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SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 20

MS. RAITT: Welcome to today's IEPR Workshop. So like I said, so we're going to start on this workshop on Achieving Zero Emission Vehicles -- good morning. Excuse me.

I'm Heather Raitt, and I'm the Program Manager of the IEPR. And I'll just go over a few housekeeping items.

If there's an emergency, please follow staff through the doors, across the street to Roosevelt Park.

The meeting is being broadcast through our WebEx conferencing system, so it's being recorded. And we have folks participating remotely. The recording will be posted on our website in about a week. And we'll also have a written transcript in about a month.

We do have a very full agenda today, so I'd like to remind our speakers to please stay within our allotted times. And we are going to have a ten-minute opportunity for clarifying questions before the noon break, but it's going to eat into our lunch hour, so we'll do a little

1 bit shorter than our one-hour lunch hour if
2 people do have clarifying questions that they
3 need to raise before that break.

4 And so folks on WebEx, you could raise
5 your hand using the chat function to let our
6 WebEx coordinator know if you have a question or
7 comment.

8 And for folks in the room, go ahead and
9 fill out a blue card and give it to me and that
10 will let us know that you have a question or a
11 comment.

12 And written comments on this workshop are
13 welcome and they are due on June 28th. The
14 notice provides all the information you need for
15 submitting written comments. And all the
16 materials for this workshop are posted on our
17 website and available at the entrance to the
18 hearing room.

19 So with that, I'll turn it over to the
20 Commissioners. Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER HOCHSCHILD: Well, good
22 morning and welcome. And special thanks to staff
23 for putting together a terrific and very full
24 agenda. We've got a lot to get through today, so
25 I won't belabor that, but just to say that,

1 obviously, this is a topic that has been a focus,
2 both of our R&D activities and of a lot of policy
3 making, including the Residential Housing Program
4 that was just adopted, and a lot of discussion
5 around this in other states, as well. So I'm
6 very pleased to join Commissioner McAllister this
7 morning for this day.

8 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: All right.
9 Thank you, Commissioner Hochschild.

10 And just, I'll have brief comments, maybe
11 a little more than Mr. Hochschild's, but --

12 COMMISSIONER HOCHSCHILD: That's fine.

13 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: So, you know,
14 this is a topic whose time has come. I mean,
15 this is -- decarbonization is where -- is really
16 the essence of our state energy policy, at all
17 levels. And so we're talking about buildings now
18 as a piece of our overall kind of puzzle, you
19 know, landscape of how we decrease emissions.

20 I guess, you know, Heather's initially
21 said -- I think it talks a lot about zero-
22 emission vehicles. You know, we have that whole
23 thing going on, too, but that's sort of -- that
24 snafu or whatever, that misstatement, actually is
25 very apropos because our buildings and our cars

1 actually are increasingly interacting on the same
2 platforms, and in real-time across the electric
3 grid.

4 And, you know, in fact, in a lot of ways,
5 we know more about a used car that we're looking
6 to buy than we do about a home that we're looking
7 to buy. You know, you get the VIN number and
8 you've got the whole history of that car. Well,
9 we don't have anything equivalent for our
10 buildings. And so, you know, we need to
11 understand the building sector more, so that we
12 can guide it with policy that is judicious and
13 makes sense and is cost effective, and all the
14 things that's statutory that we have to do.

15 And finally, I just want to put a little
16 bit of context around the building standards that
17 we recently adopted. You know, as we move -- as
18 we've moved towards, you know, RPS with, you
19 know, higher percentages of renewables, and also
20 looked at how to improve and optimize our
21 building stock with our new construction and our
22 existing buildings, you know, over time, over the
23 last decade or so it's become clear that the
24 paths of emissions, per se, and energy are
25 diverging; right?

1 So if you do the numbers, you know, a
2 zero-energy building, a net-zero building, as
3 we've sort of been talking about since 2007, is
4 not a zero-net carbon building. It really
5 depends on the time of generation. It depends on
6 a lot of different factors. And so netting out
7 energy over the course of a year really isn't --
8 it's not the thing anymore. It doesn't get us
9 where we need to go.

10 And from a policy perspective, it's a
11 little bit of a diversion, of a distraction.
12 Now, certainly, I'm not going to criticize zero-
13 net energy buildings, I think they're great, and
14 I admire people who do them. I'm doing one of
15 those myself, actually. But I think as a matter
16 of policy, we need to sort of go for the jugular,
17 which is emissions; right?

18 And so that's why the Building Standards
19 do what they do. They're looking for flexibility
20 in the application of technologies that both
21 allow decreased emissions, but then also allow
22 for flexibility and grid responsiveness and all
23 that kind of stuff. So the topics are -- they're
24 related to buildings, but they're also related to
25 our larger policy environment.

1 So anyway, I hate to get -- I don't want
2 to get too broad here, but I want to put this
3 context in, this workshop in context. Look,
4 decarbonization is the name of the game and it's
5 hard. You know, building a zero-carbon building
6 is harder than building a net-zero-energy
7 building. So as we move forward, we need to
8 really try to rise to that challenge and look for
9 creative ways to do it. Because the grid, you
10 know, as all these EVs come on the grid, as loads
11 increase on our existing distribution grid, the
12 distributed realm has to come to the service of
13 the distribution grid. You know, we can't just
14 count on deus machina, a transmission line, a
15 theoretical transmission line bringing utility-
16 scale power into Downtown Oakland, let's say, if
17 we have all this new load. And, you know,
18 that's -- we have to have a -- we have to sort of
19 consider all options.

20 And so one of our best options is to have
21 our buildings become part of the solution and be
22 a platform for those distributed technologies
23 that are going to let us solve this problem at
24 the same time we go to low emissions.

25 So anyway, that's a little bit of the

1 vision. I hope most of you share it, because I
2 think we really are going to depend on actions,
3 on millions of actions across California by
4 Californians, by property owners, homeowners and
5 business owners to get our existing buildings
6 highly optimized, and also new construction where
7 it needs to be, so that it doesn't keep
8 contributing to sort of the emissions growth.

9 And with that, I will pass it off back to
10 Heather to get started with our opening or with
11 our first presentation from Martha Brook, but I
12 want to thank you all for coming. I want to
13 thank staff, as well, for organizing what's going
14 to be an action-packed workshop and just a really
15 substantive workshop and one that's really
16 important for California for the long term, so
17 thanks.

18 Back to Heather.

19 MS. RAITT: Sorry, we just had a little
20 snafu with the slides, so we'll get back to
21 Martha.

22 But I'd like to move to Zack Subin
23 quickly, if Zach could join me? Thank you. You
24 can come up here.

25 MR. SUBIN: Are the cameras on today or

1 is that just for the room?

2 MS. RAITT: No.

3 MR. SUBIN: No? Okay. Good.

4 MS. RAITT: No cameras today.

5 MR. SUBIN: My name is Zach Subin. I'm
6 going to be presenting some work that a bunch of
7 us have been working on at E3, Energy and
8 Environmental Economics in San Francisco. And
9 the work was led by Amber Mahone, who
10 unfortunately couldn't make it today, I'm going to
11 be talking about long-term energy scenarios in
12 California and focusing on applications for
13 building decarbonization.

14 So we recently finished a set of economy-
15 wide scenarios for 2050, looking at the costs and
16 risks of different pathways to reaching the 2050
17 emissions targets. We used the Pathways Model,
18 which is an infrastructure, an economic
19 infrastructure model, energy infrastructure that
20 covers all sources of GHG emissions across the
21 economy, including demand, different kinds of
22 energy supply, as well as non-combustion
23 emissions. And this is the model that was
24 previously used for some of our work on the
25 statewide long-term emission scenarios for the

1 CEC back in 2014, along with some other state
2 agencies. And I'm going to focus today on
3 implications from these scenarios for building
4 decarbonization specifically.

5 We also have a follow-on study underway
6 to take a deeper dive on implications for the
7 natural gas system and building decarbonization.
8 So I'll conclude by discussing our planned focus
9 for that study.

10 We, for our economy-wide analysis,
11 developed three kinds of scenarios. We had a
12 counterfactual reference scenario, a turn policy
13 scenario, and then ten different mitigation
14 scenarios that each met the 2030 and 2050 climate
15 goals for the state.

16 So I'll focus on two of those scenarios
17 that had relevance for building decarbonization.
18 And these two scenarios can be thought of as
19 bookend building decarbonization strategies.
20 Both of the scenarios include high
21 electrification of transportation, high levels of
22 renewables, and limited biofuels.

23 In addition, the high electrification
24 scenario includes near-complete electrification
25 of buildings by 2050, while the new building

1 electrification scenario with power to gas
2 excluded all forms of building electrification
3 and instead included synthetic methane and
4 renewable hydrogen in the gas pipeline, as well
5 as deeper emission reductions in other sectors to
6 help meet the overall economy-wide fossil carbon
7 budget.

8 And we really want to think of these two
9 scenarios as bookends along a continuum. For
10 this study that we recently completed, we didn't
11 evaluate any hybrid scenarios that included both
12 new heat pumps and new sources of renewable
13 natural gas, but that could also be something of
14 interest. We also didn't evaluate for this study
15 using high biofuels as a source of renewable
16 natural gas for buildings.

17 So what we see in the economy-wide
18 analysis is that all of the sectors have to make
19 a large degree of progress to meet the 2050
20 goals. And we're showing here the emissions by
21 sector over time. And you can see the remaining
22 2050 emissions are really dominated by a few
23 challenging sectors, including off-road
24 transportation, jet fuel, industry gas, and
25 agricultural methane. So that means that some

1 other sectors, like electric vehicles and
2 building might have to actually reduce greater
3 than 80 percent, of their emissions, to meet the
4 economy-wide target.

5 And it's also important to remember that
6 we're not stopping in 2050. This is supposed to
7 help us be on a trajectory to eventually zero
8 emissions, which is what we need to do globally
9 to stabilize climate. So deep decarbonization
10 strategies for buildings are critical.

11 We tended to talk about four pillars of
12 deep decarbonization in our analysis; energy
13 efficiency, electrification, low-carbon fuels,
14 and non-combustion emissions. Each of these four
15 pillars have corresponding strategies in
16 buildings. And the strategies need to be broader
17 in scope than, you know, is often thought about.
18 So in energy efficiency, we're talking about
19 whole home retrofits and, potentially, natural
20 gas heat pumps, as well as conventional heat.

21 The middle two strategies comprise our
22 strategies for decarbonization of the energy in
23 buildings in electrification and low-carbon
24 fuels, specifically renewable natural gas. So
25 some combination of these two strategies are

1 critical, but they need a long time to have their
2 full impact because of the challenges of stock
3 rollover and scaling up technology.

4 So most existing buildings in our
5 scenarios will need to be -- to have their
6 heaters replaced with electric heat pumps or very
7 high-efficiency natural gas furnaces and heat
8 pumps by 2050. And to retrofit existing
9 buildings for heat pumps likely entails
10 incremental costs relative to electric heat pumps
11 in new buildings. But nevertheless, that might
12 be necessary to meet the GHG goals.

13 So one of the advantages of the Pathways
14 Model is that we can see how changes in sales
15 propagate through to changes in the building
16 stock. So the chart on the bottom left shows the
17 percent of new sales, including, you know,
18 replacing existing appliances on burnout in
19 buildings, in existing buildings for residential
20 space heating in the high-electrification
21 scenario. And you can see the majority of new
22 heaters in this scenario by 2030 are the pumps,
23 electric heat pumps. And 100 percent of new
24 sales are electric by 2040. Nevertheless, if you
25 look at the bottom right at the space heating

1 stocks, we still have a small fraction of gas
2 heaters remaining in 2050, and that uses some of
3 the biofuel, as well as fossil fuel budget for
4 the economy.

5 Any delay in transforming the building
6 stock could lead to additional costs later by
7 forcing the need for additional retrofits or
8 early retirements. So we need to reduce natural
9 gas use in buildings, both by efficiency, as well
10 as substitution with electricity, bio methane, or
11 power-to-gas.

12 So in these two charts we're showing the
13 building energy, total building energy
14 consumption from the two scenarios, the two
15 bookend scenarios. And both scenarios through
16 2030, you can see that efficiency reduces the
17 total building energy demands. But after 2030
18 the story is dominated by fuel switching. So in
19 the top panel, which is the high-electrification
20 scenario, nearly all the building energy is
21 electric by 2050. With less building
22 electrification, we have to add in some
23 combination of higher biofuels, very aggressive
24 energy efficiency, or power-to-gas.

25 In the scenario we're showing here we

1 included power-to-gas, as well as reallocating
2 some of the biofuels from transportation in the
3 high-electrification scenario to buildings to
4 meet the economy-wide GHG budget. So the
5 biomethane supply is a critical constraint for
6 these scenarios. So I'd like to talk some more
7 about the biomethane supply.

8 Biomethane is a form of renewable natural
9 gas, along with climate-neutral hydrogen or
10 synthetic methane, meaning that it's produced
11 with renewable electricity or CO2 derived from a
12 climate-neutral source, like atmospheric CO2.

