

January 23, 2023

Acting Secretary of the Board
44 South Clinton Ave., 1st Floor
PO Box 350
Trenton, NJ 0625-0350

**Re: [New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
BPU Docket No. Q021060946]**

Dear Acting Secretary of the Board:

Hello. My name is Robert Harris and I am a Senior Environmental Consultant for Langan. Langan provides an integrated mix of engineering and environmental consulting services in support of land development projects, corporate real estate portfolios, and the energy industry. Our clients include developers, property owners, public agencies, corporations, institutions, and energy companies around the world. I want to express my support for expanding the role of electric distribution companies (EDCs) in developing a Medium and Heavy Duty (MHD) Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Ecosystem.

I applaud the Board for putting forth the straw proposal for developing an MHD EV Charging Ecosystem in New Jersey. The straw proposal is an important step toward facilitating New Jersey's goals to reduce transportation sector emissions, combat climate change and improve the State's air quality.

However, I suggest the Board reexamine the limitations of the MHD EV Straw Proposal. While the new proposal allows for support for electrifying private fleets, it is limited to entities located in Overburdened Municipalities (OBMs). With only 48 OBMs in the State, there would be an inequitable distribution of funding for EV charger installation for private companies. Requiring that the Make-Ready work on both sides of the meter be completed within 12 months, will also limit the opportunity for fleet owners to electrify. These restrictions could also limit employment and economic opportunities to New Jersey residents and delay the State's goals of EV adoption.

Langan is committed to sustainability and environmental stewardship. We continually work to reduce our carbon footprint by providing sustainable design services on client projects,

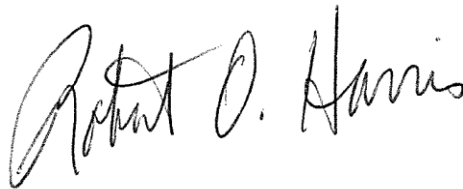
promoting environmental citizenship in our communities, tracking carbon offsets through our partner at Carbonfund.org, and more.

A larger role for the EDCs would help to expedite the conversion of medium- and heavy-duty vehicle fleets to electric, which would facilitate achieving the State's electrification goals, similar to the utilities' contribution to accelerating the growth of New Jersey's solar sector.

We will continue to emphasize the use of sustainable design services for our clients and we are eager to support fleet owners convert electric vehicles and improve New Jersey's air quality.

Sincerely,

**Langan Engineering, Environmental, Surveying,
Landscape Architecture and Geology, D.P.C.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert O. Harris". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" being more prominent than the last name "Harris".

Robert O. Harris, MPH
Senior Environmental Consultant

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