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November 7, 2023

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

**RE: Support for Electrify America's Cycle 4 Investment Plan**

Dear California Air Resources Board Members:

I am writing on behalf of ABB Inc. in support of Electrify America's Cycle 4 California ZEV Investment Plan. This significant \$200 million investment in California over 30 months will bring the state closer to achieving its zero emission vehicle (ZEV) deployment and emissions reduction goals to combat climate change and improve air quality by transitioning to zero emission transportation.

ABB is a technology leader in electrification and automation, enabling a more sustainable and resource-efficient future. The company's solutions connect engineering know-how and software to optimize how things are manufactured, moved, powered and operated. Building on more than 140 years of excellence, ABB's ~105,000 employees, including nearly 20,000 in the U.S., are committed to driving innovations that accelerate industrial transformation.

As the world's demand for electricity grows, ABB is electrifying the world in a safe, smart and sustainable way as a global technology leader in electrical distribution and management. We collaborate with customers like Electrify America to enable energy efficiency and power a sustainable future for society with our products, solutions and digital technologies.

This is the fourth and final investment cycle by Electrify America as part of its initial \$800 million commitment over 10 years to accelerate transportation electrification in California. The Cycle 4 ZEV Investment Plan will continue to advance ZEV adoption in California by further building out public ultra-fast charging infrastructure in metropolitan areas and along highway corridors, and continuing to invest in brand neutral education and awareness efforts, including supporting and sponsoring ZEV education, STEM programing and workforce development training. To date, Electrify America has invested \$9 million in community-based organizations and nearly \$3 million in STEM and workforce development programs over Cycles 1-3.

Importantly, the plan continues Electrify America's commitment to providing benefit through its investments to rural, disadvantaged, and low income communities, to ensure that all communities can access charging and participate in the transition to electric vehicles. Currently, over 50% of Electrify America's public ultra-fast charging stations at various stages of development are in disadvantaged or low-income communities, exceeding the company's 35% target.

Electrify America's investments are also creating economic opportunity for many stakeholders. For example, responding vendors to Electrify America's 2022 year-end survey identified nearly 4,000 workers employed by themselves and subcontractors that worked on Electrify America projects from July to December 2022, including 914 workers in California. Of these workers, vendors reported that 32% lived in low-income and disadvantaged communities, while vendors reported that approximately 1% of workers

self-identified as veterans. Survey respondents also indicated that nearly 600 jobs were created or sustained because of work with Electrify America, roughly 50% of which were employees and contractors living and working in California.<sup>1</sup>

We respectfully urge you to find that Electrify America's Cycle 4 California ZEV Investment Plan is consistent with requirements at your December Board meeting, in order to keep California on the forefront as a leader in the fight against climate change.

Respectfully,

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