



Dear Ms. Combs,

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PowerSouth is a not-for-profit generation and transmission (G&T) electric cooperative serving the wholesale energy needs of sixteen electric cooperatives and four municipal electric systems in Alabama and northwest Florida. PowerSouth, through its member-owners, serves more than one million consumers in 39 Alabama and 10 Florida counties. PowerSouth is governed by a 40-member Board of Trustees comprised of two representatives from each of our twenty member-owners. PowerSouth's community driven approach allows us, along with our members-owners, to provide cost effective, reliable energy.

Attached is a map of the PowerSouth service territory, highlighting the 10 counties we provide wholesale power to in northwest Florida.

As part of our member-owners' commitment to the communities they serve, we appreciate the opportunity to contribute input as a stakeholder as the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) develops and establishes its EV Deployment Plan and Infrastructure Funding Program. Our member-owners represent both some of the fastest-growing regions along the I-10 corridor as well as some of the most economically disadvantaged areas in Florida. Our member-owners have seen the increased adoption of EVs in their service territories as well as increased EV traffic within their footprint since some of their service territories are vacation destinations for EV owners from across the Southeast.

After review of the various materials that FDOT has provided to stakeholders, we would like to emphasize that our member-owners are co-located with a designated "Pending" Alternative Fuel Corridor (I-10). For instance, two of our member-owners (Choctawhatchee Electric Cooperative – CHELCO and West Florida Electric Cooperative) provide retail electric services to areas along the I-10 corridor, an area that stretches from Santa Rosa County to Calhoun County.



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And our other two Florida members-owners (Escambia River Electric Cooperative and Gulf Coast Electric Cooperative) all have service territory footprints that contain disadvantaged communities and also serve in relative close proximity to an area deemed "Pending" as an Alternative Fuel Corridor (I-10) identified by FDOT.

Our members-owners want to work closely with FDOT and other electric vehicle infrastructure vendors to ensure that locations selected for charging infrastructure funds and projects are developed as efficiently and cost-effectively as possible and in ways that minimize any costs that might be necessary with respect to grid enhancements. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about our proximity to Alternative Fuel Corridors and anticipated infrastructure projects.

We look forward to working further with FDOT as it establishes its proposed Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Funding Program and hope that we can be a trusted resource to both the agency and any other entities that will be involved in implementing this exciting infrastructure program.

Sincerely,



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