



August 23, 2023

The Honorable Jeff Gordon  
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Re: Extension of the Public Comment Period for Proposed Regulations PR 2023-020 (Medium and Heavy-Duty Rulemaking) and PR 2023-023 (Advanced Clean Cars II Rulemaking)

Dear Senator Gordon,

Thank you for your letter dated August 22, 2023, requesting that the deadline for the receipt of public comments in above referenced rulemakings be extended to provide ample opportunity for individuals to articulate their opinions and provide input as part of this rulemaking. We appreciate your interest in extending the robust participation to date around the proposed regulations for light, medium and heavy-duty vehicles in Connecticut. The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (the Department) will accommodate your request and will issue a revised public notice to stakeholders extending the comment period by one week until 5:00 PM Wednesday, August 30, 2023.

The Department has conducted, and is committed to conducting an open, transparent, and inclusive process as part of the development of the referenced regulations to implement the statutory framework adopted by the General Assembly. We are pleased that we had over 370 participants in the hearings held on August 22, 2023, and that we have received over 5,000 written comments to date.

As you know, Connecticut legislators voted for legislation adopting standards in line with California's for light-duty vehicles back in 2004, and California's standards for medium and heavy-duty vehicles just last year. The executive branch is now developing regulations to implement these laws. The Department looks forward to receiving additional comments from additional stakeholders to ensure that the viewpoints of a wide variety of Connecticut's residents can be heard and considered as part of the process of evaluating these proposals

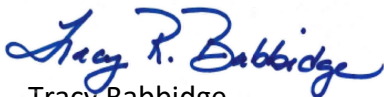
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implementing the General Assembly's goals of achieving clean air, protecting public health, and addressing climate change.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tracy R. Babbidge". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'T'.

Tracy Babbidge

Acting Deputy Commissioner, Environmental Quality Branch  
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cc. The Honorable Kevin Kelly  
Commissioner Katherine S. Dykes