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California Energy Commission
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FresYES Incentive Project Under the Block Grant for Electric Vehicle Charger
Incentive Projects Throughout California
Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program

Public Comments
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ChargePoint appreciates the opportunity to provide written comments on the FresYES Incentive Project under the Block Grant for Electric Vehicle Charger Incentive Projects throughout California. ChargePoint is very supportive and pleased to see Fresno County selected as the first incentive project under GFO-16-603. Coupled with the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District's Charge Up! electric vehicle charger incentive program, site hosts can receive a very generous grant/rebate for installing networked Level 2 charging stations in Fresno County.

I. Background

Headquartered in Campbell, California, ChargePoint is the world's largest and most open EV charging network with more than 41,000 Level 2 and 600 DC fast charging spots, including more than 22,500 spots in California. Every 2 seconds, a driver connects to a ChargePoint station and by initiating over 28 million charging sessions, ChargePoint drivers have driven over 662 million gas free miles.

II. FresYES

ChargePoint is pleased to see the selection of Fresno County as the location for the first block grant for EV charger incentive projects. We support making \$4 million in funding available with \$7,000 rebates for dual port stations and \$4,000 rebates for single port stations. We believe these rebate levels are appropriate amounts, particularly when



couple with the Charge Up! program. We are pleased to see the funding rolled out as rebates, which is a quick and efficient way to deploy funds and prepare Fresno County with adequate infrastructure to support EV growth.

Coordination:

As we stated during the oral comment portion of the Staff Workshop on September 28, 2017, ChargePoint is supportive of continued coordination between the Energy Commission and the Air District to align their two programs. Areas to focus on for alignment and for allowing site hosts to leverage both programs are the following:

Public accessibility:

The Charge Up program is currently limited to publicly-accessible charging stations. ChargePoint recommends that the Air District align with the FresYES requirements and set aside a portion of the Charge Up funds to provide grants for private access stations like workplaces and multi-dwelling units, which would allow site hosts to leverage both programs. Providing dedicated charging for employees and residents of multi-unit dwellings is critical to EV adoption.

Application process and paperwork:

ChargePoint also understands the need for each program to be able to review and approve projects that are a fit for their respective programs. To the extent possible, ChargePoint recommends that the application process be simple and streamlined for applicants, where ideally only one application or one set of paperwork can be filled out and reviewed by each program for determining eligibility.

ENERGY STAR:

ChargePoint supports adoption of ENERGY STAR and Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) Certification as a requirement for Level 2 charging stations. ChargePoint's Level 2 stations are both ENERGY STAR and NRTL certified. [Here is a link to ChargePoint's ENERGY STAR certification.](#) Requiring these certifications is not just about energy efficiency and minimizing standby energy consumption, but also about electrical personnel protection systems required for safety. Recognized third party certifications start everyone on a level playing field for energy savings and safety. While ChargePoint is currently the only EVSE manufacturer to have achieved ENERGY STAR certification at this time, we understand that other manufacturers are undergoing testing now and we hope to see others added to the certified products list shortly.

ChargePoint appreciates the opportunity to comment on this new and exciting incentive project and looks forward to continuing to work with the Energy Commission, Center for



Sustainable Energy, the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District and all other program stakeholders to ensure FresYES and future incentive projects are a success.

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