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Comments in Support of Proposed Replacement Tire Efficiency Program

Please see attachment.

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



California Energy Commission
715 P Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

June 10, 2026

Re: Replacement Tire Efficiency Program Proceeding (Docket: 26-TIRE-01)

To the California Energy Commission (“CEC” or “the Commission”):

Rivian Automotive, LLC (“Rivian”) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposal to establish a Replacement Tire Efficiency Program (Docket: 26-TIRE-01). We welcome the discussion this rulemaking has fostered and are pleased to support the CEC’s efforts.

Energy efficiency should be prized for many reasons. At Rivian, we have iteratively improved on the efficiency of our vehicles since the launch of the first **R1T** and **R1S**. As an electric vehicle (“EV”) manufacturer, we want Rivian drivers to have the ability to enjoy the maximum EV range potential of their vehicles throughout their useful lives. Among other things, this requires that the replacement tire market be well supplied with tires that meet the standards of those fitted to our vehicles when they leave the factory. Accordingly, we support this commonsense rulemaking.

We also note that CEC’s proposed replacement tire efficiency regulation fulfills a statutory requirement placed on the agency more than 20 years ago. AB 844 (Nation) of 2003 directed CEC to adopt tire efficiency standards, which the Commission is now pursuing. Concluding the rulemaking will end an extended period of uncertainty for the market and meet the Commission’s statutory obligation.

Thoughtful, forward-looking regulations can spur valuable private sector innovation. When coupled with reasonable exemptions, and aligned where appropriate with similar regulations around the world, the resulting standards can strike a smart balance. We applaud the steps taken by CEC in this proposal to do just that.

Thank you for your leadership and dedication to this issue. Pursuant to statutory direction, we are confident the Commission will finalize reasonable standards that

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benefit California drivers and support the state's energy efficiency and environmental goals.

Sincerely,

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