



Interested Party Testimony for Senate Bill 307  
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Chairman McColley, Vice Chairman Schuring, Ranking Member Martin, and members of the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee. My name is Kathleen McManus, and I am the Government and Regulatory Affairs Specialist for Nationwide Energy Partners. Thank you for the opportunity to provide interested party testimony for Senate Bill 307. Nationwide Energy Partners is an innovative energy solutions company. We work with property owners to develop beneficial behind the meter infrastructure and install energy savings technologies. Through our operating structure, we have installed dozens of electric vehicle charging stations throughout Ohio at no cost to the property owner or residents for installation and use.

As an Ohio company, we applaud Senator Rulli and the Committee for creating more opportunities for Ohio to remain a strong auto manufacturer, as well as incentivizing development of the necessary infrastructure to support the demand of electric vehicles.

NEP is testifying as an interested party, but we oppose lines 554 – 558, which currently provide utilities with the ability to own electric vehicle charging stations and infrastructure to support electric vehicle charging. Should this language remain in the bill, it would create a mechanism for customers to subsidize utilities for electric vehicle charging stations. As the cost of installing charging stations would be passed to all customers, utilities would have an unfair advantage over private businesses that compete for electric vehicle charging. We urge the committee to make modifications to this section of the bill.

Electric distribution utilities should develop the necessary infrastructure to support electric vehicle charging and recover the costs as necessary. Additionally, electric distribution utilities should provide incentive programs for their customers to install and own charging stations, such as rebate programs. However, electric distribution utilities should not be both an end user and recover costs from customers.

NEP suggests the language from lines 554-558 to be changed from:

“(1) Investments or incentives to facilitate the deployment of customer-owned or utility-owned electric vehicle charging infrastructure, including charging facilities, make-ready infrastructure, and associated electrical equipment that support transportation electrification;” to,

“(1) Investments or incentives to facilitate the deployment of customer-owned electric vehicle charging infrastructure, including charging facilities, make-ready infrastructure, and associated electrical equipment that support transportation electrification.

(2) Investments or incentives to support electric distribution utility infrastructure to support the addition of electric vehicle charging facilities.”

These changes would protect utility customers from subsidy charges and promote competition among Ohio businesses.

Thank you allowing me to testify today, I would be more than happy to answer questions.

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