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Greetings Ms. Bell, yesterday, Energy Commission staff just docketed the HECA PSA/DEIS Public Workshop notice for the upcoming September 17-19 meetings. Attached is the public notice (TN200401) and Energy Commission HECA website link. We are also providing this notice in Spanish (TN200402).

https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=08-AFC-08A

The US Department of Energy also is running up to four times - public notices in the Bakersfield California paper regarding the upcoming public workshops and have published the workshop notice in the Federal Register.

Your comment email will be docketed and posted on the Energy Commission HECA website. Please note, the Energy Commission has gone to an e-filing system for docketing letters and comments regarding projects.

To e-file: Agencies and members of the public who wish to provide comments on the PSA/DEIS to the Energy Commission are asked to submit their comments using the Energy Commission’s e-commenting feature by going to the Energy Commission’s HECA webpage, http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/hydrogen_energy/, and clicking on the “Submit e-Comment” link. A full name, e-mail address, comment title, and either a comment or an attached document (in the .doc, .docx, or .pdf format) are mandatory. After entering CAPTCHA (a challenge-response test used by the system to ensure that responses are generated by a human user and not a computer), click on the “Agree & Submit Your Comment” button to submit the comment to the Energy Commission Dockets Unit. Written comments may also be mailed or hand delivered to:

California Energy Commission
Dockets Unit, MS-4
Docket No. (08-AFC-8A)
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

All comments and materials filed with the Dockets Unit will become part of the public record of the proceeding. Additionally, your comments will be posted on the Energy Commission’s HECA webpage.

If you are unable to attend the workshop, written comments may be sent per the instructions above.

Sincerely,

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Dear California Energy Commission Staff:

It is odd that the general public is unaware of the HECA hearings in September in Buttonwillow. There are several of us interested but puzzled by this oddity, since these are public hearings and the public needs to know about them.

I'm not even sure that it's legal to have a public hearing without generous announcements to the public that has an interest in attending.

What can be done about this problem? Not even the local media (including TV stations) are remotely aware that you will be taking public commentary on September 18-20. Where and when will the meetings be held?

Thanks for attending to this matter.

Marjorie Bell
Retired teacher/Bakersfield