

**STATEMENT OF INTENT  
CONCERNING THE NATURAL GAS-POWERED BUS PILOT PROJECT  
IN THE  
METROPOLITAN REGION OF CHILE**

WHEREAS, the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Chile recognize that the 1994 Summit of the Americas and the Hemispheric Summit on Sustainable Development Plans of Action call for cooperation on environmental and energy issues;

WHEREAS, The Government of the United States of America and the Government of Chile entered into a Statement of Intent for Cooperation on the Clean Cities Programs in Chicago, Illinois, USA and Santiago, Chile on February 24, 1997;

WHEREAS, the Department of Energy of the United States of America (DOE), the National Energy Commission of Chile, and the Metropolitan Regional Authority (the "Participants") recognize that enhancing environmental protection, in particular reducing urban emissions, would be mutually beneficial;

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Regional Authority has developed the Plan for Prevention and Air Decontamination which envisions specific measures to improve air quality in the region, including the Natural Gas-Powered Bus Pilot Project (Pilot Project); and

WHEREAS, the Participants believe that cooperation between the Participants will enhance the prospects of success of the Pilot Project;

The Participants hereby declare their intentions as follows:

I. Forms of Cooperation

- A. DOE, through the Clean Cities Program, may provide technical assistance to the Metropolitan Regional Authority to establish guidelines for a review of the Pilot Project, formulate measurements of success for the Pilot Project and study the necessary conditions for incorporating electric buses into the Pilot Project. DOE's assistance may include a roundtable meeting among the Participants and alternative fuel and clean energy technology stakeholders.
- B. The Participants may facilitate exchanges of information and experiences between the Metropolitan Regional Authority and metropolitan regions in the United States with successful alternatively fueled vehicle programs. These exchanges may be in the form of site visits.
- C. The Metropolitan Regional Authority may provide DOE with necessary data, reports, and information about the results of the Pilot Project.

II. General Provisions

- A. The Participants understand that their cooperation under this Statement of Intent will be in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations under which each Participant operates.
- B. Unless otherwise agreed in writing, costs resulting from activities under this Statement of Intent will be the responsibility of the Participant which incurs them.
- C. Cooperation under this Statement of Intent will be subject to the availability of appropriated funds and personnel.

III. Commencement, Extension, Amendment and Termination

- A. The Participants intend to begin cooperation under the Statement of Intent upon signature and to continue for a period of two (2) years. The Statement of Intent may be extended upon written agreement of the Participants.
- B. This Statement of Intent may be modified in writing at any time by the Participants. If any Participant wishes to terminate its activities under this Statement of Intent, it will give 90 days written notice to the other Participants.

Signed at Santiago, Chile, this 18th day of April, 1998, in the English and Spanish languages.

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