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Message

As a paying customer of Duke Energy in Charlotte and as a resident, I support the proposed EV pilot program. It is understandable that some interested parties, such as ChargePoint and Electrify America, have concerns about certain aspects of the program, and I support efforts to structure the pilot in a way that will encourage a healthy charging ecosystem. Others may be better able to speak to those specifics. However, there is much needed EV charging investment in the service areas. This pilot should ultimately be providing only a small part of what needs to be build. In the context of Duke and the state of North Carolina, a \$76 million investment is modest. But it would buy something quite valuable - time and experience. In particular, this proposal could dramatically expand electric school and transit bus usage in the state, thus accelerating the transition by giving valuable operational experience to fleets and providing for economies of scale that would begin bringing down costs for vehicles. In addition, my experience has been that vehicle charging availability is extremely limited for those living in apartments. This is obviously a serious barrier to EV adoption and requires urgent action. In summary, this modest proposed investment would bring real, significant benefits to many parties in the state.

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