13 To guide the conversation about biofuels,
14 I'd like to distinguish four tranches of
15 biomethane potential.

16 So the first tranche, it consists of
17 waste products, like landfill gas and methane
18 from manure. And this is the tranche that can be
19 relatively inexpensive and also has co-benefits
20 in the form of avoided methane emissions to the
21 atmosphere. However, estimates of this potential
22 are at least in order of magnitudes smaller than
23 statewide natural gas demand. And I'll also note
24 that only a fraction of manure can necessarily be
25 efficiently, cost effectively centrally

1 processed.

2 The second tranche consists of
3 agricultural and forest residues in general from
4 in-state sources that can be basically gasified
5 to produce biomethane.

6 And the third tranche consists of similar
7 resources from out of state within the U.S.

8 And then the final tranche includes more
9 speculative sources, including purpose-grown
10 crops and forest plantations, potentially algal
11 biofuels. And it's important to realize that
12 this -- while this tranche could be the largest
13 in potential, it's also associated with large
14 sustainability concerns.

15 So we assessed the likely sustainable
16 biomethane supply in California and compared it
17 with natural gas demand in 2050. So this is
18 shown as two supply curves to the left and
19 contrasted with natural gas in the vertical lines
20 to the right. So in 2015 the economy-wide
21 natural gas demand, excluding electricity
22 generation, was about 1.6 quads. And then we
23 think by 2050, with very aggressive industry
24 efficiency, as well as high-efficiency natural
25 gas furnaces in buildings, the gas demand might

1 come down to about one quad, a little bit more
2 than one quad, without building electrification.

3 However, the population-weighted share of
4 U.S. biomethane potential from non-purpose grown
5 resources is only about half this quantity. So
6 we need some combination of electrification or
7 additional sources of RNG to fill this gap.

8 Because of the limited supply of
9 inexpensive RNG, the high-electrification
10 scenario appears to be a lower cost in our
11 scenarios on an economy-wide cost metric by
12 avoiding dependence on reach technologies, like
13 power-to-gas.

14 I'm showing an abatement cost curve,
15 showing the dollars per time for different
16 measures for a 2050 snapshot in the high-
17 electrification scenario.

18 The blue measures to the left include
19 efficiency, electrification and renewables. And
20 this includes electric heat pumps which are found
21 to have no incremental cost by 2050, although we
22 did not have data available to include the
23 incremental cost of retrofits for this study.
24 And we think that could modestly increase the
25 cost of heat pumps on the scale of this metric.

1 The grey measures to the right include
2 reach technologies that might be needed to meet
3 the target if other measures fall short. And we
4 need to rely on some of these measures in the no-
5 building electrification scenario. And it's
6 possible that innovation could reduce the costs
7 of these reach technologies, compared to what
8 we're showing here.

9 But the total economy-wide costs are not
10 the whole story. There's really two sets of
11 contrasting challenges and risks for these two
12 different strategies for building energy
13 decarbonization.

14 So building electrification might be the
15 lower cost option if it could be feasibly
16 executed, but it is a consumer-facing strategy,
17 so we need successful policy. We need to
18 overcome the consumer barriers of the cost and
19 hassle of retrofits, the increased up-front
20 capital costs of heat pumps in general,
21 potentially, and the lower consumer acceptance of
22 electric stoves compared to gas stoves, although
23 induction stoves could be an alternative.

24 There are also a number of concerns if
25 gas throughput were to decline substantially with

1 stranded assets and equity concerns further
2 remaining natural gas customers.

3 In contrast, renewable natural gas has
4 the advantage of being a drop-in fuel, so it has
5 little direct consumer impacts, other than costs.

6 It is a supply-side approach, and thus
7 all the risks and challenges are on the supply
8 side associated with whether the technologies are
9 ready, whether there's enough resource potential,
10 whether it's cost effective and sustainable. And
11 we're really talking here about advanced
12 approaches like growing, you know, miscanthus
13 (phonetic) or switchgrass in the Midwest,
14 gasifying it and sending it in the pipelines to
15 California, or using direct air capture to get
16 climate-neutral CO2 to make synthetic methane.

17 So because of these ongoing, unresolved
18 questions, we have -- our next project with the
19 CEC that is now underway focuses on the future of
20 natural gas in California in the context of
21 decarbonization.

22 So in this project, we're going to focus
23 a little bit more deeply than in the just-
24 completed projects on several areas, including
25 updating our forecasts of RNG technologies with

1 partners at UC Irvine, including costs for
2 building retrofits and costs associated with any
3 phase down of a gas pipeline in high-
4 electrification scenarios, as well as moving from
5 just a kind of an economy-wide total resource
6 cost metric to looking more closely at
7 participating in utility cost perspectives to
8 look at distributional impacts. And then
9 finally, we're including an environmental justice
10 component that will examine impacts, both in
11 terms of cost and air quality for disadvantaged
12 communities. We expect the results will be
13 available next year.

14 Thank you for your attention. And our
15 full presentation on the CEC EPIC Project is
16 available on our website.

17 (Applause.)

18 MS. RAITT: Thanks. And I apologize for
19 the change of order, but we'll go to Martha Brook
20 next.

21 COMMISSIONER HOCHSCHILD: While we're
22 waiting, you know, I thank you for the
23 presentation. You know it's a good presentation
24 when you get a round of applause. We never get a
25 round of applause here. But let me just make one

1 point, which is the *Wall Street Journal* came out
2 this week with what is basically globally, \$297
3 billion was spent now on renewables, all coal,
4 all nuclear and fossil capacity at \$143 billion.
5 So we're basically spending double on renewables
6 than we are on fossil and nuclear capacity.

7 And looking ahead, the role of those that
8 retrofit, to be able to assist with renewable
9 information, I think is really important. I know
10 it's not the main focus of your work, but I do
11 think we need to be looking carefully at the
12 ability of buildings that are fully electrified
13 to help with that integration. And to what
14 degrees we adopt higher and higher portions of
15 renewables on the grid, what is the role of
16 buildings in that?

17 But thanks for a terrific presentation.

18 MS. BROOK: Thank you. I'm Martha Brook.
19 I'm an Advisor to Commissioner McAllister. And
20 the topic of this brief presentation is really
21 just kind of just to remind everybody what the
22 baseline is for fuel use in California buildings
23 and talk a little bit about why we think building
24 decarbonization is achievable and also, you know,
25 just kind of to just to lightly touch on the

1 issues that the rest of the agenda participants
2 will be diving into in much more detail.

3 So this is the California emissions
4 inventory, kind of refigured so that buildings
5 have its own little chunk instead of being
6 separated into the classical electricity
7 buildings in there, and then there's also fuel
8 use in buildings, and they are separately carved
9 out in the Air Resources Board version of the
10 inventory. So what this does is it takes the
11 California Air Resources Board inventory, uses
12 our Electricity Demand Forecast to share out the
13 electricity sector into buildings and industry
14 and agriculture. And then, basically, the result
15 is about, you know, a quarter of the emissions is
16 due to energy use in buildings, and refrigerant
17 emissions that are related to buildings.

18 So if you think about -- you know, Zack
19 talked about, you know, buildings doing maybe
20 potentially a lot more than their share of the 40
21 percent below 1990. If you just look at the 40
22 percent below 1990 levels, by 2030 the blue, you
23 know, quarter there would have to -- if there was
24 no growth in demand, then it would have to be,
25 you know, 40 percent of that number, of that,

1 basically, blue section. But because there is
2 growth expected by 2020 -- 2030 in the Demand
3 Forecast, it turns out to be about 60 percent of
4 that blue quarter would have to be reduced to
5 meet the 40 percent below 1990 levels. Makes
6 sense; right? Because you have to account for
7 the demand, and you also have a fixed reduction
8 of the 1990 level.

9 It was interesting, when I looked at the
10 inventory trend between 1990 and 2015, it's
11 basically the same for buildings. And the reason
12 is that residential gas use goes up, but
13 commercial gas drops a little bit between 1990
14 and 2015. And then although electricity use
15 increases for buildings, the emissions from
16 electricity are significantly better now than in
17 1990. And so the result of all that is in 2015,
18 we were about the same number in emissions in the
19 building sector than we were in 1990.

20 So why else is it a good idea to think
21 about limiting fossil fuels in buildings?
22 Besides the emissions, which we've talked about
23 being -- the fossil fuel component of building
24 use turns out to be about ten percent of the
25 California emissions. And other issues with

1 fossil fuels is that they produce NOx and carbon
2 monoxide and other hazardous pollutants. And
3 also, that we live in very constrained, you know,
4 air basins for most -- most of us do; 93 percent
5 of Californians live in ozone non-attainment
6 areas. And because NOx is a precursor to ozone,
7 we have to worry about fossil fuel use burned in
8 the state.

9 So the Pacific Coast Collaborative -- so
10 the point of the next two slides is just to say
11 that we're, and David mentioned this, too, we're
12 not the only ones thinking about this. And, in
13 fact, the whole, you know, North American West
14 Coast has been talking about it and working on
15 this. And the Pacific Coast Collaborative
16 represents the world's fifth largest economy. So
17 between British Columbia, Washington, Oregon and
18 California, we have 55 million people and a
19 combined \$3 trillion GDP.

20 So Pacific Coast Collaborative is made up
21 of the Province of British Columbia, and then
22 Washington, Oregon and California State, so then
23 the cities of Vancouver, Seattle, Portland, San
24 Francisco, Oakland and Los Angeles. In 2016 the
25 Pacific Coast Collaborative committed to lower

1 the carbon intensity of heating fuels in
2 residential and commercial buildings. And we're
3 calling this thermal decarbonization.

4 So the pathways that we've identified in
5 the working group for thermal decarbonization in
6 the Pacific Coast Collaborative, very similar to
7 what Zack mentioned. We had three of the four,
8 you know, colors, electrification, renewable
9 natural gas, and energy efficiency. So this is a
10 big chunk of what we're talking about today and
11 in the IEPR chapter in terms of building zero-
12 emission buildings, but's narrower. So the
13 Pacific Coast Collaborative work is really
14 focused on water heating and space heating, so
15 the thermal fuels used in buildings.

16 And when we talk about zero-emission
17 buildings, and we've invited Air Resources Board
18 specifically to talk about refrigerant emissions,
19 and that turns out to be quite significant and an
20 area we really need to focus on, to not ignore
21 the fact that as we potentially use more heat
22 pumps and they use refrigerant that have a very
23 high global warming potential, well, guess what,
24 refrigerant leaks. We know that and we have --
25 and ARB has programs to try to deal with that,

1 but we can't ignore that issue.

2 (Sneeze from audience member.)

3 MS. BROOK: Bless you.

4 So I'm going to dive down into the
5 building sector now in California, just to set
6 the baseline for how big of a challenge we have.
7 And basically, it's 50-50. Commercial and
8 residential buildings is a little bit more
9 electricity than gas, but it's pretty closely
10 split even-Steven. What is dominated here is
11 that 70 percent of the gas use is in residential;
12 right? So it's not 50-50. It's really dominated
13 by space and water heating in California homes.
14 And then the rest of it's made up in commercial
15 buildings.

16 So this is the end-use breakdown for gas
17 use in California homes. And at first, it looks
18 like there's a lot going on here, but in reality,
19 so, basically, you know, a little less than half
20 of space heating. And then water heating,
21 although shown here to be only about a quarter,
22 it also -- water heating, also, is what is
23 driving the clothes washing wedge and the dish
24 washing wedge. So basically what you have is
25 about 44 percent and about another 41 or

1 something for water heating, and then cooking and
2 drying and cool/heating, which is also water
3 heating. And so most of this is space heating and
4 water heating. That's the point of this slide.

5 And this slide takes a little bit of time
6 to digest. I, on purpose, didn't want you to
7 read the percentages, so that's why they're
8 relatively small. I think you just -- visually,
9 there's two things going on here. This is the
10 whole commercial sector gas use. So it's not
11 only how much gas specific building types use,
12 but it's also, how many of those building types
13 are in California; right?

14 So if you take a large office, for
15 example, it's showing up as the second biggest
16 gas use in commercial buildings. Well, large
17 offices by themselves typically use less. Like
18 around 20 percent or so, of the emissions from
19 large offices is due to water heating and space
20 heating gas use. But because there's so --
21 there's quite a bit of large offices in the state
22 and they use a lot of energy, they're kind of
23 ramping up and getting closer to, you know,
24 things we need -- a building type we need to
25 focus on if we want to deal with gas use in

1 California buildings.

2 The other end of that example is that on
3 this chart, schools and colleges are less than
4 ten percent each, eight percent and seven
5 percent. But if you looked at the percentage of
6 gas used in schools and colleges, they're our
7 biggest -- in terms of all of the energy that a
8 school or college use in the state, more than
9 half is gas use. So they actually rank high on
10 the percentage of gas use used. But because they
11 don't -- there's not that many of them in
12 relation to other building types and they don't
13 use as much energy overall as other building
14 types, they kind of fall down on this ranked
15 order of gas use in the state.

16 So another look at gas use in homes,
17 basically, a different way to summarize what I
18 just said. So what this is that -- so you take
19 all the energy use in California homes and then
20 you say how much of that overall energy use is
21 gas by end use? Ninety-six percent of our space
22 heating is gas. Ninety-five percent of our water
23 heating is gas. Seventy-five percent of our
24 cooking is gas. And over half of our clothes
25 drying is gas. So, you know, just a little bit.

1 That's a big challenge. And it's good to have
2 these baselines, so that we can understand the
3 challenges and address them head on.

