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Thomas,

Thank you, again, for submitting comments and suggestions for EIA's Residential Energy Consumption Survey. We are always looking to improve the quality and utility of our RECS estimates, particularly as they relate to EVs. In fact, given the importance of the topic, EIA has begun to aggressively stand up a new, and much more robust, EV statistics program. And over the past year alone, EIA has begun providing new detailed statistics covering [EV registrations](#), [charging infrastructure](#), and [electricity consumption](#).

As additional background, new questions on the RECS survey must go through a pretesting to ensure that we can produce reliable and accurate data based on the quality of responses. Further, considerations placed upon respondent burden mean we need to limit the number and types of questions we can ask for now.

In context of this additional background, here are our specific responses to the two suggested questions:

*Are you aware of the managed EV charging customer incentive programs offered through your local utility company?*

Program-participation questions have not performed well on prior RECS. We have found through record matching that the general population often misreports participation in incentive or rebate programs. EV-owner households, however, are likely more aware of incentive opportunities. Even though these questions will not be included on the current RECS survey, we will continue to monitor the situation and conduct pretesting with the hope that we may include these questions to provide high-quality, accurate statistics during the next RECS survey cycle.

*Are you planning to purchase an EV?*

Attitudinal and customer intent questions were included in very early iterations of the RECS survey, but current limits related to respondent burden mean we must limit the types and focus of questions we can ask now. Even though this question will not be included on the RECS survey, we will continue to find ways to provide these data, whether it be through the collection of data on other surveys, the purchase of private data, or the use of administrative records.

I realize that this response may seem disappointing, but we will continue to look for ways to possibly include these questions to provide high-quality data on future RECS surveys. We are also open to any other suggestions for improvements that we might make to our broader, new EV statistics program.

Best regards,

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Thomas,

Thank you for the response and comments on the next RECS. I just wanted to acknowledge receipt and let you know we'll respond in more detail in the next couple of weeks.

Happy Holidays,  
-Chip

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Mr. Berry,

Please find attached comments from the Zero Emission Transportation Association, ZETA, in response to OMB No. 1905–0092: Agency Information Collection Proposed Extension: Residential Energy Consumption Survey (RECS).

ZETA appreciates the opportunity to submit this comment and we are available should you have any questions.

Thanks and have a happy and safe holiday season.

Thomas

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