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Bluedot Energies CTP Investment Plan Letter

To the hardworking CEC team:

Please see the attached letter from Bluedot Energies for Docket 24-ALT-01 (2024-2025 Investment Plan Update for the Clean Transportation Program).

Thank you!

Jofil

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



California Energy Commission 715 P Street

Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Docket 24-ALT-01 (2024-2025 Investment Plan Update for the Clean Transportation Program)

To the California Energy Commission:

Bluedot Energies appreciates your leadership and staff's dedication to supporting the electric vehicle (EV) market in California. As a woman and minority owned business in the EV charging space that strives to make environmentally-conscious and financially-sustainable DCFC EV charging stations throughout the United States, we understand the value of the 2024-25 Investment Plan Update for the Clean Transportation Program and recognize that these investments have a crucial impact in supporting EV charging projects in communities that need it most, and is a catalyst for change in the EV market. We request that the CEC recognize the following recommendations as it drafts the updated plan:

<u>Streamline communication and timely feedback for grants</u> – As applicants that coordinate with multiple agencies and partners, often times, we are hampered by the feedback loop from administrators and would appreciate timely responses for questions, updates to the selection, and program responses.

<u>Continue prioritizing underserved/ Justice40 communities</u> - We prioritize public-private-partnerships in areas that have long been under-invested in California. By prioritizing these communities and supporting shovel-ready projects for DCFCs, we continue to be responsible private partners and jumpstart EV adoption by offering resources and our capital to expedite projects where EV charging may be limited.

<u>Promote interoperability and charging options</u> – As we are agnostic in the types of make and model for vehicles that we can support at our networked stations, we encourage the CEC to address interoperability, promote various choices to consumers and lessen the barriers for different EV users.

<u>Active coordination with local utilities and flexible timeline</u> – We are finding that utility partners are key to our successes in deploying EV stations. However, our projects are impacted by power availability, transformer upgrades, and the supply chain issues. As the utilities try their best to meet project demand, we urge the CEC's grant guidelines to provide flexibility and accountability to ensure that feasible projects still continue while giving set opportunities for applicants to deliver their project timely.

Thank you for the opportunity to share these comments and we look forward to working with you.

Best regards,

Jofil Boria

President, Bluedot Energies Inc, a minority and woman-owned company