4 Similarly, in commercial buildings, space
5 heating and water heating, most of it's, you
6 know, close to 90 percent. And cooking,
7 obviously, for commercial cooking is gas. And
8 then miscellaneous, which is probably, you know,
9 processed gas in commercial buildings. And then
10 cooling and refrigeration or kind of on the lower
11 end of the spectrum.

12 COMMISSIONER HOCHSCHILD: Martha, sorry.
13 Can we go back a couple slides to the
14 residential? Keep going. Keep going. There.
15 Just I want to just make sure I'm understanding
16 this.

17 Just on the water heating, okay, because,
18 obviously, clothes washing and dish washing are
19 using hot water, but they're also using
20 electricity.

21 MS. BROOK: Yeah.

22 COMMISSIONER HOCHSCHILD: So is the --
23 what portion of the water heating is captured by
24 the -- I mean --

25 MS. BROOK: It's all, so it's all of it.

1 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: This is all of
2 it.

3 MS. BROOK: So this is how our -- this
4 data is from our Demand Forecast.

5 COMMISSIONER HOCHSCHILD: Right.

6 MS. BROOK: And what we do on the Demand
7 Forecast, and I probably should have simplified
8 this and just threw it all into water heating,
9 but because dishwashers also use hot water and
10 clothes washers also use hot water, our end-use
11 forecast breaks those out as separate end uses,
12 but it's all hot water.

13 COMMISSIONER HOCHSCHILD: Right. So let
14 me ask it a different way.

15 Like if we were to max out all water
16 heaters with heat pumps, in other words, how
17 much -- what portion of the residential natural
18 gas use is being displaced? Is that 23 percent?

19 MS. BROOK: No.

20 COMMISSIONER HOCHSCHILD: Is that --

21 MS. BROOK: It's over 40.

22 COMMISSIONER HOCHSCHILD: -- over 50?

23 MS. BROOK: It's over 40.

24 COMMISSIONER HOCHSCHILD: Plus 11 plus 7?

25 MS. BROOK: Yeah. Yes.

1 COMMISSIONER HOCHSCHILD: Okay. So we're
2 not counting -- I mean, in that 7 and 11, we're
3 not counting the electric use of the dishwasher?

4 MS. BROOK: That's right.

5 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE MCCARRICK: Got
6 it.

7 MS. BROOK: This is just gas.

8 COMMISSIONER HOCHSCHILD: Got it.

9 MS. BROOK: And so like for -- and what I
10 was thinking for our chapter is that we would
11 either combine those into all one water heating
12 or just have an indication on the chart that
13 that's all water heating. Thank you. Okay.

14 So why do we think it's a good idea to
15 electrify to reduce emissions? So this is,
16 basically, a statewide average emission intensity
17 summary. And it looks at the forecast period of
18 2019 to 2030. This is from our Supply Analysis
19 Office here at the Energy Commission. They do a
20 production cost model and the do post-processing
21 to calculate emission intensities. So green is
22 good. Red is not so good. And as you can see
23 over time, we have less dark red and more green.
24 And definitely, it shows the difference at time
25 of the day. We're still using gas and other

1 emission, you know, high-emission generation in
2 the evenings and in the mornings, but it gets --
3 it's getting better over time.

4 So this is just taking the two end
5 points, 2019 and 2030, just to show the contrast.
6 And, you know, basically, this is -- well, the
7 next two slides is basically why we think it's a
8 good idea to focus on electrification in
9 buildings.

10 So this is the building's perspective.
11 Now one thing I'll have to say as a caveat and
12 one of the things we mentioned in last week's
13 workshop is these are average emission
14 intensities. And we know when we start thinking
15 about reducing emissions through -- or either
16 way, changing the emission profile, that we need
17 to look at marginal emissions, and we're in the
18 process of doing this, so this will change. I
19 don't know how much it will change. But the
20 point of this slide is it's relative to natural
21 gas, so it's the electricity emission intensities
22 relative to the emission intensity of natural
23 gas. And so if it's really, really light pink or
24 really, really light green, it's close to natural
25 gas. And if it's -- if it's greener, it's better

1 than natural gas. And if it's redder, it's worse
2 than natural gas.

3 This is 2019. And --

4 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: So I want to
5 just make sure, I'm not sure everybody in the
6 audience will have seen visuals like this, so
7 just maybe explain. So there's a little square
8 for every hour of the year, right, and model for
9 a given year; right?

10 So the -- backing up, the point here is
11 so that folks can understand and appreciate the
12 time varying nature of carbon emissions.

13 MS. BROOK: Uh-huh.

14 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: And so
15 hopefully that's clear to you. I just wanted to
16 be --

17 MS. BROOK: Absolutely.

18 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: -- completely
19 (indiscernible).

20 MS. BROOK: Sorry. Sorry. And I'm sorry
21 that you can't read it. Across the top are the
22 months of the year. And then across the vertical
23 are the hours of the year. So the mornings are
24 at the top. The evenings are at the bottom. And
25 then it goes from the beginning of the year to

1 the end of the year from left to right.

2 And Andrew is right, this is the -- oh,
3 the other thing that's important to note here is
4 this is a building's perspective. And so the
5 electricity emission intensities are bumped up to
6 be a little higher to account for the
7 transmission distribution losses. We're assuming
8 no losses on the gas side. And so -- and that's
9 because of our uncertainty year-round fugitive
10 emissions, so we don't have a good handle on that
11 right now, and that's certainly an area that we
12 know we need to discuss. So you can see that
13 this would change significantly if we included
14 fugitive emissions in the gas distribution
15 system.

16 So 2019, 2030, it looks pretty darn good;
17 right? I mean, you see a lot of green. So the
18 summary of these two slides is that from the
19 building's perspective, which is what we're
20 talking about today, electricity is cleaner than
21 natural gas 40 percent of the time now. Forty
22 percent of the hours in those charts, electricity
23 is cleaner than gas. But by 2030, 70 percent of
24 those hours are cleaner than natural gas
25 emissions. So, you know, that's really why we're

1 thinking of, you know, discussing all these high-
2 electrification scenarios.

3 Okay, so this is just an example of --
4 and I know we're not talking in detail today
5 about building energy code, but this is just an
6 example of -- and we will be in our chapter about
7 where decisions will be made going forward. And
8 Andrew mentioned it this morning as if you focus
9 on emissions, then we have some work to do in our
10 building standards.

11 And what you see here is two areas of the
12 state, Sacramento and Los Angeles, so inland and
13 coastal. Sacramento is at the top. Los Angeles
14 is at the bottom. Our new home building standard
15 that will go into effect in 2020 on the left has
16 gas water heating, gas appliances and gas space
17 heating. And on the right it's they're all
18 electric homes. They have much different
19 emission profiles.

20 So these are emissions, using the hourly
21 emission intensities I just showed you in 2019,
22 so this is just looking at 2019. The difference
23 between these two is going to be significantly
24 different in 2030 because the emission
25 intensities are different, just as I showed you.

1 But what you see is that either inland or
2 coastal, there's about a one ton per home
3 difference in emissions between homes that use
4 gas and homes that use electricity. Both of
5 these homes are built to the just-adopted
6 building standard, so they what we assume to be
7 relatively equal energy costs because that was
8 the metric in our building standards, but they
9 don't have equal emission profiles.

10 So to summarize the differences between
11 those graphs, this chart is just to try to
12 summarize the difference, okay? So on the left,
13 again, Sacramento and Los Angeles, the emission
14 reductions going from left to right on the
15 previous chart, inland, 65 percent of those
16 reductions come from space heating and 20 percent
17 come from water heating. On the coast where
18 there is hardly any heating, 55 percent comes
19 from water heating reductions and 32 percent
20 comes from space heating. So roughly the same
21 flip; right?

22 So I think that, to me, that means that
23 potentially we don't have a one-size-fits-all
24 kind of building standard. We might have to
25 focus and have different requirements. Like we

1 do now sometimes in our efficiency standards,
2 based on cost effectiveness and, you know, how
3 measures apply with different climate conditions,
4 we might have a more stricter standard inland for
5 space heating, for example, and a more stricter
6 requirement for water heating on the coast
7 because of these emission reduction potentials.

8 And then to the right, this is just sort
9 of to introduce the concept that we're also
10 talking about refrigerants and leakage from
11 refrigerants. So if you just take the remaining
12 emissions if you went all electric, so you just
13 got rid of the gas space heating and the gas
14 water heating and the gas cooking and clothes
15 drying, and what's left, based on, you know,
16 typical assumptions that ARB uses in their
17 Refrigerant Program for leakage of heat pumps and
18 air conditioners, the dominating emission is now
19 refrigerants; right? So you've electrified, but
20 you're not done. We haven't gotten to zero. So
21 this is just to indicate that refrigerants is
22 very significant. And if you're thinking about
23 zero emissions, we have to acknowledge that if
24 we're putting all our eggs in the heat pump
25 basket, heat pumps can leak.

1 Okay, and the other things are pretty
2 self-evident, so I'm going to keep going.

3 So this is just an example of -- the next
4 two slides are just two different commercial
5 building examples. Again, just to acknowledge
6 that once you electrify, you're not done in terms
7 of getting to zero for building emissions. So
8 large offices, you remember, they were the second
9 biggest total gas use in commercial buildings,
10 but they only use 15 to 20 percent -- only 15 to
11 20 percent of these emissions comes from gas
12 space and water heating, so we -- so we're going
13 to depend more and more on a renewable grid. And
14 again, this is 2019. So in 2030, everything
15 except for heating and water heating will shrink.
16 And in proportion, water heating and heating
17 emissions will get a little bigger, right,
18 because the electricity sector is getting
19 cleaner. And so it will change over time. But
20 again, just to emphasize the fact that we're not
21 done once we electrify.

22 Here's a retail store with refrigeration,
23 so like a Walmart or a Target that has some food
24 store elements. Refrigerant leakage, if you're
25 commercial building has significant

1 refrigeration, then over half of your emissions
2 comes from refrigeration, either the energy use
3 of the refrigeration or the leakage of
4 refrigerants, and ARB is going to talk much more
5 about that.

6 And let me see if there's anything else I
7 wanted to mention? Oh, I think that is it.
8 That's it for me. Thanks.

9 (Applause.)

10 MS. RAITT: Thanks, Martha.

11 So next is David Roland-Holst from UC
12 Berkeley.

13 MR. ROLAND-HOLST: Good morning and thank
14 you to Commissioners McAllister and Hochschild
15 and all of you for letting us share our
16 assessment results. These were done for the
17 overall program, the long-term managing of -- let
18 me introduce myself. I'm David Roland-Holst.
19 I'm an Economics Professor at Cal and a partner
20 in Berkeley Economic Advising and Research, which
21 is, essentially, a small academic-based
22 consultancy.

23 In any case, we did an assessment for the
24 Chairman's Office of the overall package of long-
25 term energy scenarios. And we can talk about how

1 to tease out the buildings component of this
2 intuitively, but we haven't done a dedicated
3 study of the building decarbonization, although I
4 think given the complexity that we've just heard
5 about from Martha, that would certainly be a good
6 idea. We can see the role of buildings, I think,
7 in the aggregate results, but let me summarize
8 for you. And I'm going -- time is quite limited,
9 so I'll go relatively quickly. Maybe we can have
10 -- I don't know, we have a question period later
11 in the program; right? Okay. But, of course,
12 interjections from the Commissioners is always
13 welcome.

14 There are four main drivers from the
15 point of view of the economics of this very large
16 commitment to restructuring the energy system
17 that goes on the supply and the energy use side.

18 The first one is investments in the
19 energy system, and that including both the energy
20 production and energy use investments in that
21 category.

22 The second is large-scale adoption of the
23 technologies that will determine future energy
24 use patterns, and that includes vehicles. It
25 also includes building; heating and cooling,

1 HVAC, you know the whole menu, I think, by now.

2 The third component, which is a really
3 important driver from the economic side, is the
4 result of technology, but it's a pure economic
5 effect, and that is the direct benefits of energy
6 savings in terms of liberating economic resources
7 for households and enterprises to use for other
8 things, and I'll go over all of that in a minute,
9 but it is a potent driver of growth for the
10 California economy in the long term.

11 And finally, a category which we
12 introduced for the first time. This wasn't
13 actually in our original terms of reference for
14 the Chairman's Office, but I've been wondering
15 for a while whether or not the state was taking
16 enough credit for its climate policies. It turns
17 out that the public health benefits are very
18 substantial. And we were pleased to see that
19 those benefits are coming directly from these
20 programs, and I'll talk about that piece in a
21 minute or two in more detail.

22 But the overall macro-economic impacts
23 looking out to 2030 and to 2050, our estimates of
24 these are based on our own model of the state
25 economy, which we've been using since the run up

1 from AB 32 to -- for a whole alphabet soup of
2 state agencies that helped them get better
3 visibility about long-term growth prospects. The
4 bare model (phonetic) was used in the original
5 scoping plan and carried forward in lots of other
6 studies, but this time we were fortunate to be
7 able to calibrate it to cost data which came
8 directly from E3's very authoritative works on
9 the technologies of the energy system. They've
10 created really, really solid evidence on the
11 technical side. And we can incorporate that and
12 cross the information into our model and then,
13 basically, it gives us more detail of the
14 economic impacts.

