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Re: NYPA Fleet Vehicles and Electric Vehicle Training Tools –
Transfer of Ownership to New York State Educational
Institutions – Explanatory Statement

To Whom it May Concern:

Pursuant to Title 5-A of the Public Authorities Law, I forward a resolution, approved by the Board of Trustees of the New York Power Authority at their meeting on December 12, 2023, which is the explanatory statement of the circumstances of the Public Authorities Law Section 2897(7)(i) disposal by negotiation of NYPA Fleet Vehicles and Electric Vehicle Training Tools described therein. Please be advised that the New York Power Authority expects to transfer the aforementioned property at least ninety (90) days after the date of this letter.

Very truly yours,

Karen Delince
Vice President & Corporate Secretary



Date: December 12, 2023

To: NEW YORK POWER AUTHORITY TRUSTEES

From: PRESIDENT and CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Subject: NYPA Fleet Vehicles and Electric Vehicle Training Tools – Transfer of Ownership to New York State Educational Institutions

SUMMARY

The New York Power Authority Trustees ("Trustees") are requested to approve transfer of ownership of six Authority fleet vehicles and electric vehicle (EV) training tools to two (2) regional Boards of Cooperative Education Centers ("BOCES"), one (1) State University of New York (SUNY), one (1) workforce training center, and one (2) Career and Technical High School ("CTE") programs for use by those institutions in an educational capacity in furtherance of NYPA's strategic goal of increased electric vehicle technology training and acceptance of electric vehicles in the state of New York. The educational institutions identified herein are:

- Erie 1 Board of Cooperative Education Service
- Dutchess County Board of Cooperative Educational Service
- State University of New York College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill
- Northland Workforce Training Center
- Albany City School District (Albany High School)
- Buffalo City School District (Burgard High School)

Educational Institutions located in disadvantaged or Environmental Justice Communities were prioritized.

BACKGROUND

In 2019, a "Eureka" project suggestion was submitted which suggested a reconsideration of the process in which NYPA disposes of its electric vehicle fleet. The suggestion was refined and reviewed by internal NYPA stakeholders, including NYPA Fleet Operations, Ethics and Compliance, Legal, Environmental Justice, and Strategic Supply Management. The implementation of donating retired NYPA electric vehicles to regional educational institutions for use in a training environment as part of the institutions' automotive maintenance and repair curriculum was accepted and agreed upon by all parties. This donation would serve as a pilot for a potential wider distribution of NYPA's electric vehicles for educational purposes.

In 2022, NYPA Fleet Operations, Canal Fleet Operations, Environmental Justice, and Strategy reconvened to discuss if NYPA and Canals had available fleet vehicles ready for donation during the year 2022. Thirteen cars were identified as available for donation as of August 2022. Environmental Justice identified possible donation recipients in proximity to NYPA and Canal assets and NYPA strategic project locations. Educational institutions that serve New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Potential Environmental Justice Areas were prioritized.

In July of 2023, NYPA Fleet Operations identified six vehicles available for retirement/donation by the end of calendar year 2023. In August 2023, Environmental Justice identified six institutions that serve disadvantaged communities near NYPA assets and strategic projects.

Title 5-A of Article 9 of the Public Authorities Law (the “Act”) and the Authority’s Guidelines for the Disposal of Personal Property (the “Guidelines”) allow the Authority, with the approval of the Trustees, to dispose of Authority property by negotiation and for less than fair market value if the transferee is a government or other public entity; the terms and conditions of the transfer require that the ownership and use of the Property will remain with the government or any public entity.

DISCUSSION

The NYPA Fleet Vehicles’ useful life is defined as 5 years of age or 75,000 miles. As of August 2023, there are six NYPA vehicles which are either fully electric or hybrid and are nearing or at the end of their useful life. The details of the vehicles are included in Table 1 below. Normal practice for retired NYPA/Canals vehicles is that they are sold at auctions.

With the increasing popularity and availability of electric vehicles in the domestic market, the demand for technicians who can service these vehicles will be increasing as well. As these vehicles are newer and their mechanical components vary greatly from fossil fuel powered vehicles, opportunities to become a technician in this area are sparse. By donating the retired fleet hybrid and electric vehicles to educational institutions with the express purpose that they be used only as a training instrument for future EV technicians, NYPA and Canals are contributing to New York State’s Green Energy future in a very tangible way and improving career prospects for those individuals living within the communities in which the educational institutions exist. The addition of EVs and Hybrid vehicles to the institution’s curriculum will also allow those institutions to provide additional specialized certifications to students.

