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Agency Information Collection Proposed Extension: Residential Energy
Consumption Survey (RECS)
Submitted via email to chip.berry@eia.gov.

The Zero Emission Transportation Association (ZETA) is an industry-backed coalition of over 60 member companies advocating for 100% electric vehicle (EV) sales. ZETA is committed to enacting policies that drive EV adoption, create hundreds of thousands of jobs, dramatically improve public health, and significantly reduce emissions. Our coalition spans the entire EV supply chain including vehicle manufacturers, charging infrastructure manufacturers and network operators, battery manufacturers and recyclers, electricity providers, and critical minerals producers, among others.

We thank the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA) for the opportunity to comment on the proposed information collection extension for the Residential Energy Consumption Survey (RECS). Understanding the experiences of early EV adopters is key to ensuring a smooth transition to cleaner transportation. Public surveys are an important tool to improve federal policy, inform investments in technology innovation, and place consumer realities at the center of conversation around EVs. ZETA strongly supports the proposed information collection extension and is grateful for the opportunity to help maximize the utility and effectiveness of a federal survey on residential energy consumption in the U.S.

ZETA recognizes that the RECS aims to better understand residential energy consumption trends. As EVs become increasingly common on American roads and in American households, we encourage EIA to consider ways to ensure accurate data is captured to evaluate these impacts on residential energy consumption specific to EVs and behavior related to charging.

Accordingly, ZETA recommends EIA include a question that captures how EV owners interact with their local energy providers, many of which offer customer programs for data collection and managed charging that are imperative to improving and ensuring grid resilience and proactive investment. The inclusion of such questions will help to understand the availability and

utilization of these customer programs, which are critically important to national and energy security. ZETA has included the following question for suggested inclusion in the RECS:

Are you aware of the managed EV charging customer incentive programs offered through your local utility company?

- a. Yes, I am a participant in these programs
- b. Yes, I have heard of customer programs, but I am not enrolled
- c. No, I haven't heard of such programs
- d. No, my utility does not offer such programs
- e. Other

Further, ZETA recommends a follow up question if the respondent indicates they do not currently own an EV. For example, after the EV ownership question, if the respondent answers "I have 0 EVs", then ask:

Are you planning to purchase an EV?

- A. Yes, in the next 1-2 years
- B. Yes, in the next 2-5 years
- C. Yes, in the next 5+ years
- D. No, I do not intend on purchasing an EV
 - a. If, 'D', then Why?

This question is important to better understand the propensity to purchase an EV for those consumers who don't currently own one. This question will also be helpful to gauge who is not at all interested in owning an EV and why that is, and how that relates to their residential energy consumption, if at all.

We thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the proposed information collection extension for the Residential Energy Consumption Survey. We appreciate the work of EIA to improve national understanding of residential electricity and EV use in the U.S. ZETA and its member companies thank you for your attention to these comments and are available should you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,



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