15 But here are the salient ones, the
16 overarching economic effects. First of all,
17 investments in the energy system are a potent
18 catalyst for growth in the state. This is what
19 you might call shovel-ready job creation, a very
20 attractive source of short-, medium- and long-
21 term employment and income.

22 Secondly, technology adoption itself, as
23 the State of California knows very well, can lead
24 to benefits that far exceed their direct costs.
25 If you want to look at and if you want to

1 understand California's superior growth over the
2 last three generations is the state economy and
3 knowledge-intensive industries are really the
4 driver behind it. And this is just another
5 example of knowledge-intensive industries and new
6 technology adoption accelerating California's
7 gross trajectory.

8 Also, energy savings, as I mentioned, are
9 a significant source of job creation through the
10 indirect shifting of expenditure away from energy
11 towards more job intensive economic activities.

12 And finally, savings from averted
13 mortality and morbidity as a result of
14 mitigation. Really the jugular, I guess, of
15 these policies, as Commissioner McAllister said,
16 really reducing emissions will have a significant
17 fringe benefit in terms of public health effects.
18 And there's a very clear causal relationship
19 between those things. But we estimate the
20 economic value of those things, usually in
21 actuarial techniques.

22 In terms of numbers, I don't want to
23 belabor them too much. There's a very detailed
24 version of this study which is available on the
25 website that's on the title page of these slides,

1 or you can contact us through that website for
2 more detailed information, if you're interested,
3 but I'll simply summarize it today.

4 The long-term, meaning 2050, impacts of
5 these commitments to a new energy system will be
6 very substantial. Our estimates are that gross
7 state product in real terms would be almost nine
8 percent higher as a result of these programs.
9 Employment would be over seven percent higher
10 than it otherwise would be in the baseline
11 situation. And the employment impact, as you
12 know, jobs are sort of the gold standard for a
13 lot of policy, but that translates in California
14 into over 3 million additional jobs. So this
15 would be a very potent stimulus for sustained
16 growth in the California economy. Even though we
17 know technology adoption costs money and it
18 imposes new costs that might not otherwise be
19 incurred, the expenditures, let's remind
20 ourselves, are a significant source of income for
21 other actors in the economy. And so promoting
22 innovation and technology adoption, as I've said
23 before, has been a significant driver of
24 California's growth. And that will continue in
25 applications of the energy sector.

1 If the programs are adopted as they've
2 been set forth in the strategic vision of this
3 LETS -- LTES package, benefits would be uniform
4 across the economy basically, not every single
5 individual household, but on average, looking at
6 households by tax bracket the benefits would be
7 significant and not uniform, but they'd be
8 widespread across the economy. The main
9 beneficiaries in relative terms would be the
10 middle class, as you can see here, but
11 significant benefits with an average of over 15
12 percent increase in real incomes. Now real
13 incomes also discount for cost savings due to
14 lower-than-baseline prices. And we actually do
15 see some prices coming down in the forward
16 scenarios.

17 We did a similar project, collaborating
18 with E3, again, for the CAISO, the Independent
19 System Operator that delivers electricity to
20 California ratepayers. And in those scenarios,
21 we saw lower rates as a result of the renewables
22 buildout in some of our scenarios.

23 So the benefits are primarily from job
24 creation and new income. They don't accrue to
25 every single household in the same amount.

1 Unfortunately, it's not like a check that comes
2 in equal amounts to every household. But the
3 effects of new jobs and rising wages from a tired
4 labor market will benefit the authority of the
5 state.

6 In terms of sectoral benefits, everything
7 but agriculture is going to be a winner to some
8 degree. The biggest benefits will go to the
9 construction sector because of their role in
10 building out the supply side and the energy use
11 side of these programs. But again, it's very
12 widespread, but not in each sector for the same
13 reasons. The four sources of -- the four drivers
14 will affect different sectors in different ways.
15 I'll elaborate a little bit on that but, again,
16 time is short.

17 Let me talk about the economics of the
18 health benefits because, as I said, this is new.
19 The state, I don't feel, has given enough
20 attention to the -- has taken enough credit for
21 this benefit but it's -- actually, we were
22 startled when we got these results. And they're
23 based on very authoritative national data on the
24 morbidity and mortality impacts. We use
25 California-specific statistical value of human

1 life and medical costs. So it's been tailored to
2 the state itself, but it's based on a very
3 spatially detailed assessment of mitigation and
4 the public health consequences of that.

5 And what we discovered is that in terms
6 of evaluating the morbidity and mortality is by
7 2030 we'd be seeing a \$2.4 billion a year in
8 savings annually because of mitigation. We'd
9 also be seeing a \$3.6 billion reduction in direct
10 averted health costs. Now there's no -- this
11 isn't where we start arguing about how much is a
12 human life worth. These are direct medical costs
13 from clinical evidence, so that's real money. It
14 isn't speculative money. That's sometimes the
15 estimate, the statistical value of human life
16 estimates are.

17 But in any case, we were startled because
18 this is the same order of magnitude as the cost
19 of building out the renewable portfolio. Which
20 means, of course, you could imagine justifying
21 the buildout on the grounds of public health
22 benefits alone, without having to talk about
23 climate change, without having to talk about all
24 the other effects that have entered the policy
25 dialogue. This was startling to us. And if it

1 continues in terms of being comparable, so we're
2 getting very substantial direct benefits from --

3 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: If you want
4 to --

5 MR. ROLAND-HOLST: -- (indiscernible).

6 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: I don't know if
7 you're going to talk about this, but the --

8 MR. ROLAND-HOLST: Yeah.

9 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: -- the
10 inequity, sort of that piece, is great that it's
11 positive for everybody. But, you know, it's kind
12 of notable that the lowest people on the --

13 MR. ROLAND-HOLST: That's right. And I
14 will --

15 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: -- even on a
16 percentage --

17 MR. ROLAND-HOLST: Yes.

18 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: -- so -- and
19 I'm wondering how that plays with today --

20 MR. ROLAND-HOLST: Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: --
22 (indiscernible)?

23 MR. ROLAND-HOLST: I will talk about it,
24 because one of the things that we've been doing
25 more recently because of the state's awareness

1 and the need to engage more diverse stakeholder
2 groups is we've been looking very carefully at
3 the disadvantaged community category, and what
4 we're going to be looking at more now. So we
5 built out a spatial dimension to what we're
6 doing, and I'll give you an example --

7 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Yeah.

8 MR. ROLAND-HOLST: -- in just a moment.
9 And the results that are even more affirmative,
10 if you want to put it that way.

11 Anyway, what we see is that these health
12 benefits are basically of an order of magnitude
13 that themselves could justify this kind of
14 investment commitment, before we talk about all
15 the job creation and everything else.

16 But, all right, let's look at social
17 economic impacts a little bit more closely. And
18 I'll do that, Commissioner McAllister anticipated
19 this perfectly, from the point of view of the
20 disadvantaged community category.

21 Most of you probably know, this is a
22 definition that combines characteristics of
23 income. You have to be in the lowest quartile of
24 income distribution, so it's the bottom 25
25 percent in terms of household incomes. And also

1 it reflects a higher than average burden of
2 pollution exposure. So these are disadvantaged
3 people that will never (indiscernible)
4 economically in a pure economic income sense, but
5 also in terms of their exposure to health
6 hazards.

7 In any case, when we disaggregate these
8 things, and we've been able to do this now
9 because we can -- we can downscale our results to
10 the census tract level. And the census tract is
11 the added -- the atomic unit of the disadvantaged
12 community analysis, so we were able to basically
13 map that directly. And we begin to see some
14 really interesting effects.

15 These are, obviously, really, kind of too
16 specific, but just to give you an idea, about 75
17 percent of the disadvantaged communities in
18 California are in either L.A. County or the
19 Central Valley. So those are two areas where we
20 want to pay close attention to this. We
21 disaggregated it for all the regions in the
22 overall report, so you can see it more -- in more
23 detail, but this is job creation. And what we
24 found is that the job creation effects, actually,
25 are proportionately more favorable to

1 disadvantaged communities, that is the number of
2 jobs. Of course, their wages are lower than
3 highly skilled workers, but they'll get a larger
4 percentage of the jobs than their percentage of
5 the population, meaning they make up 25 percent
6 but they're getting almost 30 percent of the jobs
7 created.

8 So this is what the economists call a
9 pro-forward policy. And I don't think that
10 people have made that clear enough. I mean, it
11 really is a policy that will readdress income and
12 equality in the state, and opportunity, the
13 evolving opportunities. The main reason for
14 this, of course, is the focus on construction and
15 buildout. So those commitments are going to be
16 very, very affirmative in terms of correcting for
17 inequalities, particularly in opportunities. And
18 again, I think the sectors that commit to those
19 costs deserve recognition for that, just like the
20 agencies that are creating the policies.

21 If we focus on one county alone, the
22 county that happens to represent almost half of
23 gross state product, Los Angeles, we see that
24 there the share of job creation for disadvantaged
25 communities rises to 50 percent. So there's a

1 real emphasis on lower income opportunity, which
2 is built into these policies. Even though it's
3 not stated verbally, there are no affirmative --
4 I haven't seen any affirmative action wording
5 directly in these policies. Here's the result.
6 It actually is very affirmative because it
7 creates a higher proportion of jobs for these
8 groups.

9 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: You know what,
10 I want to just point out generally.

11 MR. ROLAND-HOLST: Yeah.

12 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: So this is, you
13 know, I mean, it's compelling, but it's also
14 pretty high level. So, you know, in terms of
15 policies that we're going to be doing a lot of
16 disadvantaged communities and low-income, you
17 know, per SB 350 and other pieces of legislation.
18 And I think there's just a broad acknowledgement
19 that if we don't -- if we're unsuccessful at
20 making sure that jobs are distributed throughout
21 the economy and focusing on low income, that we
22 won't have succeeded; right? I mean, even if we
23 kind of reach our emissions goals, it won't have
24 been a fair way to go about it.

25 So I guess I'm going to just express a

1 little bit of doubt here, or at least kind of --
2 you know, the devil is in the details, really, on
3 this; right?

4 MR. ROLAND-HOLST: Oh, yes. Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: So, you know,
6 we have such a diverse state. And these
7 disadvantaged communities are probably more so.
8 You know, they're the most diverse, probably,
9 pieces of the state. And so, you know, where
10 those jobs land and who they land with I think
11 could go a lot of different ways, even though --
12 even if they sort of concentrate on the low
13 income.

14 And so I guess, you know, appreciation of
15 that is just what I wanted to express, but then
16 also I think it would be critical to push
17 solutions to even inequities within the low-
18 income populations of disadvantaged communities
19 as part of our policies in a very proactive way.
20 So making those linkages up and down the chain is
21 pretty critical, even if it's starting with, you
22 know, robust analysis, like yours, so --

23 MR. ROLAND-HOLST: You're absolutely
24 right, you know, and we don't want to over claim
25 in this context because, like all forecasting

1 models, what we're projecting is based on
2 history. So this is a result of what the hiring
3 patterns and economic responses of the past have
4 been and we're, essentially, extrapolating that.
5 But by adding or incorporating standards and
6 incentives, it should be possible to increase the
7 likelihood that these kinds of outcomes will
8 happen. And you might even be able to take it
9 further. I think things like training
10 programs --

11 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Yeah.

12 MR. ROLAND-HOLST: -- we're not modeling
13 anything like that. But there are specific
14 initiatives for that in the state that could
15 be -- if you get the right kind of policy
16 coherence between climate policy and the EDD and
17 these --

18 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: And the
19 Workforce Investment Board and all that --

20 MR. ROLAND-HOLST: Right. Right.

21 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: -- you know,
22 we're going to need quality in construction, and
23 so how do you make that really inclusive. And I
24 think there are a lot of ways that could take
25 place, but I think we just need to be very

1 intentional about that. And so I'd advise us all
2 to think along those lines too.

3 MR. ROLAND-HOLST: I think that's a great
4 idea, yeah, to basically increase the likelihood
5 that we get these -- that these results will be
6 fulfilled. But I still intend to take credit for
7 them.

8 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Sure.

9 MR. ROLAND-HOLST: All right. Anyway,
10 let's look at another component. We did a number
11 of other indicators, like income, household
12 income, and even we took a shot at electric
13 vehicle adoption which is a fool's errand, but we
14 did report this, but it's in the more extensive
15 report. In any case, let's look at these health
16 costs because here the results are even more
17 arresting. It turns out that not only
18 disproportionate benefits for lower income
19 households, but the disadvantaged communities get
20 higher absolute benefits. They're saving more
21 money in absolute terms than higher income
22 households. And the reason, of course, is
23 because in the initial conditions they have a
24 higher burden of health risks, so they're
25 spending a higher proportion of their incomes

1 anyway on medical care.

2 But we had to make a heroic assumption in
3 this context, which is that the mitigation is
4 relatively uniform across the state because we
5 don't really have the detailed spatial
6 characteristics of these programs yet. But to
7 me, that's kind of an invitation, actually, just
8 as Commissioner McAllister suggested, to zero in
9 and target these policies, especially the
10 mitigation elements, because if this is on an
11 average basis with uniform mitigation, we could
12 get even better results by targeting the
13 mitigation towards those areas where we have the
14 highest public health risks and the highest
15 burden of emissions.

