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Two Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Installed in Visitors' Parking Area at ADEQ Building, 1100 W. Washington

PHOENIX (June 29, 2011) – Electric vehicle owners in the state capitol area have a new option for recharging their batteries.

Two electric vehicle charging stations have been installed by the company ECotality North America in the visitors' covered parking area serving the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and other government offices located in the 1100 block of West Washington Street.

The charging stations are intended primarily for use by the general public but can also be used by government employees working in the area. The two charging stations are Level 2, meaning that they will charge an electric vehicle halfway in two to three hours or fully charge the batteries in five to six hours.

All electric vehicles can be served by the charging stations, including plug-in hybrids like the new Chevrolet Volt and battery-charged electric vehicles like the Nissan Leaf. Future electric vehicles using standardized plugs will also be able to use the charging stations. The charging stations are owned by ECotality but will be transferred to NorthMarq Co., which owns the parking garage, in December 2012.

“We’re very pleased to have the electric vehicle charging stations in such a convenient place for government and employees and the general public visiting the capitol mall,” said ADEQ Director Henry Darwin. “This also sends an important message that we are 100 percent in favor of reducing overall vehicle emissions by encouraging the use of electric vehicles.”

ECotality is installing a total of 1,200 electric vehicle charging stations throughout the state using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 funding.