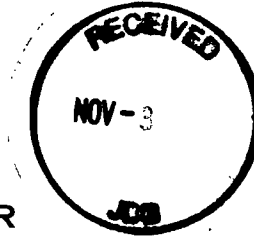


11-RPS-01

California State Senate

STATE CAPITOL
ROOM 3063
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814
TEL (916) 651-4018
FAX (916) 322-3004
E-MAIL: SENATOR.FULLER@SEN.CA.GOV

5001 CALIFORNIA AVENUE #105
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93309
TEL (661) 323-0443
FAX (661) 323-0446



JEAN FULLER
SENATOR, EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

COMMITTEES:
ENERGY, UTILITIES &
COMMUNICATIONS
VICE CHAIR

BUDGET & FISCAL REVIEW

BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE ON
RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION, ENERGY &
TRANSPORTATION

GOVERNANCE & FINANCE

NATURAL RESOURCES &
WATER

RULES

DOCKET 11-RPS-01
DATE <u>NOV 01 2011</u>
RECD. <u>NOV 03 2011</u>

November 1, 2011

Commissioner Carla Peterman, Presiding Member
California Energy Commission, Renewables Committee
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Re: Commission Treatment of Biomethane under RPS

Dear Commissioner Peterman:

It has come to my attention that the Energy Commission is considering changing the current eligibility of biomethane (renewable natural gas) for purposes of California's RPS. As an elected representative and advocate for my constituents, California ratepayers, this news troubles me.

Many of California's publicly-owned utilities have entered, and/ or are about to enter, long term contracts for biomethane. They have taken this action in reliance on the Commission's interpretation of the State's RPS law to present. Your longstanding interpretation and treatment of biomethane as a category-one eligible resource remains correct. Public-utility contracts based on this interpretation have helped ensure stability, will keep electricity rates low for all Californians and should not be changed.

Such dramatic action would be a major policy shift and therefore should be thoroughly vetted by the State Legislature. Thus far, even through our extensive debate over last year's RPS legislation, that has not happened. I respectfully urge your restraint. Please maintain the current treatment of biomethane and continue your efforts to keep my constituents' electricity bills from rising any further.

Sincerely,

JEAN FULLER
Senator, 18th District

cc: Commissioner James Boyd, Vice Chair