16 And, of course, you can expect the EJ
17 community and other groups to be advocating for
18 that going forward. But what we're simply trying
19 to deliver here is a framework which can be
20 responsive to that, so we can answer questions
21 and improve visibility from policymakers at this
22 level of spatial detail so that there can be a
23 constructive dialogue, rather than we want it all
24 for this category or we want it all for these
25 stakeholders. There should be ways to target

1 policies a little bit more carefully and get the
2 results.

3 Here's L.A., the same thing. The
4 disadvantaged communities are enjoying -- they
5 avoid \$677 on average per household, while the
6 non-disadvantaged communities which have higher
7 incomes are avoiding \$511 per household on
8 average. Of course, it varies from household to
9 household. But this is a really startling result
10 because, of course, that's a much higher
11 percentage of the incomes for the lowest
12 quartile. And so for them the relative benefit
13 is very substantial.

14 Okay, in terms of contributions in the
15 building sector, we have to go fly on intuition
16 here because, as I said, this particular study
17 was not dedicated to this component of the
18 package, the LTES package. We looked at all of
19 the programs combined. But clearly, construction
20 is going to be a significant actor. And so a
21 substantial amount of the job creation, about 25
22 percent of the total adoption costs for
23 compliance with the overall scenario is coming
24 from building decarbonization. So we could, just
25 as a rule of thumb, assume about a quarter of the

1 benefits are going to accrue there. But to be
2 honest, I think that there will be more benefits
3 in certain categories, and construction will
4 certainly be one of those. So again, the equity
5 effects of that could be very substantial.

6 The locations of things, that matters a
7 lot because it determines what kinds of buildings
8 we're talking about. So the differences between
9 the residential sector and the commercial sector
10 will depend on urbanization patterns. And in
11 that area, things like distance to work and so on
12 may be significant.

13 Here are the conclusions. I'm not going
14 to just read the whole thing through to you.
15 You've got copies of this available to you. But
16 I've already gone through the main findings of
17 this report and they are that, number one, the
18 adoption of both new energy supply and new energy
19 use technologies will be a substantial stimulus
20 to the economy in the classical way of just new
21 expenditures and new technologies driving growth.

22 Number two, we see that the energy
23 savings will be also a potent catalyst for
24 growth, and the reason is very simple. Think of
25 a household who saves a dollar at the gas pump

1 because of the fuel efficient vehicle. If you
2 take a dollar out of the gas pump and spend it on
3 the stuff you really want, that's going to be
4 services. And in my line of work, we have
5 something we call the 70-70 rule. In the high-
6 income economies, like California, at OACD, you
7 know, U.S., Europe, Japan, 70 percent of demand
8 GDP is services -- sorry, household spending,
9 consumption. Consumers drive the economies.
10 They drive the economy in California. Seventy
11 percent of GSP is consumer spending. Seventy
12 percent of consumer spending is services, so half
13 of total demand is going for haircuts and
14 espresso drinks. You know, that's the way we --
15 that's how we create jobs, with most of our
16 expenditure.

17 So if you can take a dollar out of the
18 gas pump, the energy fuel supply chain is one of
19 the least job-intensive supply chains in the
20 economy, and you spend it on what you really
21 want, which is basically services, 70 percent of
22 that money is going to go into services, we
23 create many more jobs. And we see a potent job
24 stimulus from energy savings that results from
25 expenditure shifting. Give people that money

1 back, they don't have to spend it on energy which
2 is, as I said, very low job content and a
3 significant import content too. And they take
4 that money and they spend it on in-state goods
5 and services, those are jobs that can not be
6 outsourced because they're not tradable; right?
7 Those services aren't traded goods. And it
8 creates a really significant multiplying effect.

9 And finally, the public health angle is
10 something that I think we should give more
11 emphasis to and more credit to climate policies
12 for what they're accomplishing. There is a very
13 significant savings for California and any high-
14 income society which spends a lot of money on
15 medical care.

16 And finally, from disadvantaged
17 communities, the conclusions that I've already
18 been through are really favorable. This is not
19 only a pro per set of policies, but it's also
20 something that can help to rectify quality of
21 opportunity.

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23 Finally, the priorities for where we'd
24 like to take this work, obviously, more detail
25 would be helpful. It will improve targeting. It

1 will make policy more adaptive and responsive to
2 other actors in the policy dialogue, especially
3 stakeholder groups that may feel that they're not
4 getting -- they haven't gotten enough attention
5 in the past.

6 Decomposition of the LTES into components
7 like energy -- like building decarbonization
8 would make a lot of sense because they are
9 complex. And the macro economics, the numbers
10 can hide some of the costs and benefits.

11 Also, I think disaggregating the building
12 characteristics costs and benefits by scale and
13 type of industry is going to be quite important
14 because the adoption patterns are going to vary
15 tremendously, depending on the size, especially
16 with these firms. Some firms borrow their money
17 in London and New York. And small enterprises, I
18 mean, small enterprises in California make --
19 they create half the jobs in the state. Many of
20 them finance their investments with credit cards,
21 so their costs of capital are very different.
22 And if you want to get the incentives right and
23 promote adoption without discouraging business
24 practices or threatening California's
25 competitiveness and entrepreneurship, it's

1 probably a good idea to be able to get down to
2 this and identify the diversity of the adjustment
3 needs and compliance costs.

4 That will create more opportunities to
5 enrich these policies with incentives, and maybe
6 standards. California has many ways of being
7 persuasive in terms of regulatory compliance.
8 But the technology initiative, you know, it's
9 just, it's part of the core of California's
10 economic success. So I'm very upbeat about this
11 program as an opportunity to renew knowledge-
12 intensive development for the state.

13 Thank you.

14 (Applause.)

15 MS. RAITT: Thank you. And next we have
16 Laurie ten Hope from the Energy Commission.

17 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: This is really
18 the star-studded event. We have applause and
19 balloons.

20 MS. TEN HOPE: Hi, good morning. Laurie
21 ten Hope, Director of Research and I really the
22 framing of this morning. I think we've heard
23 from E3 and from Martha what it is we need to do.
24 And then from David, what are the economic
25 benefits of achieving these goals. And what I'm

1 going to talk about is can we innovate our way to
2 these goals? And just kind of do a quick flyover
3 of some of the research that we're doing that's
4 building connected to help us achieve these
5 goals.

6 So I mean we heard from E3 several of the
7 things that we need to achieve to get to the
8 goals in terms of energy efficiency,
9 electrification. We need R&D for hard to
10 electrify end uses like heat pumps, industrial
11 sector and others. We need to increase our
12 renewable power generation, diversify renewable
13 energy systems and bring on more electric
14 vehicles.

15 And also, I think one of the important
16 focuses is to really come up with tools and
17 strategies that align with customer behavior.
18 So in the R&D Program, all of the research is
19 connected to decarbonization. But the
20 highlighted ones on this chart are connected to
21 decarbonization in buildings onsite, either
22 energy efficiency or onsite renewables, storage
23 and integration, electric vehicle integration and
24 on the gas side, again energy efficiency,
25 renewable energy and understanding and reducing

1 methane leakage to and in buildings.

2 So everyone's mentioned the importance of
3 electrification in buildings and electrifying
4 heating and water heating is key. So I just want
5 to point out a couple of projects that we're
6 working on right now in the electric heat pump
7 area.

8 The one on the upper left, A, is a
9 retrofit project we're doing for heat pumps in
10 multifamily retrofits. This is basically taking
11 cutting edge commercially available heat pumps
12 and doing M&V on what the prior energy use is and
13 what the new energy use is.

14 The second one is really re-imagining
15 heat pumps (indiscernible). It's in every
16 project with multiple partners working with
17 Daikin to really come up with a best-in-class
18 heat pump and including new components and
19 alternative refrigerants.

20 The Project C is a Build It Green project
21 looking at central heat pumps, completely
22 different configuration needed in the larger
23 built-up heat pump systems that are suited to
24 multifamily. We have a couple of installations
25 right now and collecting energy savings and

1 performance information.

2 On the lower left is a project with
3 California Home Building Foundation, which is the
4 nonprofit connected to the building industry.
5 And they're installing heat pump water heaters in
6 many homes and remotely monitoring what the
7 performance, what the usage and performance is of
8 the hot water heat pumps. So I think that'll
9 give us some really good performance and usage
10 information.

11 We need, as already mentioned low global
12 warming refrigerant alternatives for cooling.
13 And we have several projects testing alternative
14 refrigerants in what's their performance and
15 cost.

16 And finally, most of the focus here is on
17 electrification, but we do have a couple of
18 projects improving the efficiency of gas-fired
19 heat pumps for providing both hot water and air
20 conditioning.

21 But I'm going to call out a couple of
22 cool projects that are combining solar thermal in
23 different applications. So we have a project
24 with Chromasun developing solar thermal combined
25 with absorption chillers, to provide both hot

1 water and cooling at a hotel. And IRKSOL, which
2 is using a different solar thermal technology,
3 evacuated tubes, for producing hot water at an
4 industrial facility.

5 And the lower left I think is kind of
6 cool. It's an induction cooking project for food
7 service. I think we're looking at induction
8 cooking for residential. It's just behavioral
9 challenges that people are just really attached
10 to their gas stoves, but in food service when
11 you've got better performance it's cheaper and
12 it's faster, it's more even cooking. This is, I
13 think a good entry market, for induction cooking
14 and we'll be gathering the performance
15 information and really trying to reduce the cost.
16 Cost is still a barrier for induction cooking
17 replacements.

18 We're also with the California Builders
19 testing residential heat pump dryers and this is
20 again being remotely monitored to collect usage
21 and performance information on heat pump clothes
22 dryers.

23 And finally, is focused on UC Davis work
24 on ground source heat pumps using different
25 configurations and coiled heat exchangers that

1 reduce the installation costs about a third.
2 So these are all active projects that are trying
3 to move us in the low no carbon direction.
4 This next project is a really innovative project
5 that UC Merced is working on. It's using both PV
6 solar panels and solar thermal collectors in a
7 configuration to provide solar thermal for CHP
8 applications and a PV panel for electricity
9 generation. And combine them in a way that takes
10 up a lot less roof space and provides dual
11 function.

12 This one, I'm going to save for another
13 presentation. I wanted to talk quickly about a
14 couple of projects we're doing around DC
15 buildings. And as I think everyone knows going
16 from DC to AC and back to DC you have a lot of
17 conversion losses and we have a couple of
18 projects to look at applications of using DC
19 directly and typically in hybrid applications.
20 So you have one project with LPL doing analysis
21 and modeling on the best applications for DC and
22 residential buildings. We have a DC microgrid in
23 Chino at a Honda plant and what they're doing is
24 using the DC microgrid for lighting and battery
25 and forklift applications directly and AC for

1 other loads in the building.

2 And we have another project using DC
3 directly for parking lot lighting and I think
4 these are all going to provide some good insights
5 into what kinds of applications DC makes the most
6 sense.

7 In these areas, efficiency in buildings,
8 so those are our current projects where we're
9 gathering a lot of information that is going to
10 help inform future deployments. In our new
11 investment plan on the electric side, there's a
12 lot more work planned in HVAC and water heating,
13 continuing to test and develop California-
14 appropriate advanced HVAC systems and water
15 heaters that are really designed for our climate
16 including electrochemical compression systems and
17 improved heat exchangers.

18 We're planning to do more analysis in
19 demos in the DC building distribution systems and
20 starting some new research in hybrid AC/DC
21 appliances.

22 On the gas side it's a much smaller
23 program, but still in the areas particularly that
24 are hard to electrify, focused on efficiency
25 improvements. And one of the big challenges

1 ahead is really how do you improve your building
2 envelope in a cost-effective way with new add-on
3 materials or 3D printing or other novel
4 approaches to improving the building envelope.
5 Moving from the building components itself, one
6 of the things that E3 emphasized was integration.
7 As we bring EVs into the market and renewables,
8 smarter strategies for integrating the renewable
9 resources with building controls is important to
10 really reduce the natural gas load following that
11 might be required from power plants.

12 So a couple of the focused areas in
13 building integration is smart inverters. We've
14 done a fair amount of research on smart inverters
15 to improve the functionality and the ability for
16 the smart inverter to provide some grid resources
17 whether that's the voltage following or assist or
18 islanding or reconnecting. These functions allow
19 a higher throughput of solar on the distribution
20 system.

21 We worked closely with the SunSpec
22 Alliance to develop the open testing protocols
23 and coordinate with the CPUC on what the needs
24 are for smart inverters and the Smart Inverter
25 Working Group. And then take some of the

1 research challenges that are coming up in that
2 forum and incorporate those into future research
3 objectives.

4 Vehicle grid integration is an area where
5 we're seeing some really great improvements in
6 improving the smart charging that takes into
7 consideration what the driver profile and needs
8 are for charging, what the price signals are for
9 charging and then what the renewable resources
10 that are available. And the potential cost
11 savings for the consumer are considerable.

12 We're testing several different
13 strategies to really incorporate renewable
14 storage and electric vehicles into the energy
15 management systems, so these projects are
16 commercially based energy management systems.
17 Energy management systems, you know, have been
18 around for a long time, but being able to
19 incorporate in price profiles and the renewable
20 resources and the charging profiles bring
21 additional complexity into the picture.

