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Name
Company Name
Mailing Address

Re: Information Request for Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs)

Dear Name:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is requesting assistance from manufacturers of eligible natural gas vehicles and engines under the Texas Natural Gas Vehicle Grant Program (TNGVGP).

This request is only for entities listed as the manufacturer on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Certificate of Conformity issued to certify the emissions of the vehicle or engine. A separate survey may be distributed to obtain additional information from natural gas vehicle manufacturers that may not be the engine manufacturer and are not listed on the EPA Certificate of Conformity.

Enclosed with this letter are forms to help TCEQ compile a preapproved list of natural gas vehicles, engines, and conversion systems that are eligible for funding under the TNGVGP. These forms can also be downloaded from our website, <www.terpgrants.org>, and filled out electronically. The instructions provided with the forms provide more information about the TNGVGP. Please read the instructions and, if your vehicles or engines meet the criteria, submit the requested information about the natural gas vehicle or engine models manufactured by your company to ensure that your vehicles or engines are included on the eligibility list.

As explained further in the instructions and forms, the natural gas vehicles and engines that may be eligible for funding under this program include:

- heavy-duty natural gas engines that are certified by the EPA to either an emission standard or a Family Emissions Limit of 0.2 grams of nitrogen oxides per brake horsepower-hour or less;
- heavy-duty natural gas vehicles between 8,501 lbs and 14,000 lbs Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) that are alternatively chassis-certified by the EPA to current heavy-duty vehicle emission standards;

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- natural gas vehicles meeting the EPA designation as a Medium Duty Passenger Vehicle (8,501 – 10,000 lbs GVWR) that are chassis-certified to the EPA 's Bin 5 or lower standard for light-duty vehicles;
- natural gas conversion systems for Medium-Duty Passenger Vehicles that are chassis-certified by the EPA to light-duty vehicle emission standards, Bin 5 or lower; and
- natural gas conversion systems for heavy-duty vehicles between 8,501 lbs and 14,000 lbs GVWR that are alternatively chassis-certified by the EPA to current heavy-duty vehicle emission standards.

To be eligible, an engine must receive 75% or more of its power from compressed or liquefied natural gas.

The TCEQ is also requesting information about the average incremental costs of eligible natural gas vehicles or engines. Please read the instructions and provide estimates of incremental costs based on the size or capacity of the fueling system for each eligible natural gas model manufactured by your entity.

The TCEQ will accept submissions on a continuous basis as new vehicle and engine models are certified by the EPA.

Additionally, TCEQ is requesting that you contact any vehicle dealerships or other relevant entities that may be interested in applying as a Participating Dealer under the TNGVGP. A Participating Dealer is an entity that sells, leases, commercially finances, or repowers on-road heavy-duty or medium-duty natural gas vehicles. Participating Dealers must have a presence in Texas.

Potential applicants to the TNGVGP must go through a Participating Dealer, who will be under contract with the TCEQ, to apply for a grant. The solicitation for contracting with Participating Dealers will be issued soon. Please contact the relevant entities to have them apply to be a Participating Dealer. There is more information about this Information Request and the Participating Dealer solicitation, including all necessary forms, on our website <www.terpgrants.org>.

If you have any questions, please contact Colin Donovan at (512) 239-1984, or toll-free at (800) 919-TERP (8377).

Sincerely,

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Enclosures