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September 23, 2016

ARB Board Members and Staff  
California Air Resources Board  
Mobile Source Control Division  
1001 "I" Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Letter of Commitment and Project Status Update for Sacramento Regional Zero-Emission School Bus Deployment Project

To ARB Board Members,

We are committed to participate with the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD) to implement the *Sacramento Regional Zero-Emission School Bus Deployment Project* for the California Air Resources Board (ARB) Zero-Emission Bus and Truck Pilot Program.

This project will help accelerate the deployment of commercially available heavy-duty, zero-emission, school buses and provide direct public benefits to Disadvantaged Communities throughout the Greater Sacramento Metropolitan Area. It will significantly reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and will provide economic and environmental benefits directly to our Disadvantaged Communities – while demonstrating the scalability, practicality and economic viability of wide-spread adoption of purpose-built, zero-emission school buses. Furthermore, it will help reduce criteria pollutants and provide public health co-benefits to both schoolchildren and the greater community.


As part of the grant program we will purchase 16 new zero-emission, battery-electric school buses, all of which will service students in our Disadvantaged Communities. We are appreciative and enthused that these new school buses will provide the following for our school children and education sites:

- Improved air quality – zero-emissions
- Improved traffic safety at the school sites
- Provide the latest safety technology such as high back seats and seatbelts
- Provide opportunity for state-of-the-art equipment training for our maintenance staff
- Upgrade our associated electrical infrastructure and add 16 new charging stations for onsite fueling

- Provide neighboring school districts to experience zero-emission technology by use of a loaner school bus
- Provide data analysis and direct comparison between CHP-certified, in-use diesel fueled and battery-electric school buses
- Provide state-of-the-art equipment training to high school and junior college students by creating collaborative partnerships between educational institutions

Twin Rivers Unified School District has a team of highly qualified individuals to efficiently and effectively implement a zero-emission school bus pilot commercial deployment program. Our school district board has approved the project and the necessary CEQA documents have been filed with the State. We are ready to implement this program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bill McGuire', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Bill McGuire  
Deputy Superintendent