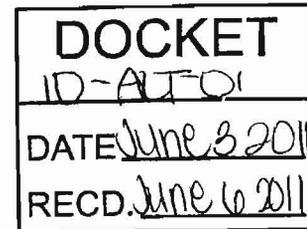




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1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512



**RE: Docket 10-ALT-01  
2011-2012 Investment Plan**

Dear CEC Commissioners:

Nissan North America, Inc. commends the CEC Commissioners and Staff for their hard work on the 2011-2012 Investment Plan. The Investment Plan is a thoroughly researched and well balanced investment portfolio. Nissan is committed to bringing Zero-Emission transportation to market and believe the development of electric charging and hydrogen infrastructure will accelerate this goal.

The current funding allocated is significant and Nissan is supportive of the \$8 million committed to electric vehicles. California is leading the country in public infrastructure installations, but there are still gaps. We believe the Investment Plan can help fill those gaps and have the following comments.

**1. PEV Readiness**

PEV Readiness is an important goal, and we believe the current \$1million allocated is a sufficient amount.

**2. Distribution of Charging Stations**

As shown on Table 4 (page 28) of the report, there is an uneven distribution of infrastructure in the state. Los Angeles has a relatively small number of stations for its size, population and vehicle registrations. Nissan suggests the CEC help fund areas, such as Los Angeles, that have lower amounts of planned infrastructure.

**3. DC Fast Charging**

Electric vehicles are not designed for long distance travel, but installing DC Fast Charging, even in dense urban areas, can help extend trips. DC Fast Charging does not necessarily need to be installed in remote areas to create corridor travel. For example DC Fast Chargers in Riverside or Orange County can serve residents of those areas, as well as assist drivers traveling between San Diego and Los Angeles. In addition, Los Angeles and Orange County currently have no planned DC Fast Charging. CEC investment in public infrastructure in this area can have a significant effect.

#### 4. Rebates

Rebates can help bring electric vehicles on par with comparable gas-powered vehicles. Rebates for the vehicle, or for charging infrastructure, will help directly expand the market for EVs. Nissan recommends consideration of funding for vehicles or residential charging rebates as part of the plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. We appreciate the California Energy Commission's continued commitment to the successful deployment of advanced technology vehicles. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss further by phone if you feel it is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tracy Woodard". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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