



July 14, 2017

Mr. Mark Williams, Mailstop 3E
Air Resources Board
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RE: Comments on Volkswagen’s “Supplement to the California ZEV Investment Plan: Cycle 1”

Dear Air Resources Board Members and Staff,

The undersigned thank the Air Resources Board (ARB) for requesting supplemental information from Electrify America with respect to the proposed *Cycle One California ZEV Investment Plan*, and express our appreciation for the thorough nature of Electrify America’s response. The clarifications and additions included in that response provide us with more confidence the proposed investments will advance California’s climate, air quality, and equity goals. We appreciate that Electrify America anticipates that more than 35 percent of investments will benefit disadvantaged and low-income communities in the state, and we will continue to closely monitor the implementation of this first cycle and all subsequent cycles of proposed investments. We will also continue to engage with ARB and Electrify America to shape and ensure that future investment cycles closely align with state policy goals and maximize the equitable benefits they provide to disadvantaged and low-income communities (e.g. per CARB’s February 10th guidance for the *Cycle One California ZEV Investment Plan*). We will also continue to encourage Electrify America to ensure the safety and reliability of its charging network through the use of Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP) approved contractors and EVITP certified electricians. We also urge Electrify America and its contractors to hire people of color and disadvantaged, women, and veteran workers.

The modified *Cycle One California ZEV Investment Plan* should complement the existing framework of programs ARB is administering pursuant to the Charge Ahead California Initiative (SB 1275, De León) and other important state initiatives. Californians need access to zero emission vehicles, and the refueling infrastructure necessary to use those vehicles.

Electrify America charging stations are already operating beyond California's borders. We ask ARB to act expeditiously to approve the modified *Cycle One California ZEV Investment Plan* so that Californians can reap the benefits of the proposed package of investments as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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