22 I wanted to talk just for a minute about demand
23 response and customer empowerment. And I think
24 this one project from OhmConnect is kind of a
25 different strategy for us using social media

1 platforms to connect with a large number of
2 customers making small demand reductions. They
3 have been able to connect close to 300,000
4 customers in California. They send out signals
5 for demand response events and then provide
6 points to customers who take some action. And
7 then they can cash in their points for either
8 giving to charity, by a smart thermostat or bank
9 the points. I think their strategy is very
10 interactive and they're growing in leaps and
11 bounds in their customer participation.
12 These are CIEE and ZNE Alliance are taking
13 different approaches focused on demand response
14 for the commercial market whereas OhmConnect is
15 focused on the residential market. Again,
16 incorporating being able to tie in multiple
17 appliances and vendors and more of an open
18 protocol strategy for controlling loads and
19 onsite renewables.

20 And finally, in addition to the more
21 technology-oriented research, one of the areas
22 that we have researched already in planning to do
23 some ongoing research, and this is very much in
24 collaboration with the Air Board, is better
25 understanding of fugitive methane emissions in

1 buildings. And so we've tested about 75
2 residential buildings and find that the leakage
3 rates in buildings varies substantially. A few
4 buildings are responsible for a large amount of
5 the methane and the largest percentage of that
6 comes from pilot lights in combustion appliances,
7 which isn't really surprising. But it does give
8 a potential opportunity for retrofit and perhaps
9 a particular focus for low-income, disadvantaged
10 communities that may still have some pilot driven
11 water heaters.

12 In the commercial sector, we're testing
13 about 70 buildings right now focused on food
14 service and healthcare facilities that have a
15 large natural gas usage and looking forward to
16 the results in that study. And we're about ready
17 to kick off a large field study to look
18 comprehensively at additions across residential,
19 commercial and industrial, it'll much more scaled
20 up than what we've been able to do so far.
21 So that was just really a quick kind of flyover
22 of some of the type of projects that we're
23 engaged in right now. All of our projects on the
24 electricity side are available on our showcase
25 and we're starting to add in our natural gas

1 programs.

2 And I just want to close to say I think
3 what we're trying to do is to develop tests and
4 evaluate approaches to technology development
5 that people are going to want to buy. And that
6 they have the technology and the information
7 needed to make smart choices of emerging
8 technology and help with what technologies are
9 successful. What are their attributes and be
10 ready for scale up in utility incentive programs
11 or building standards efforts.

12 Thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 MS. RAITT: Thanks, Laurie.

15 So next is a series of presentations from ARB.
16 And we're going to go flip the order from the
17 meeting schedule to hear from Dana Papke Waters
18 first.

19 MS. WATERS: Good morning, Commissioners
20 and everyone here today. I'm very excited to
21 provide an update on our zero carbon building
22 related research.

23 Doubling energy savings from electricity
24 and natural gas end uses as well as our 50
25 percent renewable portfolio standard are going to

1 contribute significantly to our 2030 climate
2 target.

3 We've heard several times today that
4 building electrification is also going to
5 contribute to decarbonizing buildings. It's not
6 counted in our 2030 climate goals, but it is
7 recognized as an important contributor to
8 reducing our long-term greenhouse gas emissions
9 if it's optimized with energy efficiency as well
10 as renewable energy and energy storage.
11 Our Climate Change Scoping Plan does also
12 recommend that we work together to establish
13 target dates and a pathway for a zero carbon
14 building state policy. So I'm really excited to
15 be here today to begin that dialogue.

16 So Martha shared this demand side view
17 where buildings are about one-quarter of our
18 statewide emissions. That basically includes
19 electricity, natural gas consumption and
20 refrigerants.

21 My colleague, Aanchal, is going to talk
22 about how we're reducing emissions from
23 refrigerants. My colleague Andrew is going to
24 talk about what we are doing in the area of
25 leakage from the natural gas sector, which

1 includes that 1 percent, but also an additional
2 percent that's buried in industrial that you
3 can't see right now. But he'll get into more
4 detail on that.

5 Our zero carbon building research really does
6 take a more comprehensive view and is focused on
7 reducing the carbon footprint from buildings that
8 affect these additional 20 percent of wedges that
9 impact water, waste and transportation emissions
10 as well.

11 So this is a simplified view, and one
12 example of what we're looking into in terms of
13 transportation strategies that can be implemented
14 at the building level to reduce those emissions.
15 And what you can see here if we're looking at
16 these preliminary estimates for hourly emission
17 factors, that midday charging really is going to
18 have the lowest emissions. We have our statewide
19 target for 5 million zero emission vehicles on
20 California roads by 2030. We expect that about
21 15 percent of those will be fuel cell vehicles,
22 so the remaining 4.2 million passenger vehicles,
23 if we looked at four different scenarios for how
24 we would fuel those vehicles, that's the time of
25 the day that would have the least amount of

1 emissions. Most electric vehicle charging is
2 happening overnight, which has potentially
3 doubled the emissions. Of course, all three
4 scenarios are much lower than if all of those
5 vehicles were fueled by gasoline as you can see
6 in this display.

7 But I think hourly emission factors are
8 critical and time of use charging is really
9 important as we're thinking about zero emission
10 buildings and transportation. And uses such as
11 EV charging really should be considered in that
12 framework when we're thinking about zero emission
13 buildings.

14 So in addition to transportation, we're
15 also looking at water strategies that can be
16 implemented at the building level. And where our
17 zero carbon building research is really refining,
18 some of the estimates for electricity intensity
19 for water pumping by region throughout
20 California, in many parts we're finding that
21 large reductions in outdoor water use, as well as
22 indoor water use, can still be achieved and is
23 cost effective. But because of this varying
24 carbon intensity of water it is something that we
25 also think should be considered in this zero

1 emission building framework.
2 And just looking out to 2030, the emissions
3 associated, or I'm sorry, the electricity use
4 associated with water pumping could represent
5 between two to nearly a quarter of the
6 electricity used in an all-electric home. So
7 this is something that we should be thinking
8 about as well, with zero emission buildings.
9 So I touched on transportation of water. We are
10 also looking at waste-related strategies to
11 reduce those emissions as well. We're looking at
12 an energy component now as well that is looking
13 at time of use, and how you can match the
14 renewable energy supply with all of our dynamic
15 end uses. Or save it and use it at a later time
16 with battery storage.

17 We do also have a zero carbon community
18 component to our research project as well, which
19 is building on a low-income zero net energy
20 project that was actually an Energy Commission
21 advanced energy community funded project as well
22 that's going to look at which strategies are
23 better implemented at the community scale. And
24 overall, this project is going to be looking at
25 what are the realistic target dates that we

1 should be establishing for a state policy. And
2 I'm really happy that we have CEC and CPUC on
3 board with our advisory group as well as a number
4 of stakeholders in this room that are
5 participating in that project. And it's moving
6 forward. We should have an interim report by the
7 end of the year.

8 So in closing, CARB does support the
9 Energy Commission's efforts to initially focus on
10 the energy sector for achieving zero emission
11 buildings.

12 This slide shows a case study for our new
13 Southern California consolidation project where
14 we originally had a design with a fuel cell. If
15 we had gone with that original design and used
16 grid electricity and standard refrigerants, we
17 would have emitted on the order of 3,000 metric
18 tons every year. We were able to achieve zero
19 emissions by going with an all-electric zero net
20 energy laboratory and we're using low-GWP
21 refrigerants.

22 So the other piece that in addition to
23 those aspects, we are also mitigating our
24 construction-related emissions, which are on the
25 order of about 4,000 metric tons. So it's

1 equivalent to this operational energy portion as
2 well.

3 It's a one-time piece, but we are also
4 mitigating that and recommend in addition to the
5 water and transportation end uses that
6 construction emissions should also be considered
7 in part of the zero emission building framework.
8 So with that, I just want to thank everybody for
9 this important and interesting dialogue. And
10 will look forward to staying up-to-date and
11 informing you with what comes out of our research
12 program for zero emission buildings. Thanks.

13 MS. RAITT: Thank you, Dana.

14 Next is Aanchal Kohli.

15 MS. KHOLI: Hi. Good morning everyone.
16 I will be talking about the carbon footprint of
17 clean equipment in buildings. So that Martha,
18 and Laurie, and Dana mentioned refrigerants are
19 really important. Refrigerants contribute a
20 large part of the emissions, in addition to the
21 energy consumption of the equipment. So, I'll be
22 focusing on that.

23 Clean equipment is, I guess, not just
24 clean, but also heating. So heat pumps, HVAC
25 systems, refrigerators. That's any equipment

1 that uses refrigerant.

2 All of you have heard the term global
3 warming potential several times today. Just as a
4 quick refresher, one pound of a common
5 refrigerant used in supermarkets, in industrial
6 refrigeration, R-404A, has a GWP of about 4,000.
7 This equals the emissions, the CO2 emissions from
8 a car 4,000 miles driven by the passenger car.
9 So it's a very, very significant in its impact.
10 They tend to be very potent climate change
11 pollutants.

12 The first thing that I want to talk about
13 is changing the way we evaluate refrigerant
14 technologies. Let's take a look at where
15 emissions come from. So this is the piece that
16 we're most familiar with, the energy consumption
17 of a refrigerator or an HVAC system. So you plug
18 in the system. It's using energy. That energy
19 was generated using some sort of fossil fuels and
20 that's where you get emissions from.

21 In addition to that, you also get
22 emissions from refrigerant leakage. So this
23 could be during service, operation of that
24 equipment over its lifetime, any catastrophic
25 releases. And also, at the end of its life it

1 will be that that equipment is disposed of.

2 Right now we see an emphasis on the
3 indirect emissions from energy consumption
4 because this is what people are paying for. And
5 I want to talk about the importance of changing
6 the way we look at this and evaluating it based
7 on total equivalent warming index. So any time
8 we analyze a new piece of refrigeration
9 equipment, we should look at its total equivalent
10 warming index rather than just the electricity
11 consumption or the refrigerant.

12 So Martha already talked a little bit
13 about this. Right now, global warming gases are
14 about 4 percent of California's greenhouse gas
15 emissions. So, say we do nothing about this, in
16 2030 this will -- this number is going to double,
17 the percentage, but also the quantity of HFCs, in
18 particular, which is a refrigerant category are
19 going to double by 2030. They are the largest
20 source, fastest growing source of greenhouse gas
21 emissions in California.

22 So just making it very clear that we need
23 to take action to reduce global warming
24 potential, high global warming potential gases.

25 My analysis was focused on existing

1 buildings because they contribute 50 percent of
2 total HFC emissions. Martha showed some figures
3 talking about how important refrigerant emissions
4 are within buildings.

5 So I'm going to look at five different
6 case studies of common building types that we've
7 got in a large part of California, the existing
8 building stock. For the presentation I'm only
9 going to focus on apartments and supermarkets.
10 So again, this is something that Martha already
11 talked about and just a different perspective to
12 show you that HFCs, a category of refrigerants,
13 contribute to a significant portion of greenhouse
14 gas emissions from buildings. So in commercial
15 building there's 17 percent and residential 6
16 percent.

17 And I also wanted to emphasize something
18 that Martha already said. That as we move more
19 towards cleaner electricity and higher
20 electrification, this percentage is only going to
21 grow larger.

22 So let's move on to a case study for a
23 supermarket. This is a typical energy profile
24 for the energy consumed in a supermarket. And
25 it's very clear that refrigeration is the biggest

1 chunk of this. So it's a great -- the direction
2 we're heading in improving the energy efficiency
3 of refrigeration systems in supermarkets that's
4 great. We need to go in that direction.

5 But this not a comprehensive picture of
6 where emissions are coming from in a supermarket.
7 If you look at a typical supermarket, its direct
8 emissions are coming from refrigerant leakage on
9 an annual basis and also at the end of its life.

10 So a large supermarket, like a Costco or
11 a Wal-Mart has about 3,500 pounds of a common
12 refrigerant, R-404A, with a global warming
13 potential of almost 4,000. It leaks -- the
14 system leaks about 18 percent of its total charge
15 every single year. And I want to emphasize here
16 this is a California-specific number. This
17 number is much higher in other parts of the
18 nation. So this is after we have measures put in
19 place to reduce the leak rate. These systems
20 tend to be very large and they tend to leak a
21 lot.

22 There's lots of piping in a supermarket
23 and it's very hard to control these leaks to
24 bring them down. We could definitely do more,
25 but it's not that easy to reduce refrigerant

1 leaks.

2 The way that refrigerant is disposed of
3 at the end of its life, there's also a
4 significant amount of leakage that occurs there.

5 In total, maintaining these refrigeration
6 systems, recharging the refrigerant, operating
7 them costs about \$40 to \$50 thousand dollars a
8 year.

9 In contrast, if you look at the
10 electricity use that's 2 to 3 million kilowatt
11 hours a year, and ends up costing supermarket
12 \$250,000 to \$350,000 a year. So you can see why
13 they're really focused on improving the energy
14 efficiency. And that's why historically we see a
15 lot of discussion around the energy efficiency
16 because the consumers are paying for that.
17 That's such a big portion of their cost.

18 So what I went ahead and did is looked at
19 the emission breakdown over a refrigerator in
20 supermarket, over its entire lifetime.

21 So the first bar that you see and even
22 the second are examples of two conventional
23 refrigerants that are very common in supermarkets
24 right now. I think about 40 to 50 percent of
25 supermarkets use R-404A, the first bar, with a

1 GWP of almost 4,000. And I think 407 is maybe
2 about 20 to 30 percent, with a GWP of 2,000. So
3 pretty high global warming potential refrigerants
4 being used right now.

