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See attached.

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



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California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Comments on the Pre-Solicitation Concepts for ZEV Infrastructure Manufacturing Projects

Dear Commissioners and Staff,

Proterra appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the Pre-Solicitation Concepts for ZEV Infrastructure Manufacturing Projects. We support the Energy Commission's goals to help develop and deploy advanced transportation technologies and tools to help carry out the Governor's Zero-Emission Vehicle Action Plan and California's climate change policies, including AB 32, SB 32, and AB 118/AB 8.

Proterra is a leading U.S. manufacturer of one of the world's most fuel-efficient battery-electric buses for public transit. Our industry leading CATALYST™ bus can achieve 22+ MPGe performance, 500%+ better than diesel and CNG buses, eliminating toxic diesel particulate matter and NOx emissions from American cities. Proterra manufactures its own battery modules and packs in Burlingame, CA, and builds transit buses from the ground up in two U.S. factories, including in the City of Industry, CA. Proterra moved its Corporate Headquarters to Burlingame from the East Coast and expanded manufacturing to LA County, with the support from the California Energy Commission - allowing future zero-emission buses deployed in California to be designed and manufactured by Californians and supported by California supply chains. To date, Proterra buses have logged over 6 million miles in revenue service, providing transit agencies reliable and improved performance.

Proterra respectfully requests expanding eligibility for ZEV vehicle manufacturing to continue to advance the growing zero-emission infrastructure and vehicle manufacturing in California. Expanded manufacturing capacity of zero-emission transit buses is especially needed in California to support the implementation of AB 32, the Governor's ZEV Executive Order and ZEV Action Plan, as well as the goals of AB 118 and AB 8. There is a real opportunity for these policies and investments to help maintain and grow California's vehicle manufacturing workforce, improve the sustainability of current manufacturing operations, accelerate economic and environmental benefits, provide lasting greenhouse gas emission reductions, eliminate toxic emissions in communities throughout California, and provide electric miles for all--especially benefiting California's disadvantaged communities. ***Without funding to expand ZEV vehicle manufacturing and workforce development in this solicitation, California zero-emission vehicle companies may look to expand manufacturing outside of the state.***

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Pre-Solicitation Concepts for ZEV Infrastructure Manufacturing Projects. We look forward to continuing to work together to expand manufacturing and accelerate the deployment of zero-emission vehicles in California.

Sincerely,

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