MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy on Charging Privately Owned/Operated Electric Vehicles in Army Installations

1. References:
   d. U.S. Code Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare, Section 6364: Operation of battery recharging stations in parking areas used by Federal employees

2. Purpose: This policy establishes the use of electric vehicle battery charging stations (henceforth referred to as Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment, EVSE) located in common-use areas within Army installations and sites, to charge privately owned Battery Electric Vehicles and Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles, collectively referred to as electric vehicles (EVs). The primary purpose of these stations is to charge government-owned EVs; however, at times when they are not in use by government-owned EVs, these stations can be made available to owners of privately-owned vehicles (POVs).

3. Background: The FAST Act states, "The head of a Federal agency may install, construct, operate, and maintain on a reimbursable basis a EVSE (or allow, on a reimbursable basis, the use of a 120-volt electrical receptacle for battery recharging) in a parking area that is in the custody, control, or administrative jurisdiction of the requesting Federal agency, to the extent such use by only privately owned vehicles does not interfere with or impede access to the equipment by Federal fleet vehicles.

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4. Key Concepts:

a. **EVSE Locations:** EVSEs located in common-use, publicly-accessible vehicle areas within the Army installation or site (such as retail centers, service stations, unrestricted parking facilities, hospitals) may be available for use by POVs. EVSEs located in limited or restricted access areas such as motor pools will not be available to POVs.

b. **Fees and Payments:** The Army shall charge fees to the individuals who use the EVSEs to charge their POVs, in such amount as is necessary to ensure that Army recovers all of the costs incurred in installing, constructing, operating, and maintaining the station. These cost estimates may be derived through life-cycle cost analyses, as proposed in the Office of Federal Sustainability Council on Environmental Quality FAST Act guidance for workplace charging. The FAST Act authorizes the heads of Federal agencies to contract vendors to accomplish the goals of recovering fees for the cost of the commodity and pro-rata operations and maintenance (O&M) expense for the equipment.

c. **Data Reporting:** There is no additional data reporting requirement due to this policy. Army reports information about EVSE inventory each year through the Federal Automotive Statistical Tool (FAST) during the annual motor vehicle fleet data call. The data collected through the annual FAST data call is used by the General Services Administration (GSA) to meet the reporting requirements of 42 USC 6364 §5.

5. Applicability: The FAST Act authorizes federal agencies such as the Army to determine if existing plug-in EVSE serving Army fleet vehicles has the available excess capacity to allow charging of POVs. This policy applies to all Army CONUS and OCONUS activities where users can operate and park their POVs without interfering with or impeding access to EVSE by Army fleet vehicles. This policy does not cover charging of POVs on Army residential or non-public areas.

6. Policy Summary: Implementation of this policy at specific installations is subject to the discretion of the Army Landholding Commands. This policy authorizes users to charge their POVs using Army electricity and EVSE as long as the costs for the electric commodity and a pro-rata share of any EVSE O&M are reimbursed to the Army. EVSE that are made available for this use must be located in publicly accessible parking areas within Army installations, not in controlled, limited access areas such as motor pools. Fleet vehicles have priority over privately owned vehicles at fleet EVSE units. This action must not degrade the facility's ability to accomplish the Army mission, or present any life, health, or safety risks.

**Implementation Guidance:** Within one hundred and eighty (180) days after this policy is signed, the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-9 (Installations) will provide implementation guidance. To assist with implementation development, the Army is currently
undertaking pilot programs at Fort Benning, GA and Fort Irwin, CA, on using EVSEs located in public areas to charge privately owned EVs. Results of the pilot program, including lessons learned, issues that need resolution, and relevant recommendations, will be available for dissemination at the end of the program period.

The Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management & Comptroller will provide implementation guidance on the proper recording of transactions in the General Funds Enterprise Business System, to include guidance on establishing lines of accounting for collected fees. Questions regarding the accounting policy associated with this process should be directed to Ms. Myrna L. Medina at the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army - Financial Operations (Myrna.L.Medina.Civ@mail.mil, 571-256-6456).

General questions regarding this policy should be directed to Mr. Anirban Bhattacharyya at the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army - Energy and Sustainability (Anirban.Bhattacharyya3.Civ@mail.mil, 703-697-7301)

7. Responsibilities: The Army’s Landholding Commands are responsible for implementing this policy.

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