

July 29, 2020

**Connecticut Hydrogen and Electric Automobile Purchase Rebate
(CHEAPR) Program Eligibility and Program Design**

PUBLIC NOTICE
And Request For Written Comments

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP or Department) is requesting public comment on certain aspects of the Connecticut Hydrogen and Electric Automobile Purchase Rebate (CHEAPR) program as further described below.

The CHEAPR Program is overseen by a Board tasked with establishing incentive levels for new and used electric vehicles (EVs), including battery electric vehicles, plug-in hybrid electric vehicles and fuel cell electric vehicle pursuant to section 94 of Public Act 19-117. On January 30, 2020, the Board met and established interim incentive levels, which remain in effect until new incentive levels are established and implemented. On July 17, 2020, the Board met again to discuss incentive levels for 2020-21.

Based on the outcome of this Board meeting, DEEP is requesting public comment on two documents. The first document, entitled *Statutory References for E-Bikes and Income Level Restrictions for CHEAPR Program eligibility*, is a summary of DEEP's internal statutory analysis governing the program. The second document, entitled *CHEAPR Proposal for public comment* outlines proposed elements of the CHEAPR Program design and several other issues that are central to the scope of the CHEAPR program, including:

Whether the CHEAPR program design elements for used EVs are appropriately limited to Low-moderate income (LMI) applicants.

Whether the proposed rebate level for Fuel Cell Electric Vehicles (FCEVs) is appropriate.

Whether DEEP's statutory interpretation regarding the eligibility of electric bicycles under the CHEAPR Program is correct and if so, whether or how electric bicycles should be incentivized.

Both documents can be accessed at this [link](#).

Written Comments: By way of this Notice, DEEP is providing a 14-day period during which comments on the aforementioned documents will be accepted. Written comments may be submitted directly to DEEP.mobilesources@ct.gov on or before August 12, 2020, by 5:00 p.m. All comments submitted by stakeholders will be posted on the DEEP website.

CHEAPR Board Action: Pursuant to the direction of the Board, DEEP is moving forward to schedule a meeting in late August to review comments received on the threshold issues of statutory interpretation

that must be resolved before the program design proposal is finalized. DEEP is anticipating final board action on the program eligibility and program design in early September 2020.

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