5 And if you look at the breakdown of
6 emissions, you see that energy is a pretty small
7 portion of where the emissions are coming from.

8 If we move, if we transition to an
9 alternative refrigerant, like CO2, with a global
10 warming potential of 1, you can almost eliminate
11 a hundred percent of the direct emissions coming
12 from refrigerant leakage over its lifetime and at
13 the end of its life.

14 So this makes a very compelling case that
15 switching to a lower global warming potential
16 refrigerant can have a huge impact on emission
17 reduction. So we get 85 percent reductions,
18 greenhouse gas reductions over the lifetime of
19 the equipment. This is about 18,000 metric tons
20 just for one supermarket.

21 If you take into account all large
22 supermarkets, in California that's 2 million
23 metric tons.

24 If you start taking into account smaller
25 grocery stores, like Trader Joe's, and

1 convenience stores like 7-Eleven, this number
2 just gets higher and higher.

3 And I also want to point out something
4 that I didn't mention before is the CO2 system is
5 between 2 to 5 percent more energy efficient. So
6 it is also saving consumers energy, and in energy
7 bills, but it's also reducing emissions
8 significantly.

9 And another point I want to emphasize is
10 that this technology is available now. It's used
11 in I think -- I was at a conference just this
12 weekend, they said there's about 400 stores in
13 the U.S. that use CO2 technology, and maybe
14 14,000 in Europe. So it's widely available.
15 There's many manufacturers that provide this
16 technology.

17 So moving on to an apartment, the story's
18 a little bit different, but also clear in that we
19 should reduce energy -- we should improve energy
20 efficiency, but also switch to better
21 refrigerant.

22 So again, in an apartment you see that
23 HVAC systems and refrigerators make up the
24 biggest chunk of energy use in an apartment.

25 For an HVAC system, a common refrigerant

1 is 410A, with a GWP of almost 2000. And once
2 again it's pretty clear, even though the leak
3 rates for these systems are relatively lower than
4 supermarkets, I think about 5 percent a year,
5 over the lifetime of this equipment the emissions
6 from the refrigerant are a lot higher just
7 because the refrigerant is so much more potent in
8 the impact than CO2.

9 If you switch to a refrigerant like R-32,
10 with a global warming potential of 675, about a
11 third of the conventional refrigerant, you get 55
12 percent reductions over the lifetime of the
13 system. So once again, very significant emission
14 reductions for each HVAC system, about 4 metric
15 tons. If you multiply that with the 14 million
16 homes that are in California or the 4 and a half
17 million apartments, this is very significant
18 savings.

19 For a refrigerator, the story's a little
20 bit different. Here energy consumption is the
21 biggest portion because refrigerators, luckily,
22 don't tend to leak a lot. But you can still
23 improve its energy efficiency and switch to a
24 better refrigerant, R-600A, which is isobutene,
25 with a global warming potential of 3, you still

1 get a reduction of .25 metric tons for each
2 refrigerator.

3 In California right now, in 2017 or maybe
4 2016, there's 18 million refrigerators. So you
5 can see that we can have significant impact if we
6 start transitioning to lower global warming
7 refrigerants.

8 I want to emphasize here that this
9 technology is not quite available in the U.S.,
10 yet. There's millions of units being used in
11 Europe, in Australia, in Japan, in different
12 parts of Asia. But for a number of reasons, the
13 codes and standards process has been very slow
14 and USEPA's SNAP approval has also not been
15 obtained for some of these refrigerants because
16 they're flammable.

17 So what I -- as I'm coming towards the
18 conclusion, what I want to emphasize is that
19 switching to lower global warming refrigerants
20 can be one of the most impactful steps we can
21 take to reduce emissions.

22 This is not the only step, however. We
23 can continue to improve the energy efficiency of
24 systems. We can design smaller systems, with a
25 smaller initial charge of refrigerant, so they're

1 in practice lower.

2 We can also reduce annual leak rates and
3 strengthen end-of-life recovery and reclaim
4 programs so that not -- large amounts of
5 refrigerant are not lost at the end of their
6 life.

7 So it's very clear that we can have a big
8 impact by doing this. So why aren't more people
9 doing it? Why aren't grocery stores switching
10 right away? Why aren't building owners switching
11 to better technologies? Because there are some
12 barriers that we need to address.

13 The first one is just really changing the
14 way we evaluate emissions. If we're completely
15 focused on providing incentives for energy
16 efficiency or just for HFC reductions that's not
17 a fair comparison. We need to switch to a
18 holistic approach where we look at total
19 equivalent warming index.

20 There's also a lack of knowledge and
21 unfamiliarity that can be overcome if we have
22 more case studies, successful case studies
23 demonstrating that these systems work well.
24 Guidance documents from manufacturers.
25 Connecting supermarket owners, for example, to

1 different manufacturers so that they have
2 confidence in adopting these technologies.

3 The codes and standards process is
4 lagging behind technology significantly in the
5 HVAC area. And there has been discussion that
6 this process is old and needs to be revamped. So
7 that would definitely give a boost to
8 refrigerants that are being used worldwide and
9 have been used for a decade, that are still not
10 permitted in the U.S.

11 There's a higher upfront cost which can
12 be overcome with incentive funding. There's been
13 some movement already here. The CEC recently
14 launched the Food Production Investment Program
15 which provides funding for industrial
16 refrigeration processes. And looking at global
17 warming refrigerants is one of their criteria.

18 There's also the California Cooling Act,
19 SB 1013, which is undergoing the legislative
20 process. And if it does pass, there will be a
21 pot of money being given to incentive funding for
22 supermarkets, other food retail establishments.

23 And then another thing that we can work
24 towards is having a stronger workforce that's
25 certified, that is well-trained in these new

1 technologies so that consumers are less hesitant
2 about adopting them.

3 And at the end, I just want to emphasize
4 once again that it is not possible to transition
5 to zero carbon building if we don't switch to
6 lower global warming refrigerants. Thank you.

7 (Applause)

8 MS. RAITT: Okay, next is Andrew Mrowka.

9 MR. MROWKA: Hello Commissioners. My
10 name is Andrew Mrowka. I'm an Air Resources
11 Engineer for CARB.

12 I'd like to change the focus from
13 Aanchal's speech where she looked at in-house
14 emissions to the methane leaks in the natural gas
15 system. This does include that some of these are
16 before buildings and residences.

17 To begin this presentation, I'd like to
18 start with the lifecycle analysis of natural gas.
19 On the right you can see a diagram of the
20 lifecycle analysis of natural gas. I'd like to
21 focus more on the first four items shown here.

22 Ninety percent of natural gas used in
23 California is imported. It comes to us from the
24 Rocky Mountains and from the southwest. These
25 out-of-state emissions are not included in our

1 in-state emission inventory. However, a model is
2 currently being developed by Stanford to consider
3 emissions associated with in-state and out-of-
4 state natural gas emissions.

5 On this slide you see a diagram of the
6 equipment on the natural gas system. The
7 production and processing is referred to as the
8 upstream emissions. And the downstream emissions
9 are the next few segments, the natural gas
10 transmission and storage, and distribution.

11 I'd like to point on the distribution
12 line you can see these little rectangles, and
13 those are the meter set assemblies, and those are
14 a significant source of emissions in our
15 inventory.

16 Focusing on the upstream emissions, in
17 2017 CARB's Board did approve the Oil and Gas
18 Methane Regulation. This regulation reduces
19 fugitive emitted methane emissions from the
20 following sources: oil and gas production,
21 processing, and storage, gathering in boosting
22 stations, underground storage facilities and
23 natural gas transmission compressor stations.

24 Here you see a table of some numbers for
25 the upstream oil and gas emissions. On the left

1 are the different system categories. And in the
2 middle you see the 2016 inventory and that's
3 converted to metric tons carbon dioxide
4 equivalent. And on the right you see the
5 emission reductions.

6 Looking along the bottom row you see the
7 change -- you see the inventory, as well as the
8 reduction total. And that's about a 40 percent
9 reduction of in-state emissions. The goal was to
10 achieve that by 2030.

11 Switching from upstream to downstream
12 here is the downstream emissions. And this
13 was -- this inventory was developed in
14 collaboration with CARB and CPUC, and that's for
15 Senate Bill 1371.

16 On the left again you see the system
17 categories. You'll see the 2015 category total
18 in the middle. And on the right you'll also the
19 2016 category total.

20 Looking along the bottom row for the
21 total emissions there's a decrease there, and
22 that's about a 5 percent decrease.

23 I'd like to share, though, that CARB
24 staff will begin working on the 2017 inventory
25 shortly. We are receiving information from the

1 utilities and that's actually due tomorrow.

2 After the inventories were developed,
3 CPUC Commissioners met, and had a decision on
4 June 2017. And their decision D.17-06-105
5 achieves the following.

6 It requires utilities to fulfill their
7 reporting method for methane emissions. The
8 utilities must submit a biennial compliance plan
9 and that has already begun in 2018. The
10 utilities must use 26 best practices. The
11 decision also says a soft target methane
12 reduction.

13 The end goal is to achieve a 40 percent
14 reduction from the 2015 baseline by the year
15 2030. As well, this decision implements a cost
16 recovery process.

17 In both the upstream and the downstream
18 emission inventories, in some cases CARB could
19 use direct measures as an accurate reporting, as
20 it is with the flow down emissions.

21 However, in other cases emission factors
22 need to be used. Some of those emissions factors
23 are 20 years old, so they're a little bit out of
24 date. And also, they were developed from
25 national studies.

1 So to address this issue to have more
2 current risk factors from California-specific
3 inventory, CARB has contracted with GTI, or Gas
4 Technology Institute, to do two studies.

5 And the Pipeline Study looked at plastic
6 pipelines and unprotected steel pipelines and
7 that was completed in 2016.

8 And the Residential Gas Meter Study was
9 completed in 2018. And as mentioned earlier in a
10 presentation, residential gas meters are a
11 significant source of emissions and those are
12 right before buildings or homes.

13 In both of these studies, randomly
14 selected samples were taken from PG&E, SoCal Gas,
15 and San Diego Gas & Electric.

16 I'd also like to share that in addition
17 to CARB's contract for studies with GTI, the
18 utilities have done their own pilot projects to
19 look at in-house emissions, and they've shared
20 them with us pursuant to Senate Bill 1371, best
21 practice compliance plans.

22 In addition, CARB is aware of CEC
23 contracts and I believe Laurie ten Hope shared on
24 this one right here, a Survey of Methane
25 Emissions from the California Natural Gas System.

1 And I think it was on her slide, as well, that
2 their results indicate that natural gas leaks
3 from single-family homes were about -- oh, here,
4 it's 0.2 percent of natural gas consumption.

5 In conclusion, here are CARB contacts.

6 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Thanks so much.

7 (Applause)

8 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Thank you so
9 much.

10 So let's see, we have just a couple
11 minutes until our official -- I think it was five
12 after was our anticipated break time, so we have
13 just a couple minutes. I have two blue cards, and
14 we have a few people on WebEx who want to ask
15 questions. So the price of getting your comment
16 out before lunch is that you have one minute
17 instead of three minutes, if you wait until the
18 end of the day. So we're going to put the time
19 up. And I hope to get, more or less, the full
20 hour for lunch. So I have two blue cards and you
21 can choose whether you want to do it now or do it
22 later.

23 Jim Lutz.

24 MR. LUTZ: I'll wait until the end.

25 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Okay. So Mindy

1 Craig?

2 MS. CRAIG: I'll do it now.

3 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: All right.

4 MS. CRAIG: I'll keep to one minute.

5 I'll talk fast.

6 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: All right.

7 Good.

8 MS. CRAIG: Hi. Thanks everyone. Mindy
9 Craig with Blue Point Planning. And I've had the
10 opportunity to work on the Existing Buildings
11 Action Plan, the Residential and New Residential
12 Zero-Net Energy Action Plan, and working now on
13 the Commercial Zero-Net Action Plan, so this is
14 really true to my heart. And I think this is a
15 great opportunity, because all of the ZEN zealots
16 out there really know that it's an
17 electrification strategy, but we've kind of kept
18 that under the wraps.

19 But one thing I really wanted to comment
20 on today was a lack of more integrated, sort of
21 the built environment approaches. We really
22 looked at this building-by-building approach,
23 which is great. But the massive buildings we
24 have to transform is overwhelming. To think
25 about talking to every single house owner about

1 changing these things is really challenging.

2 So I challenge all of us to take a larger
3 perspective to think about the built environment.

4 The benefits that were talked about from UC
5 Berkeley can be magnified even more so, thinking
6 about the infrastructure and thinking what would
7 change that, resiliency and health.

8 So that's it. Is that my one minute?

9 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Thanks, Mindy.

10 MS. CRAIG: All right. Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: All right.

12 (Applause.)

13 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Mindy deserves
14 some applause.

15 Okay, I think we have a few people on
16 WebEx; is that right?

17 MS. RAITT: So I'm just going to read a
18 few questions on WebEx that are to our
19 presenters. So let's see, bear with me. Okay.

20 A question to the presenter from E3.
21 "Why gas heat pumps, as opposed to all-electric
22 heat pumps?"

23 So if Zack, if you're still here, if you
24 wouldn't mind, would you be able to address that?

25 MR. SUBIN: Sure.

1 MS. RAITT: If you could just stand at
2 the podium right there and answer this.

3 MR. AAS: Hi. Dan Aas. Different E3
4 person. Can you hear me?

5 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Yeah. Right
6 into the mic.

