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California Air Resources Board

1001 - I St.
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Support for Electrify America's Cycle 3 Investment Plan

Dear California Air Resources Board Members:

I am writing on behalf of Pearce Renewables in support of Electrify America's Cycle 3 California Investment Plan. This significant investment in the State of California will help achieve our state's goal to improve air quality by transitioning to zero-emission transportation, including in transit and heavy-duty applications.

From our headquarters based in California, Pearce Renewables is the leading national provider of operations and maintenance services for mission-critical renewable energy infrastructure, including solar, wind, battery storage, and EV charging. Our mission as a service operation is perfectly aligned with the objectives of Electrify America: to promote technology-agnostic solutions that enable zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) adoption, by delivering safe, professional, and reliable infrastructure and energy management solutions. The Cycle 3 Investment Plan continues to expand that mission.

A crucial foundation in the plan is building out ultra-fast charging infrastructure throughout the state. This includes support for transit and medium/heavy-duty fleet charging. Among other activities identified in the plan, Electrify America will invest in the Green City program in the Long Beach-Wilmington community, location to our nation's busiest port complex and served by a fleet of more than 18,000 drayage trucks. This targeted investment to support electrification of transit and medium/heavy-duty vehicles in a predominantly disadvantaged and low-income community will advance CARB's priorities to transition buses and drayage trucks to ZEVs, and reduce pollution in a community that is classified as extreme non-attainment under the Clean Air Act.

Electrify America's investments create economic opportunity for many stakeholders throughout California, including our own company. We currently have 365 employees in California, plus we employ an additional 75 independent contractors in California as well to support of Electrify America. CARB's commitment to enable programs like Electrify America (and others like it) is one piece of our growing business.

We respectfully urge you to find that Electrify America's Cycle 3 California ZEV Investment Plan is consistent with requirements at your June 24th meeting, in order not just to keep California on the forefront of, but a leader in, the fight against climate change.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Forster".

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