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Dear Public Utility Commission of Texas:

Port Arthur Transit (PAT), the public transportation provider for the City of Port Arthur supports Entergy Texas' Transportation Electrification and Charging Demand Adjustment Rider to the Public Utility Commission of Texas. PAT began operating in April 1978, and has since provided service to the citizens of Port Arthur located in Jefferson County, Texas. PAT serves a community that is diverse in age, demographics, and socio-economic status. PAT's service area covers a majority of the City limit with the exception of sparsely populated outlying areas.

PAT utilizes a total of fourteen (14) full-sized vehicles to complete fixed-route revenue service on six (6) fixed-routes. PAT replaced ten (10) heavy-duty vehicles in the fixed-route fleet with battery electric buses in 2020 and 2021. PAT has plans to retire the two (2) remaining Orion buses that are in poor condition and replace them with a two (2) 35-foot low-floor battery electric buses in 2025. This will effectively convert all the 35-foot heavy-duty vehicles currently in service to battery electric (excluding cutaways). In addition, PAT will commence a new fixed-route by providing more direct service to destinations north of SR73 by deploying two (2) 35-foot low-floor battery electric expansion buses.

Entergy Texas has shown a commitment to assisting PAT in developing and implementing strategies to address rising energy costs. Entergy Texas has offered the Entergy Solutions Program, which is available to select Entergy Texas electric commercial customers. Within this program Entergy offers both cash and non-cash incentives for implementing energy efficiency improvements. PAT has signed on to the program and will be a partner of Entergy Texas moving forward. In PAT's prior deployment of ten (10) BEBs, it closely partnered with Entergy Texas on identifying the infrastructure needed to provide the proper level of power needed. Based on our review of Entergy Texas' Proposal for Transportation Electrification and Charging Demand Adjustment Rider it only addresses new services. PAT owns an extensive bus electrification system and kindly request that the Commission grandfather public agencies so we can benefit from prior initiatives as well as future endeavors.

PAT recognizes Entergy Texas as a critical partner in electrification and will continue to partner with them after the planning stages, so that charge management strategies and fleet expansion efforts can be coordinated effectively. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions regarding this letter of support or require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ivan Mitchell', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

Ivan Mitchell
Transit Director
Port Arthur Transit/City of Port Arthur