



Institutional Planning and Operations
Business Services
33 Knightsbridge Road
Piscataway, NJ 08854

January 24, 2023

To: New Jersey Board of Public Utilities
Reference: BPU Docket No. QO21060946

Hello. My name is William O'Brien and I am the Assistant Vice President of Business Services at Rutgers University (Rutgers). Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, stands among America's highest-ranked, most diverse public research universities.. We're an academic, health, and research powerhouse and a university of opportunity. 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.

The State's electric utilities are ready to support the State's electrification goals. For example, PSE&G already has experience with a light-duty vehicle EV program and is eager to lead the charge for equitable funding distribution for those looking to electrify their fleets and medium/heavy-duty vehicles.

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.

Sincerely,

William O'Brien

William O'Brien
Assistant Vice President for Business Services