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New York Power Authority Approves BPU's Application for Electric Car Charging Stations

The New York Power Authority (NYPA) recently approved the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities' (BPU) grant request for three electric vehicle charging stations to be installed in the BPU electric territory.

According to NYPA officials, installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations is important to help facilitate the adoption of electric vehicles.

The BPU applied to NYPA in response to the authority's announcement of the "Charge New York Electric Vehicle Charging Station Funding Opportunity" program. NYPA endorsed the three proposed charging stations that will be located on public land in the community.

The station locations include: the Jamestown Community College campus; the Cherry Street Parking Ramp; and the Department of Transportation Park and Ride on North Main Street.

The charging stations themselves will be paid for by NYPA, while the BPU will be responsible for the installation and labor portion of the project, estimated at approximately \$14,000.

BPU General Manager David L. Leathers noted that visible public charging infrastructure will help raise awareness about electric vehicles and increase consumer confidence in the idea of driving electric vehicles.

The BPU initially would operate the electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at no cost to customers. The electrical usage of the charging stations would be read during normal meter reading cycles to monitor the electrical usage. The consumption would be charged to the energy efficiency program at the residential rate. Once usage reaches 1,000 Kilowatt Hours a month, the BPU would transition to a pay service at the rate of \$0.10 per kWh.

At this time, 33 electric vehicles are registered in Chautauqua County, with 23 located in the south end of the County. Presently, the only option for local electric vehicle owners

is to charge at home which limits the range of all EVs and makes plug-in hybrids dependent on gasoline as a back-up fuel. Being able to charge at work and other locations can be very helpful in extending the range of EVs. It is even more likely to be helpful for plug-in hybrid owners whose daily electric range can be easily doubled by workplace charging.

“The BPU looks forward to working with NYPA in the weeks ahead to form a timetable for this project,” states Leathers. “We anticipate being able to serve electric vehicle owners with the three charging locations in the near future.”