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RE: Docket No. 17-EVI-01 (California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project Future Equipment Requirements Webinar June 28, 2018)

To Whom It May Concern:

EVBox appreciates the opportunity to provide comments to the June 28 webinar. EVBox is headquartered in the Netherlands and is a global player in EV charging infrastructure and related cloud-based services, with an installed base of over 55,000 charging points around 32 countries. EVBox was acquired by Engie in 2017.

At the onset, EVBox would like to express its appreciation for the California Energy Commission (CEC)'s vision of interoperability standards and communication protocols. In mandating compliance for Open Charge Point Interface (OCPI) and ISO/IEC 15118, the CEC is ensuring that public funds spur the construction of chargers that can truly create a seamless charging experience for customers globally. Adoption of these standards will encourage roaming and allow payment systems that are not archaic and costly (e.g. credit cards). We support the proposed timeline for compliance as we believe that policies that encourage roaming and interoperability should not be delayed as California continues to spend billions of dollars in charging infrastructure. Based on our experience in Europe, we believe that compliance costs and the proposed timeline on Level 2 chargers are reasonable.

Finally, EVBox supports the new Energy Star Commitment Process, which allows EVSE manufacturers that are committed to becoming Energy Star certified to be temporarily eligible for incentives. EVBox recently received its Energy Star certification on June 2, 2018. We are aware that the certification process takes time despite the best efforts of EVSE suppliers. We support a competitive market and a wide choice of EV charging solutions for customers receiving block grants and therefore, we appreciate the relief that CEC has provided to EVSE suppliers.

Sincerely,

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