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Subject: Feedback and Recommendations on the Electric Vehicle Charging Connection Procedures (EVCCP)

Dear Ontario Energy Board,

On behalf of the Global Automakers of Canada, a collective representing a diverse group of automakers in Canada, we would like to extend our appreciation for the establishment of the Electric Vehicle Charging Connection Procedures (EVCCP). This initiative not only recognizes the imperative transition towards Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEVs) but also provides a much-needed framework to support the deployment of Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) across Ontario.

The EVCCP is a significant step forward, offering a structured and predictable process for the installation of charging infrastructure. It aligns with our members' objectives of promoting EV adoption by ensuring the necessary charging infrastructure is both accessible and reliable. We particularly commend the clarity and specificity of the timelines in the process, which offer much-needed predictability for all stakeholders involved.

However, to further refine the EVCCP and ensure its success, we propose the public disclosure of EV charging station data. Transparency is key to the success of EV adoption. We recommend that utilities be mandated to publicly share detailed information about the charging stations being deployed across their service territories. This information should include and not be limited to, the location, type (Level 2 or Level 3) and availability of charging stations. Public access to this data will not only foster consumer confidence but also assist in strategic planning for future infrastructure needs.

We advocate for a collaborative approach between utilities and the federal government to ensure that the data concerning charging infrastructure is comprehensive, accurate, and readily available to the public. A centralized database encompassing nationwide charging infrastructure data will be instrumental for users planning long-distance travels and for stakeholders involved in the continuous development of the EV ecosystem. Collaboration between utilities or the OEB as a utility representative and the federal government by means of the ZEV Advisory Council or any other means is an important aspect.

The Global Automakers of Canada is fully supportive of the EVCCP and the proactive steps taken by the Ontario Energy Board. We believe that with the enhancements, the EVCCP can serve as a robust foundation for the accelerated deployment of EV charging infrastructure, thereby supporting Canada's ambitious goals for ZEV adoption.



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We look forward to the implementation of these recommendations and are committed to collaborating closely with the OEB, utilities, and other stakeholders to make the transition to electric mobility a success for all Ontarians.

Thank you for considering our feedback.

Regards,

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