Consequently, the Authority feels that it is prudent to donate these vehicles which have a combined appraised fair market value of \$91,750.00 (Table 1). The fair market valuations were established using the National Automobile Dealers Association’s “rough trade-in value”. The educational institutions have expressed interest in obtaining ownership of the vehicles as an addition to their educational fleet in a Statement of Need (Exhibits A – F).

In addition to the transfer of ownership of vehicle, the Authority will transfer ownership of specialized automotive technician tools and level 2 charging units to the above-listed programs to allow students pursuing careers in the industry to safely work with hybrid and electric vehicles (Table 2). The set of insulated hand tools are valued at \$8,891.47 per each of the six schools, totaling \$53,348.82. Lastly, the Authority transfers ownership of a level two electric vehicle charger to each listed program. Chargers may be used in the auto shop lab allowing students to better understand vehicle charging infrastructure. Level 2 chargers are quoted in Table 2 for \$912.50 per school for a total cost of \$5,475.00.

The transfer is to be further conditioned upon the execution of an agreement between the educational institutions and the Authority. The terms of such an agreement are to include transferring the vehicles in their ‘as is’ condition and such additional provisions that reasonably safeguard the Authority from future responsibility and liability, such as the requirement that the vehicles only be used for educational purposes and are not to be driven for transportation purposes.

Table 1: Electric Vehicles Nearing Retirement

NYPA/Canals	EQUIP_NO	YEAR	MANUF	MODEL	Type	SERIAL_NO	METER READING	Fair Market Value	Recipient
NYPA	17H20	2017	CHEVY	VOLT	hybrid	1G1RC6S54HU152371	42902	\$14,025.00	Northland Workforce Center

NYPA	17E2	2017	CHEVY	BOLT	electric	1G1FW6S04H4189080	14469	\$16,300.00	SUNY Cobleskill
NYPA	19H26	2019	SUBARU	CROSSTREK	hybrid	JF2GTDEC1KH369276	18337	\$25,000.00	Albany High School CTE
NYPA	14H23	2014	FORD	FUSION	hybrid	3FA6P0LU6ER381256	75157	\$8,025.00	Erie 1 BOCES
NYPA	17H1	2017	TOYOTA	HIGHLANDER	hybrid	5TDDGRFH8HS021122	105770	\$17,925.00	Dutchess County BOCES
NYPA	17H3	2017	CHEVY	MALIBU	hybrid	1G1ZJ5SU7HF150206	62837	\$10,475.00	Buffalo CTE

The above vehicles were confirmed by Fleet Management to be available for use for these purposes.

Table 2: Specialized Training Automotive Tools

Vendor	Name	Price	QTY	Total
Voltrek	Enphase HCS-40R-C17-P6-L25-196 Level 2 Charger	\$912.50	6	\$5,475.00
Grainger	Specialized Insulated Hand Tool Kit (57 Pieces each)	\$8,891.41	6	\$53,348.46

FISCAL INFORMATION

In accordance with the foregoing, the vehicles and training tools will be transferred to the educational institutions without any payment to the Authority.

RECOMMENDATION

The Vice President, Environmental Justice, recommends that the Trustees approve the transfer of ownership of six Authority fleet vehicles and specialized training automotive tools and chargers to New York State educational institutions, namely, Erie 1 Board of Cooperative Education Service; Dutchess County Board of Cooperative Educational Service; State University of New York College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill Northland Workforce Training Center; Albany City School District (Albany High School); and Buffalo City School District (Burgard High School).

For the reasons stated, I recommend the approval of the above-requested action by adoption of the resolution below.

Justin E. Driscoll
 President and Chief Executive Officer

RESOLUTION

RESOLVED, That in accordance with the Authority's Vehicle use Policy and pursuant to Title 5-A of Article 9 of the Public Authorities Law, the Guidelines for the Disposal of Personal Property and the Power Authority Act, the Trustees hereby approve the transfer of ownership of six fleet vehicles to one Workforce Training Center, two Boards of Cooperative Education Services, one State University of New York, and two Career Technical Education High School Auto Technology Programs: Northland Workforce Training Center, Erie 1 Board of Cooperative Education Service, Dutchess County Board of Cooperative Education Service, State University of New York College of Agriculture and Technology at Cobleskill, Albany High School, Burgard High School; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chairman, the President and Chief Executive Officer, and all other officers of the Authority be, and each of them hereby is, authorized on behalf of the Authority and Canal Corporation to do any and all things, take any and all actions and execute and deliver any and all agreements, certificates and other documents to effectuate the foregoing resolution, subject to the approval of the form thereof by the Interim Executive Vice President and General Counsel.