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## RE: Docket Nos. QO23040235 and Q023040236; FY24 CRA Straw Proposal and FY24 program budgets

Secretary Golden:

SWTCH welcomes the opportunity to offer this letter of support for the proposed Clean Energy Program budget. In particular, SWTCH is pleased to see the significant investment in multi-unit dwelling charging solutions included in the FY24 budget proposal, and strongly encourages the Board of Public Utilities to approve this request.

SWTCH provides electric vehicle (EV) charging and energy management solutions designed specifically for high-density urban settings. Our innovative, open standards-based platform optimizes EV charging usage to benefit both EV charging station operators and drivers. SWTCH sees substantial value in deploying charging solutions focused on the multifamily property and workplace sectors in New Jersey.

SWTCH is pleased to see a significant emphasis on multifamily charging in the proposed FY24 budget. About 30 percent of US households are multifamily dwellings, and at least 75 percent of those households have at least one vehicle. However, the disparity in types of multifamily properties and ownership structures have led toward a tendency to underserve this complex market. Although multifamily properties are typically a harder-to-reach market segment, they are key to expanding equitable access to EV charging in New Jersey and to supporting the State's goals for EV adoption. L2 charging installed at places where drivers park their cars overnight is a strong driver of EV adoption, because it eliminates uncertainty about access to charging. Investments in multifamily charging can also support environmental justice goals by enabling greater access to electric mobility and cleaner air for historically disadvantaged communities.

SWTCH supports the Clean Energy Program's efforts to address the urgency of equitably deploying charging infrastructure and advancing EV adoption across multiple customer segments. Approving

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Lepre, N. E*V Charging at Multi-Family Dwellings: Drivers, Barriers, and Recommendations*. January 21. Atlas Public Policy.

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the proposed budget, including the \$15 million allocation for multifamily charging, is critical for New Jersey's electrified transportation future.

SWTCH appreciates the opportunity to offer support for the FY24 program budget and looks forward to working with the Board and other stakeholders to accelerate the adoption of transportation electrification in New Jersey.

If you have questions or if I can provide more information, please contact me at josh.cohen@swtchenergy.com.

Respectfully,

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