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The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Support for City of Roswell, New Mexico Charging and Fueling Infrastructure Grant Funding

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

On behalf of Southwestern Public Service Company, a New Mexico corporation doing business as Xcel Energy ("Xcel Energy"), we are pleased to confirm that Xcel Energy supports the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Discretionary Grant application submitted by the City of Roswell, New Mexico. This funding request will advance electric vehicle (EV) charging options for residents and visitors along the US 285 and US 380 Alternative Fuel Corridors. According to the New Mexico Department of Transportation NEVI plan US 285 has over 10,000 vehicles per day between Roswell and Carlsbad; while US-380 represents a highly utilized corridor bring Texas tourists to New Mexico. Charging station is this part of New Mexico is critical to the required infrastructure necessary to support EV adoption nationwide. The efforts by City of Roswell will boost New Mexico's EV readiness, helping to make EV's more accessible, minimize the environmental impact of transportation, and enhance the quality of life for the traveling public and workforce.

Xcel Energy provides electric and gas utility services through much of Eastern New Mexico, and specifically provides electrical service to many of the EV site locations identified by the City of Roswell. Xcel Energy values the inclusion of EV charging in Eastern New Mexico because this project aligns with Xcel's Energy's Clean Transportation goals. Specifically, Xcel's Clean Transportation Vision is to enable one out of five vehicles in the areas we serve to be electric by 2030; and *all* vehicles to run on carbon-free electricity or other clean energy by 2050. Additionally, this project is critically important for the state-wide adoption of EVs in New Mexico. Our vision for EV adoption must include rural and urban, including the communities in Eastern New Mexico. Some of the EV charging locations selected by the City of Roswell are also in areas identified as areas benefiting income qualified communities.

Xcel Energy will, subject to any regulatory-approved programs, requirements, and applicable Xcel Energy rules and tariffs on file with the Public Utility Commission ("Commission"), cooperate and coordinate with the City of Roswell in its pursuit of CFI funding. Xcel Energy has several electric vehicle ("EV") programs and incentives where we can provide technical assistance to support project planning and financial assistance to reduce upfront costs of charging infrastructure, as applicable to the City's project, subject to funding availability.

Sincerely,

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