



## STATEMENT OF THE OZONE TRANSPORT COMMISSION REGARDING THE NEED TO ACCELERATE ELECTRIFICATION OF MEDIUM- AND HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLES

The Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) has identified on-road medium- and heavy-duty vehicles as a major and growing contributor of tropospheric ozone forming pollutants. While the OTC supports strong national regulations aimed at reducing ground-level ozone concentrations from this sector, the adoption of such a program will not eliminate the need for additional reductions to achieve and maintain ambient air quality standards. To demonstrate leadership in advancing regional emission reductions and to protect our most vulnerable populations, the OTC supports engaging in cooperative efforts to accelerate widespread adoption of zero emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicles as a regional air quality strategy. The OTC recognizes that these efforts will benefit parallel initiatives to stimulate and strengthen state economies; to decrease diesel emissions and associated public health impacts, especially in disproportionately impacted communities located near freight corridors, ports, and distribution centers; and to reduce anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change.

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