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<i>2015 Integrated Energy Policy Report</i>)	NOTICE OF WORKSHOP
<i>(2015 IEPR)</i>)	
)	RE: Fugitive Methane Emissions in
_____)	California's Natural Gas System

Notice of IEPR Commissioner Workshop, in Support of the AB 1257 Report, on Fugitive Methane Emissions in California's Natural Gas System

The California Energy Commission Lead Commissioner for Electricity and Natural Gas will conduct a workshop to discuss fugitive methane emissions in California's natural gas system.

Commissioner Andrew McAllister is the Lead Commissioner for the *2015 Integrated Energy Policy Report (2015 IEPR)*. Chair Robert B. Weisenmiller is the Lead Commissioner for Electricity and Natural Gas. Other Commissioners from the Energy Commission and the California Public Utilities Commission may also attend and participate in the workshop.

Monday, June 1, 2015

9:30 a.m.

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First Floor, Art Rosenfeld Hearing Room

Sacramento, California

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Background

The Energy Commission is conducting this workshop to gather stakeholder feedback on fugitive methane emissions in California's natural gas system. Methane (CH₄) is the second most prevalent greenhouse gas emitted in the United States from human activities. Methane is approximately 20 times more potent than carbon dioxide (CO₂) over

a 100-year time period and over 80 times more potent over a 20-year time period. Estimates of methane emissions from the natural gas system were 157.4 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MMT CO₂ Eq.) in 2013, up from 154.4 MMT CO₂ Eq. in 2012.¹ To ensure the economic and environmentally conscience use of natural gas, the California Legislature enacted AB 1257 (Bocanegra, Chapter 749, Status of 2013).

AB 1257 requires the Energy Commission to “evaluate the incremental beneficial and adverse economic cost and environmental impacts of proposed strategies, including life-cycle greenhouse gas emissions from production, transportation, and use of natural gas, based on authoritative, peer-reviewed, and science-based analysis or in consultation with the State Air Resources Board”. The report will help inform policy makers and decisions regarding future state policies and research and development funding.

Information on AB 1257 legislation can be found at:

http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201320140AB1257&search_keywords=

Agenda

The workshop will consist of presentations and panel discussions by representatives from state government, industry, environmental groups, and experts on fugitive methane emissions. Topics will include state agency perspectives; national research on fugitive methane emissions; and California research on measuring, detecting, and mitigating fugitive methane emissions.

Public Comment

Oral Comments: Staff will accept oral comments during the workshop. Public comments may be limited to three minutes per speaker. Any comments will become part of the public record in this proceeding.

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¹ US EPA, U.S. Greenhouse Gas Inventory Report: 1990-2013, www.epa.gov/climatechange/ghgemissions/usinventoryreport.html

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Date: May 14, 2015

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