will then be used to as carbon-neutral or even carbon-negative transportation fuel, in SARTA's existing fleet of 36 compressed natural gas (CNG) fired buses, significantly advancing access to zero carbon transportation across our region. Concurrently, the project will also support RNG utilization by a nearby underserved community, and deploy select additional high-need facilities and systems upgrades to further enhance transit performance while reducing GHG emissions.

Dominion understands that, if selected for funding, EPA will require that SARTA submit a memorandum of agreement (MOA) to EPA, prior to receiving the award. This letter confirms Dominion's intent to enter into and (upon negotiation as warranted) sign the MOA, should EPA approve the project for funding. The MOA will identify the specific actions / activities to be undertaken by Dominion under the project. We anticipate that these activities will include a preliminary feasibility study and a subsequent engineering study needed to confirm project viability and enable RNG injection and transport. If you have any questions regarding our support and intent to commit to this project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jeffery S. Talbert
Superintendent
Canton City School District