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for the Clean Transportation Program**

See attached letter.

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



May 22, 2026

California Energy Commission
Docket No. 25-ALT-01
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Docket No. 26-ALT-01 – Draft 2026-2027 Investment Plan Update for the Clean Transportation

Dear California Energy Commissioners and Staff,

Xeal Energy (Xeal) appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the 2026-27 Investment Plan Update for the Clean Transportation Plan and would like to thank staff for their continued work and leadership in supporting EV charging infrastructure deployment in California.

Xeal has developed the next generation of EV chargers to help address the issue of reliability. Xeal was founded by a group of individuals who were also frustrated with no-charge events and sought solutions to this problem. Xeal's charging infrastructure does not rely on a central point of internet connectivity, which causes most of the charging reliability issues today. Instead, users are provided unique and encrypted tokens that authorize, activate, and transact charging sessions without internet service directly between the charger and phone. All the smart computing is done onsite and during this interaction. This means chargers can operate anywhere – including parking garages and communities with limited internet connection and enable a near 100% uptime and frictionless user experience.

Primarily focused on supporting multifamily housing and commercial real estate owners and operators, our partners manage these smart EV charging stations remotely through Xeal's dashboard, providing real-time data on charging sessions, energy management, utilization, and revenue share. Our driver app employs token-based technology for EV drivers to gain reliable access to charging stations without relying on cellular or garage IT infrastructure. Our chargers require zero connection to the backend, therefore there is no "loss of connectivity" because it is always present between the driver's phone and the charger through our secure, short-range communication protocol, also known as Helix.

The two main hurdles to EV adoption are convenient access to EV chargers, which is lacking at many multi-family sites, and the reliability of those chargers. To that end, Xeal appreciates the Commission's work in developing funding allocations under the *2026-2027 Investment Plan Update*.

In particular, we support the proposed allocation of \$48M in FY 26-27 and \$44.2M in FY 27-28 for Light-Duty Charging Infrastructure. We support staff's prioritization of focus on "At-home or near-home charging, including...at multi-family residences." The Senate Bill 1000 analysis shows that not having access to charging at home is one of the most significant barriers to EV adoption. Continued funding for EV infrastructure at multi-family residences will be crucial to overcoming the access to charging barrier, accelerating ZEV adoption, and ensuring equity. **We strongly support an additional rounds of funding for Level 2 multi-family programs, including the Reliable, Equitable, and Accessible Charging for Multi-family Housing (REACH) program and/or additional investments in the Communities in Charge program.**



Xeal appreciates the opportunity to support and provide input on CEC's development of their Clean Transportation Investment Plan, and we look forward to continuing to work with the CEC and other stakeholders to support the deployment, access, and reliability of light-duty charging infrastructure.

Sincerely,

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