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Importance of electrical work being performed by licensed electrical contractors and State certified electricians

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



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California Energy Commission
Docket Unit, MS-4
Docket No. 24-ALT-01
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Sacramento, California 95814

Re: 24-ALT-01 and Advisory Committee Meeting

On behalf of IBEW 595 and our 3,000 union electricians and power professionals, I write to express our concerns regarding the California Energy Commission's proposed EV Charging Infrastructure Industry Workforce Assessment. Specifically, we want to emphasize the importance of electrical construction and installation, as well as electrical service and maintenance of charging infrastructure, being performed by California state certified electricians.

In the draft Investment Plan page 54 / PDF page 63 under Future Workforce Activities it says that CEC staff is developing a Workforce Training and Development Strategy to guide future actions and funding opportunities related to workforce and funded by the Clean Transportation Program. It references "training and development related to manufacturing, construction, installation, service, and maintenance of charging infrastructure."

My objective is to clarify that according to California law, electrical construction, installation, service, and maintenance of charging infrastructure must be performed exclusively by electricians certified by the state of California.

Electrical work related to charging infrastructure is potentially hazardous and must be carried out by well-trained and highly skilled electrical professionals. To become a state certified general electrician in California, an individual must have at least 8,000 hours of electrical construction experience, as regulated by the California Department of Industrial Relations.

We urge the CEC to recognize that electrical work on charging infrastructure should be performed by certified electricians to ensure the safety and quality of the installations. This will not only protect the integrity of the infrastructure but also safeguard the well-being of the workers involved.

Respectfully,

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