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<i>2015 Integrated Energy Policy Report</i>)	NOTICE OF WORKSHOP
<i>(2015 IEPR)</i>)	
_____)	RE: Preliminary Natural Gas Outlook

Notice of IEPR Commissioner Workshop on Preliminary Natural Gas Outlook

The California Energy Commission Lead Commissioner for Electricity and Natural Gas will conduct a workshop to describe the inputs and results of its modeling efforts and describe assumptions used in modeling natural gas market scenarios.

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.

Thursday, May 21, 2015

1:00 p.m.

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First Floor, Art Rosenfeld Hearing Room

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Background

As required by Senate Bill 1389 (Bowen, Chapter 568, Statutes of 2002), the Energy Commission conducts "assessments and forecasts of all aspects of energy industry supply, production, transportation, delivery and distribution, demand and prices." The Energy Commission uses these assessments and forecasts to provide an analytic foundation for developing energy policies that conserve resources, protect the environment, ensure energy reliability, enhance the state's economy, and protect public health and safety. Public Resources Code Sections 25302(a) and (b) direct the Energy Commission to adopt an *IEPR* every odd-numbered year and in even-numbered years issue an energy policy review to update analyses

from the previous *IEPR* or to raise energy issues that have emerged since the previous proceeding. Developing energy policy recommendations about the most current and pressing energy issues facing the state, and across different markets and systems, requires an evaluation of potential tradeoffs by an in-depth and integrated analysis that explicitly addresses inter-fuel and inter-market effects.

Energy Commission staff developed preliminary 10-year forecasts of natural gas prices for each major natural gas hub within North America. Energy Commission staff developed natural gas supply cases, or *IEPR* common cases, around trends that represent three possible future scenarios: a business as usual or mid case; a high demand case; and a low demand case. The mid case, or starting point case, represents a future in which the economy and commercial activity remain consistent with trends experienced over the past several years. Staff created the high demand and low demand cases by altering assumptions in ways that would move the natural gas demand higher or lower than the mid case. Staff varied assumptions include economic growth, technology improvements, renewable portfolio and combined heat and power targets, coal capacity changes, once-through-cooling and nuclear power plant capacity replacement, natural gas cost curves, demand, and costs.

Workshop topics will include preliminary *IEPR* common cases forecast results from the North American Market Gas Trade Model (NAMGas), preliminary natural gas end-use demand forecast model results, burner tip pricing, and error bands.

Following this workshop, staff will consider stakeholder comments along with direction from the *IEPR* Lead Commissioner in developing a set of revised forecasts to be used in a variety of energy policy and planning activities, notably the *2015 IEPR*.

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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If you have questions on the technical subject matter of this meeting, please contact Anthony Dixon, Analyst, at (916) 654-4882 or Anthony.Dixon@energy.ca.gov. For general questions regarding the *IEPR* proceeding, please contact Raquel Kravitz, *IEPR* Project Manager, at (916) 651-8836 or by e-mail at raquel.kravitz@energy.ca.gov.

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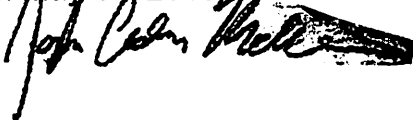
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