

May 23, 2023

The Honorable Shailen Bhatt, Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Bhatt,

Please accept this letter of strong support for the Maine Department of Transportation (“Maine DOT”) and Efficiency Maine application for a 2023 U.S. Department of Transportation Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (“CFI”) Discretionary Grant. The application details Maine DOT’s funding needs and comprehensive plan to install electric vehicle charging infrastructure in the state via the Recharge Maine Project (“Project”). Additional EV charging infrastructure is needed in Maine and the Project will:

- Help Maine DOT and Efficiency Maine meet EV charging requirements along Federally-designated Alternative Fuel Corridors (“AFCs”).
- Ensure locations beyond fuel corridors, including disadvantaged communities, have charging infrastructure to serve residents and tourists.
- Assist Maine in meeting its goal to decrease greenhouse gas emissions 45% by 2030 and 80% by 2050 – and achieve carbon neutrality by 2045.

The Project has numerous benefits including expanding equitable charging infrastructure in both rural and suburban areas, provide options for those who lack access to at home charging including multi-unit dwellings, reduce distance between charging locations, and strengthen Maine’s economy by reducing transportation cost as well as supporting Maine’s tourism economy.

As the state’s largest electric utility, Central Maine Power has a critical role in supporting successful achievement of the Recharge Maine Project. The electric grid is the foundation that will enable decarbonization of the transportation sector and we stand ready to work collaboratively with Maine DOT and Efficiency Maine to ensure successful implementation of the Project.

We encourage USDOT to help the state achieve its EV adoption and charging infrastructure goals by ensuring everyone in our community, both residents and tourists, can easily and equitably access EV charging stations.

Sincerely,

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Joseph Purington

Central Maine Power President & CEO