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## **E&E Leads the Charge on Workplace & Fleet Charging in Partnership with TPI**

**NORTH LITTLE ROCK**—The Arkansas Department of Energy & Environment (E&E) held a ribbon cutting to announce the installation of three new Level-2 dual port electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in the main parking lot at E&E Headquarters at 5301 Northshore Drive in North Little Rock.

Each of the public level 2 chargers can charge two vehicles at the same time and provide between twenty-five and forty miles of electric range per hour. Level 2 EV charging is ideal for instances where drivers are doing something else, such as working or attending meetings or education sessions.

E&E will use a federal State Energy Program to cover the costs of the chargers and will not seek reimbursement for the chargers through the Level 2 EVSE Rebate Program—which is funded through the Volkswagen Settlement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), but Becky W. Keogh, E&E Cabinet Secretary, encourages other state agencies, municipalities, and businesses in Arkansas to do so.

“Arkansas’s electric vehicle charging rebate program has been a massive success this year, with over fifty chargers installed and operating across the state,” said Keogh. “E&E plans to launch the second phase of the program in January 2022 with an additional \$215,000 in funding. These are important steps to make Arkansas EV ready. We encourage others to join us in expanding our transportation infrastructure to welcome those who choose electric vehicles to live, work, and visit in Arkansas!”

After going through the State’s competitive bidding process, Today's Power, Inc. (TPI), also of North Little Rock, was granted the contract to provide and install the chargers. “We want to encourage more use of electric vehicles. Having infrastructure in place is crucial to expanding the adoption of EVs,” said Michael Henderson, President of TPI, whose business provided the EV charging infrastructure for this installation. “We are delighted to partner with the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment on this initiative, which serves as a model for expanding EV infrastructure and fleet utilization in Arkansas,” Henderson added.

### **About**

The mission of E&E is to provide effective and efficient energy and environmental solutions informed by science. The Department promotes responsible management of resources and protects the environment for the benefit of all Arkansans.

Today’s Power, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Arkansas Electric Cooperatives, Inc. (AECI), a Little Rock-based utility service cooperative owned by 17 Arkansas electric distribution cooperatives. Today’s Power, Inc. offers turn-key solar photovoltaic systems, energy storage systems, electric vehicles and charging stations for all sizes and applications.

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