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California Air Resources Board (CARB) 1001 I St. Sacramento, CA 95814

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

PAR Electrical Contractors, Inc. (PAR) supports Electrify America's Cycle 3 California ZEV Investment Plan. This significant, \$200 million investment in California over 30 months will bring the state closer to achieving its emissions goals to combat climate change and improve air quality by transitioning to zero emission transportation, including in transit and heavy-duty applications.

PAR is a national leader in all aspects of outside electrical construction. For more than sixty-six years, PAR's reputation as a solution provider has been consistently applied across all our service offerings. PAR offers a full range of construction services and solutions for substations, overhead and underground distribution and transmission lines, electric vehicle charging stations, maintenance, startup, associated communications, energized services, emergency storm restoration and assessment, and engineer, procure and construct (EPC) services.

PAR is a local company with a national presence, employing more than 2,350 workers throughout the United States and more than **900 employees in California**. PAR is a proud member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) – and partners with multiple organizations supporting our best-in-class craft-skilled workforce. PAR has forged a strong partnership with the IBEW, and we are proud to say that more than 90 percent of our workforce is union. As a key partner of Electrify America, PAR performs critical electrical construction jobs and services throughout the state of California.

This is the third of four investment cycles by Electrify America, which is investing \$800 million over 10 years to accelerate transportation electrification in California. The Cycle 3 ZEV Investment Plan will continue to expand access to zero emission vehicles (ZEV) in California, by further building out ultra-fast charging infrastructure in metropolitan areas and along highway corridors, supporting transit and medium- and heavy-duty fleet charging, and continuing to invest in brand neutral education and awareness efforts, including supporting and sponsoring the ZEV education and training of other organizations.

Importantly, the plan continues to prioritize rural, disadvantaged, and low-income communities for investment, to ensure that all communities can access charging and benefit from the transition to electric vehicles. Among other activities identified in the plan, Electrify America will invest \$25 million investment in a Green City program in the Long Beach-Wilmington community, home to the 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 and heavy-duty vehicles in this predominantly disadvantaged and low-income community will advance CARB's priorities to quickly transition buses and drayage trucks to ZEVs, and quickly

reduce pollution in a community that is classified as extreme non-attainment under the Clean Air Act.

PAR is committed to California, the adoption ZEVs, and associated infrastructure to support its adoption. Further, PAR has a proven and strong commitment to using local firms, Disabled Veteran Owned Businesses, and Minority- and Women-Owned Businesses throughout our California operations.

We encourage CARB to approve the Electrify America Cycle 3 California ZEV Investment Plan as a leader in the fight against climate change.

Sincerely,

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PAR Electrical Contractors, Inc.