April 3, 2014

Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission
PNC Center
101 West Washington Street
Suite 1500 E.
Indianapolis, IN  46204

Dear Commissioners:

As President of Marian University, Indianapolis, I am writing to affirm the support of Marian University for the electric car share program sponsored by IER Bolloré Group and endorse the request of Indianapolis Power and Light (IPL) to expand the electrical services and infrastructure that will facilitate the implementation of this program and help ensure its sustainability and longevity.

As we indicated to Indianapolis Mayor Gregory Ballard in a letter of support in July 2013, Marian University is enthusiastically supportive of the development of an electric car share program in Indianapolis. As a Franciscan liberal arts institution, Marian holds as a core tenet a commitment to responsible stewardship of the resources entrusted to us and preservation of the dignity of the human person through the provision of goods and services that address basic needs. Through advocacy of and participation in the electric car share program, Marian sees a valuable means by which it can actualize this foundational commitment in a way that will positively impact the central Indiana community.

Indeed, Marian’s desire to see the electric car share program brought to the fullness of fruition has only grown in the last several months as new partnerships and academic-enrichment opportunities within the city of Indianapolis have developed, our undergraduate population has continued to expand, and our College of Osteopathic Medicine has opened its doors. The electric car share program will provide an environmentally sustainable, cost-efficient system of transportation to our approximately 3000 students as they engage in internships, hospital clinicals, and community initiatives as well as engage in the activities of daily life. Marian is eager to see this resource made available to our students and looks forward to partnering with the City to help meet its needs, including serving as a hub for these vehicles.

Further, Marian strongly believes that the continued creation and development of environmentally sustainable infrastructure will be an economic boon for the city of Indianapolis, both in the immediate and long-term futures, particularly with IPL at the helm of the electrical services for this initiative. We are thrilled to have such a progressive mayor who recognizes this reality and excited to be counted among other-like minded institutions who champion this effort.

Marian University is proud to offer its support for the electric car share program and strongly endorses the request of IPL to expand its electrical infrastructure. You have our firm commitment to participate fully in the advancement of this initiative in collaboration with the City of Indianapolis and IPL.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Elsener
President