



November 4, 2013

Commissioner Janea Scott
California Energy Commission
Dockets Office, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 13-ALT-02
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: California Energy Commission 2014-2015 Investment Plan Update for the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program

Dear Commissioner Scott,

Electric Vehicles International (EVI) is a leading manufacturer of electric trucks, with major deployments of all-electric, zero-emission, medium-duty trucks throughout California and the United States. In 2009, EVI moved our headquarters, vehicle assembly, and jobs from Mexico to Stockton, California. We moved to California to help transition the state's large fleet of heavy-duty, dirty diesels to low-carbon, zero-emission alternatives. We were attracted in part by California's leading environmental policies, including AB 32, the Low Carbon Fuel Standard and the AB 118 program. We strongly support the goals of the AB 118 program and are proud to be a part of the Energy Commission's efforts to deploy advanced vehicle technologies to clean the air and reduce California's dependence on petroleum-based fuels.

EVI supports the 2014-2015 Investment Plan Update proposed funding for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure and Medium- and Heavy-Duty Advanced Vehicle Technology Demonstration. We appreciate the proposed increase in funding for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure, as this is an essential piece to deploy zero-emission trucks in California. For many fleet operators, the additional cost of the electric vehicle charging infrastructure can be the difference between choosing zero-emission, advanced vehicle technology or continuing to purchase conventional, dirtier diesel vehicles.

We respectfully request the Energy Commission consider creating a new program that provides more predictable and reliable source of funding for medium- and heavy- duty electric vehicle charging infrastructure to help bridge the final gap in funding and spark deployment of zero-emission, advanced vehicle technology throughout the state. This dependable source of funding for medium- and heavy- duty electric vehicle charging could work in conjunction with the Air Resources Board Hybrid Truck and Bus Voucher Incentive Project (HVIP) that helps offset the incremental cost of hybrid and battery-electric medium- and heavy-duty vehicles at the time of purchase, in order to simplify implementation for fleet operators and accelerate the deployment of hybrid and electric trucks and buses. The electric vehicle charging infrastructure funding could operate similar to the successful HVIP program and be available at the time of purchase in order to synchronize deployment of vehicles and charging infrastructure for end-users, which would help increase adoption of zero-emission, advanced vehicle technologies throughout California.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the 2014-2015 Investment Plan Update for the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program and appreciate the efforts and partnership of the California Energy Commission to deploy advanced vehicle technologies to clean the air and reduce California's dependence on petroleum-based fuels.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ricky Hanna', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ricky Hanna
Electric Vehicles International