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see attachment

Additional submitted attachment is included below.



November 13, 2017

California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: 2018-2019 Investment Plan Update for the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program. Comments by Sylvatex, Inc.

To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for taking the time to receive our comments regarding the upcoming investment plan. We look forward to potentially participating in the process and found the workshop held on November 7, 2017 by the staff at the California Energy Commission (CEC) to be insightful. Below is a list of seven (5) comments that we would like the CEC to take into consideration.

We want to ensure the availability of funding and opportunities that support the development and demonstration of emerging alternative diesel fuels (ADF) and biofuels that are still in earlier stages of commercialization (such as low emission diesel, dimethyl ether, and concentrations of biodiesel >20%, etc.).

- 1) We ask that you clarify in solicitations for **biofuels production** whether or not such alternative fuels are eligible for such opportunities, and if they are, to provide criteria and details for what stages of production and sales would be competitive.
- 2) We ask that the budget for **emerging opportunities** be increased from \$4.2 million to \$6.5 million to support in-use demonstration projects of early-stage commercial alternative biofuels as well as pilot production opportunities for the following reasons since in-use demonstration funding for early-stage commercial biofuels is not available through CARB, existing CEC, or other state or funding opportunities.
- 3) Grant solicitations have stated in supporting projects proposed by minority and women-owned businesses. However, we have been told that while such initiatives are of interest, they are not included in scoring criteria. We request that the commission quantify its interest by including the point allotment for such initiatives in the scoring criteria.
- 4) Grant solicitations have stated in supporting projects that benefit disadvantaged communities. However, we have been told that while such initiatives are of interest, they are not included in scoring criteria. We request that the

commission quantify its interest by including the point allotment for such initiatives in the scoring criteria.

- 5) Biofuel production solicitations have previously state that *“Corn grain is NOT an eligible feedstock; however, corn oil and corn stover are eligible. If using municipal solid waste (MSW) as a feedstock, only the biogenic fraction of the waste stream is eligible.”* We would recommend the following additional language to reduce any misunderstanding. *“Corn grain is NOT an eligible feedstock **for gasoline substitutes**; however, corn oil and corn stover are eligible. If using municipal solid waste (MSW) as a feedstock, only the biogenic fraction of the waste stream is eligible.”*

We thank you and the CEC staff for this important outreach effort to stakeholders and for considering our requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Klausmeier', is written over a thin horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Virginia Klausmeier
Founder & CEO
Sylvatex, Inc.