

26 August, 2013

Ms. Wendy Scott, Executive Director  
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education  
1536 Wynkoop Street, Suite 100  
Denver, CO 80202

## Re: St Lawrence University Electric Vehicle Initiatives

Dear Ms. Scott:

I have been asked by Ms. Louise Gava at St Lawrence University (SLU) to write you a letter affirming the University's efforts to increase adoption of Electric Vehicles (EV's) in the community.

SLU has been using low-speed EV's in their Facilities organization for several years. This initial adoption of EV's was a commitment by the University to remove the most polluting driving (low-speed, frequent stop/start/idle cycles) of their vehicles on campus and replace them with zero-emission EV's.

Recently, SLU has partnered with National Grid to participate in an effort funded by the New York State Energy Research & Development Authority (NYSERDA) to install a public electric vehicle charging station on their campus.

National Grid has been working to install dozens of EV charging stations across our upstate New York footprint, and SLU was the first site in Northern New York to agree to install a station. The University has completed their wiring to install the station, National Grid's contractor is expected to be on site to do our equipment installation in the next couple weeks.

These charging stations are part of the ChargePoint network, and are free to the public to use. SLU will be providing the electricity at no cost.

Having a charging station at SLU allows employees or members of the public to charge their electric vehicle or plug-in hybrid vehicle while they work, attend an on-campus event or visit the campus. This charging facility also increases visibility of the EV option to the general public and may entice people to consider purchasing an EV.

As an EV driver myself, the SLU charging location allows me to extend the range of my car and use it instead of my internal-combustion vehicle for travel to the Gouverneur and Ogdensburg areas. It also provides a critical connection for drivers in the North Country to get to the Watertown area for dealer service of their vehicles.

Northern New York is a very rural area, and public transportation is non-existent. Anyone living outside the Village of Canton, by necessity, must drive a car to get to work. Transportation is the number one energy cost for most North Country residents. EV's provide an opportunity to reduce pollution and fossil fuel consumption, but charging stations are necessary to foster public acceptance of this technology.

By partnering with National Grid and NYSERDA in the installation of a public charging station for electric vehicles, St Lawrence University has established themselves as a leader in sustainability by encouraging drivers to consider a zero-tailpipe-emission alternative for transportation.

If you have any question, feel free to call me at (315)267-5247.

Sincerely,



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