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In the matter of:

*2016 Integrated Energy Policy Report
Update (2016 IEPR Update)*

) Docket No. 16-IEPR-02
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) JOINT AGENCY WORKSHOP
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) RE: Methane Emissions from
) California's Natural Gas System

Notice of Joint Agency Symposium/IEPR Workshop on Methane Emissions from California's Natural Gas System: Challenges and Solutions

The California Energy Commission's staff will conduct a joint agency workshop with staff from the California Air Resources Board and the California Public Utilities Commission to discuss methane emissions from California's natural gas system as part of the *2016 Integrated Energy Policy Report Update (2016 IEPR Update)* proceeding. Commissioner Karen Douglas is the Lead Commissioner for the *2016 IEPR Update*. Commissioner Douglas and other Commissioners at the Energy Commission may attend and participate in the workshop.

The purpose of the workshop is to bring industry, academics, government and non-government entities, and other interested stakeholders together to:

- Discuss the current understanding of methane emissions across the natural gas supply chain,
- Share ideas to increase knowledge and inform policies,
- Foster stakeholder interaction on current research and promote dialogue for next steps.

This two-day workshop will be held:

Monday, June 6, 2016, at 8:15 a.m.
Tuesday, June 7, 2016, at 9:00 a.m.
Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
1001 I Street
Byron Sher/Sierra Hearing Room
Sacramento, California
Wheelchair Accessible

This workshop will be webcast. You may access the webcast at the Cal/EPA's homepage at www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/?BDO

Background

Methane, the primary component of natural gas, is also a potent greenhouse gas. Emissions from the natural gas system could undermine the climate benefit of using

conventional natural gas as a bridging fuel to renewable energy sources. The current research shows that emissions exist in all parts of the natural gas system, from production to behind-the-meter consumption. It is important to bring together different stakeholders and interested entities to identify appropriate approaches to characterize and mitigate the impact of methane emissions from California's natural gas system.

An in-depth look at methane emissions and reduction opportunities related to California's consumption of natural gas is important given California-based initiatives to reduce methane emissions, federal methane regulations introduced in 2015, and Governor Brown's emergency proclamation on the gas leakage at the Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage Facility.

Agenda

This workshop will convene representatives of state agencies, researchers and stakeholders to discuss methane emissions from California's natural gas system. Sessions will focus on emissions from all parts of the natural gas systems and discuss the options offered by current science and technology to detect, measure, and reduce emissions related to natural gas use in California.

The workshop will include presentations and panel discussions on current research initiatives and findings, measurement technologies, stakeholder perspectives and future research needs. A showcase will feature current and emerging methane leak detection and quantification technologies. Opportunities to provide public comment will be provided as well.

Written Comments

Written comments should be submitted to the Dockets Unit by **4:00 p.m. on June 21, 2016**. All written comments will become part of the public record of this proceeding.

For the 2016 IEPR Update, the Energy Commission is using an electronic commenting system. Visit the website at http://www.energy.ca.gov/2016_energypolicy/ and click on the "Submit e-Comment" link in the "Proceeding Information" box. From the drop down menu, please select the appropriate docket number. For this workshop, please select docket **16-IEPR-02 – Natural Gas**.

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California Energy Commission
Dockets Office, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 16-IEPR-02
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

If you choose not to use the electronic filing system, please include the appropriate docket number on any e-mailed or written comments. Comments may be e-mailed to docket@energy.ca.gov and copy the technical lead, Yu Hou, by e-mail at yu.hou@energy.ca.gov.

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If you have questions on the technical subject matter of this meeting, please contact Yu Hou, by e-mail at yu.hou@energy.ca.gov or (916) 327-1544. For general questions regarding the IEPR proceeding, please contact Raquel Kravitz, IEPR project manager, by e-mail at raquel.kravitz@energy.ca.gov or (916) 651-8836.

The service list for the *2016 IEPR Update* is handled electronically. Notices and documents for this proceeding are posted to the Energy Commission website at www.energy.ca.gov/2016_energypolicy/.

When new information is posted, an e-mail will be sent to those on the energy policy e-mail listserv. We encourage those who are interested in receiving these notices to sign up for the listserv through the website at www.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index.html. The listserv is titled "energypolicy."

Remote Attendance

Webcast: This meeting may be viewed via webcast. You may access the webcast at the Cal/EPA's homepage at www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/?BDO

During the webcast, we will accept feedback and questions sent via email to byron@calepa.ca.gov. As time permits, staff will publicly convey your questions or comments to the workshop participants. Please note that staff may not be able to convey all questions or comments received during the workshop.

Phone: To listen to the workshop by phone, you may dial **(800) 369-1967**. Callers will be asked to provide **participant code 6238001**. Callers will only have an opportunity to comment during the public comment period at the end of the day.

Public Comment Period: To remotely make comments during the public comment period at the end of each day, please call **(800) 369-1967** and provide **participant code 6238001**

(the same phone and participant code noted above). An operator will assist callers interested in making comments. Staff will endeavor to allow each commenter 3 minutes to speak, but the time allowed may be reduced to 1 minute per speaker depending upon the number of callers interested in making comments.

Availability of Documents

Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available online at:
www.energy.ca.gov/2016_energypolicy/.

Date: May 23, 2016

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Douglas', written over a horizontal line.

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Lead Commissioner for the
2016 Integrated Energy Policy Report Update

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