

1 **Q. Why can't the ownership of the electric vehicle charging stations and the capital and**
2 **operating investment therein to be undertaken by private enterprise and how is it that**
3 **electric vehicle batteries and the charging thereof is different than the charging of a**
4 **cellphone or portable computer?**
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6 A. Private sector investment in electric vehicle ("EV") charging infrastructure is currently
7 constrained by a weak business case. This was recognized by the Board in Order No.
8 P.U. 30 (2021).¹ As a result, it is not reasonable to rely on private sector entities to own
9 and operate all charging stations necessary to promote EV adoption at this time. For
10 more information, see response to Request for Information CA-NP-046.

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12 Customers' charging of EVs differs from charging of household technologies such as
13 cellphones or portable computers in a number of respects. The primary difference is
14 customers' need to access public fast charging for EVs. Access to public fast charging is
15 not a barrier to customers' adoption of cellphones or portable computers, but remains a
16 primary barrier to customers' adoption of EVs.

¹ See the Reasons for Decision in issuing Order No. P.U. 30 (2021), page 12.