



Maryland

Energy Administration

Wes Moore, Governor
Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor
Paul G. Pinsky, Director

March 7, 2023

Dear Mr. Hartmann,

This letter is in response to your request under the Maryland Public Information Act, dated February 13, 2023, to the Maryland Energy Administration (“MEA”).

Your MPIA request sought:

“Grantee Quarterly Operation Reports for Q3, 2022 and Q4, 2022 for the DC Fast Chargers funded under the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program (EVIP), the Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Program (AFIP) and any other programs for DC Fast Chargers funded by MEA that have Grantee Quarterly Operation Reports.”

MEA is able to provide redacted documents in response to your request. Some information cannot be provided, as it contains confidential information that we are prohibited from disclosing under the Maryland Public Information Act. Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov., § 4-335. Confidential commercial information is information that a company would not typically disclose to the public. *Amster v. Baker*, 453 Md. 68 (2017). Specifically, the grantees here have affirmed that the documents and information sought are confidential commercial information.

Some of the information requested is not confidential, as it is already in the public domain. All other information has been redacted. Information that has been redacted in these reports includes:

- Percentage of time that Grantees’ chargers are operational
- The kWh consumed at their charging stations
- Number of gasoline equivalent gallons displaced
- Average charging event duration (minutes)
- Number of charging sessions
- Average alternative fuel price (\$/kWh)

Information that falls under the confidential commercial exception to disclosure contains sensitive financial data or proprietary matters.

Pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. § 4-362, you are entitled to seek judicial review of this decision. Alternatively, you may file a request for mediation with the Public Access Ombudsman and, if the Ombudsman is unable to resolve the matter, you may subsequently seek a resolution from the Public

Information Act Compliance Board for those matters within its jurisdiction. Also, if you have any questions about this letter, please feel free to contact me. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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