7 MR. AAS: Here, I'll just talk this way.

8 So natural gas heat pumps are just an
9 alternative driver of the refrigeration cycle.

10 MS. RAITT: Talk in the microphone,
11 please.

12 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Talk in the
13 mike, yeah.

14 MR. AAS: -- a different driver of the
15 refrigeration cycle.

16 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: I think you
17 turned it off.

18 MR. AAS: Now?

19 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Yes.

20 MR. AAS: Sorry. Natural gas can be used
21 as an alternative driver of the refrigeration
22 cycle and a heat pump. The advantage of it is
23 you can use the existing gas infrastructure and
24 achieve a COP of about 1.5. That's less than the
25 COP you would get out of an electric heat pump of

1 about three. But again, you're using the
2 existing gas infrastructure. You're getting
3 energy efficiency. And it decreases potentially,
4 we didn't model it in this project, but it could
5 decrease that gap between the supply curve of
6 available biomethane and the demand for gas in
7 buildout.

8 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Do we have one
9 more question from WebEx?

10 MS. RAITT: Next, we're going to put
11 Martha on the spot here. This is a question from
12 Alice Sung.

13 "Thank you. In Martha's last slide
14 showing impacts from retail buildings with
15 refrigeration, what were the assumptions in the
16 definition of refrigeration and refrigeration
17 leakage? What portions were due to building air
18 conditioning, the leakage from electric heat
19 pumps, in typical HVAC and rooftop? And what was
20 the actual refrigeration and leakage from
21 refrigerants from those refrigerators, freezers
22 and commercial or retail walk-in refrigerators,
23 grocery stores, et cetera?"

24 That's a lot.

25 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Maybe you will

1 treat us for another day.

2 MS. BROOK: Okay. So the -- can you hear
3 me? Because the green light's not on. It won't
4 go on.

5 (Colloquy)

6 MS. BROOK: Okay, so these -- this data
7 here that I charted was modeled. It was not
8 actual. So to answer the question about actual,
9 I don't know. Hopefully, it's somewhat
10 equivalent to our model. Otherwise we're, you
11 know, in a world of hurt.

12 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Well, that's
13 why we do research, so we can try to figure
14 out --

15 MS. BROOK: Sure.

16 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: -- what the
17 reality is.

18 MS. BROOK: Sure. And the leakage is
19 from the refrigeration system. So the
20 refrigeration, the big chunk is from the energy
21 used to refrigerate the display cases and the
22 units that need to refrigerate food goods. And
23 the leakage is from that refrigeration system.
24 So I'd say that it's a little bit conservative
25 because it didn't include the refrigerant leakage

1 from the air conditioning system, and that's
2 because I didn't go into the -- there's a lot of
3 decisions that you have to make about what kind
4 of air conditioning system, and therefore was
5 it -- is it self-contained or distributed
6 refrigerant, and so I didn't go there. So what's
7 there is just the refrigeration system.

8 I hope that answers the question.

9 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Okay. Thanks.

10 Is that it, Heather?

11 MS. RAITT: No, sorry, we've got a couple
12 more.

13 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Okay. Sorry.
14 Go ahead.

15 MS. RAITT: So next is Jim McMahon,
16 excuse me, for David Roland-Holst. "Slide four
17 showed real income in 2050 as increasing 5.6
18 percent. And slide five shows average household
19 income in 2015 increasing 15 percent. Please
20 explain the apparent inconsistency."

21 So 5.6 percent on slide five and 15
22 percent on slide five. Sorry. Yeah.

23 MR. ROLAND-HOLST: I'll give the answer
24 in two parts for the sake of the audience.

25 Number one, all the details are in the

1 more detailed document. But the basic
2 justification for that difference, which is not a
3 discrepancy, is that GSP and real housing income
4 are very different economic indices. Households
5 benefit from below-baseline costs, not lower
6 costs but below-baseline costs. And those
7 benefits translate into higher real incomes.

8 Thanks.

9 MS. RAITT: Okay. Thank you.

10 Next is from Alice Sung, just a comment
11 to Dana from ARB. "Great to take embedded --
12 embodied carbon and construction one-time
13 emissions into account."

14 And from Tom Kabat, "Can CARB total
15 equivalent warming index method that includes
16 (indiscernible) potential gases also be applied
17 to natural gas devices?"

18 So I don't know if somebody from CARB
19 could address that briefly?

20 MS. KOHLI: Most natural gas systems do
21 not use refrigerants. If they do use
22 refrigerants, then you could use the same method.

23 UNIDENTIFIED MALE: (Off mike.)
24 (Indiscernible.)

25 MS. KOHLI: No, I'm not sure if it could

1 be used for method leaks in the same way.

2 (Colloquy)

3 MS. KOHLI: Should I answer again? Okay.

4 So what I said earlier is natural gas
5 systems do not use refrigerants, so you cannot
6 apply the same methodology that you would apply
7 for global warming refrigerants. But I think I
8 may have misunderstood the question to being that
9 could you use total equivalent warming index for
10 methane leaks, and I'm not sure. But it does
11 seem like a good method to use because all it is,
12 is really quantifying everything to CO2
13 equivalent and then comparing apples to apples,
14 but taking emissions from the entire system. So
15 I do think that a similar methodology could be
16 developed for natural gas systems.

17 MS. RAITT: And the last one is another
18 question for ARB, perhaps Andrew Mrowka.
19 "Another -- the best estimated range of fugitive
20 natural gas emissions in terms of the factor in
21 the indirect emissions. So what is the ballpark
22 for best estimated range of fugitive natural gas
23 emissions in terms of factor of direct
24 emissions?"

25 MR. MROWKA: If you want to look at

1 emission factors, I highly recommend going to the
2 slide on the downstream emissions. And if you
3 click on that link, you'll see that CARB has
4 worked with CPUC to develop a whole table of
5 emission factors. It's Appendix 9 on our report,
6 and you'll see emission factors in there. You'll
7 see the whole range. I believe metering and
8 regulating stations with above 300 psi inlet
9 pressure have the highest lowering potential.
10 And residences, as I said, a residence would be
11 quite low. So there's quite a range on there.
12 And also, we try to use direct measurements when
13 possible. That's the highly accurate accounting.
14 But then if we don't have that, we use emission
15 factors.

16 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Okay. Thanks.
17 Thanks very much.

18 And I want to just -- it's clear that
19 there's a lot of research going on this. I mean,
20 the agencies are working together to really get a
21 handle on not only, you know, the methane
22 emissions and the various greenhouse gas
23 potential gases and emissions, and as well as the
24 emissions factors of our electricity system. And
25 so this network is actually -- we're in way past

1 our elbows on this. And it's critical that we be
2 using consistent numbers across the agency or
3 across the agencies so that we really are getting
4 to the gist of these various matters. So
5 that's -- a lot of work is going on those fronts.

6 MS. RAITT: So that's all the comments
7 from WebEx.

8 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Okay. Great.
9 Well, so thank you for sticking that out. I'm
10 going to still hold us to our, yeah, 1:05 lunch,
11 so have a good lunch and we'll see you at five
12 after 1:00.

13 (Off the record at 12:14 p.m.)

14 (On the record at 1:10 p.m.)

15 MS. RAITT: Thank you. Welcome back to
16 our Workshop on Zero Emission Buildings, and --
17 hi -- welcome back to our Workshop on Zero
18 Emission Buildings, and our first speaker in the
19 afternoon is Rory Cox, for the CPUC.

20 MR. COX: Well, thank you, and thank you
21 for the invitation to come, and I hope everybody
22 had a good lunch and everyone's energized and
23 didn't eat too much. And so my name Rory, like
24 she said, from the Energy Division of the
25 California Public Utilities Commission.

1 I have -- I am the Zero Net Energy
2 Program Lead, but we're not going to talk about
3 Zero Net Energy, we are going to talk about
4 decarbonization.

5 (Laughter)

6 And you know, some of my slides are -- if
7 you were here this morning you don't really need
8 to sit through them. And I just realized this
9 was the wrong presentation.

10 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: Do you need
11 another set of slides teed up?

12 MR. COX: I think I -- yeah, I think I
13 might. I think these versions --

14 MS. RAITT: Now, building *16:17:16

15 MR. COX: I think Chuck's the one that's
16 probably got them, when I sent you all
17 corrections. I think that'll be better at this
18 point. Do you have that? Do you want to flip
19 places with the panel?

20 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: That's fine.

21 MS. RAITT: I'm sorry. We'll take the
22 time to correct this and we'll go ahead into
23 Brian Samuelson's panel and then come back to
24 you, Rory.

25 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: Okay.

1 MS. RAITT: Thanks.

2 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: Sorry about
3 that.

4 MS. RAITT: So Brian, do you want to go
5 ahead and start the panel?

6 *MR. SAMUELSON: Yes. We'll go ahead and
7 start our panel. This is Brian Samuelson in the
8 Demand Analysis Office at the Energy Assessments
9 Division, moderating for the panel, Panel 1. And
10 we're going to go ahead and go down in order
11 today with Jonathan, followed by Rebecca, who is
12 joining us on the phone.

13 We've confirmed that she's here, since
14 we're starting earlier, to do your introduction
15 and a little brief talk about the topic. And
16 then Jonathan does have slides, but they're
17 *16:19:09.

18 MS. RAITT: Yep.

19 *MR. ABENDSCHEIN: So good afternoon,
20 Commissioners. It's great to be here. Thanks
21 for inviting us. This is a real interesting
22 panel to be able to sit on. Before I get
23 started, I just want to recognize Christine Tam
24 from my staff, sitting in the audience.

25 Everything that I'm presenting here today

1 is really thanks to her creative work. I know a
2 lot of you know her, and hopefully, I can do
3 justice to the work of her and her staff.

4 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: Hey, Jon, could
5 you maybe just get your microphone a little bit
6 closer so it's clear for everybody who's
7 listening in.

8 MR. ABENDSCHEIN: You got it. Is this a
9 little better?

10 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: If you're not
11 used to these things, it takes a while to get
12 used to.

13 MR. ABENDSCHEIN: Oh, no. I understand.
14 This is my first time in that ring. So excuse
15 any mistakes here.

16 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: It's no
17 worries.

18 MR. ABENDSCHEIN: Excuse any mistakes.
19 Can I get the next slide, please? So I want
20 people to have a little something, a little
21 background on Palo Alto. We are a full service
22 municipal utility. We have -- and I think that
23 includes being one of the only gas and electric
24 utilities in the state.

25 That puts us in a really, I think,

1 particularly interesting position for this whole
2 conversation. There are about 68,000 people in
3 Palo Alto, about 25,000 housing units with about
4 two-thirds single-family.

5 Interestingly, for a small utility we
6 have about 80 percent commercial load versus 20
7 percent residential. But on the gas side it's
8 about 50/50. And so there are actually a lot of
9 opportunities for residents to get involved in
10 emissions reduction through both gas efficiency
11 and decarbonization.

12 Can I get the next slide? So I wanted to
13 share this chart. This is Palo Alto's emissions
14 over time, and I think this is the way we're
15 representing it right now. We're looking at some
16 different ways of representing it.

17 But the main thing I wanted to call out
18 is our transition to our carbon-neutral electric
19 supply back in 2013. That policy was adopted,
20 fully implemented in 2017. And what that means
21 is, we're buying all of our energy from carbon-
22 free, hydro-electric and renewable sources under
23 long-term contracts sited in California, new
24 renewables.

25 And I think there's a lot of conversation

1 right now about exactly how to count the
2 emissions from -- you know -- a portfolio like
3 this, and we're having our own internal
4 discussions. But I think no matter what -- no
5 matter how you count it, Palo Alto does have a
6 very low emissions electric portfolio.

7 And so that's led to us to start thinking
8 about the next steps around both transportation,
9 which is the largest next step in our emissions,
10 and then building decarbonization, which is the
11 blue bar.

12 Can I get the next slide? So we got some
13 formal direction from our City Council to focus
14 on sustainability -- in our Sustainability and
15 Climate Action Plan that was adopted in 2017, a
16 clear direction to work on building
17 electrification.

18 I was asked to talk a little bit about
19 how our community -- what sort of feedback we get
20 from our community around electrification, and I
21 want to acknowledge that we have a really strong
22 group, core group of advocates that work with us.

23 A lot of these folks have heat pump water
24 heaters in their homes. Many have actually
25 helped others in the community get heat pump

1 water heaters installed in their homes, and they
2 bring us a lot of really good program ideas and
3 help make our programs better.

4 I'd say in the community generally we
5 actually have fairly low awareness. So we're
6 trying to change that by doing a little bit more
7 publicity. And we do have -- you know -- and
8 there are -- and I don't want to say that support
9 is unconditional or unqualified.

10 So we do have some folks who are pretty
11 comfortable with their understanding of
12 electrification and they raise a range of issues,
13 including the issue of resiliency; that is,
14 always having all Palo Alto transportation and
15 heating uses coming from one energy source.

16 There are also questions about the
17 impacts on our gas infrastructure, and by
18 extension, as the universe of gas customers drops
19 over time, whether the heating bills for the
20 remaining customers will rise excessively.

21 And then lastly, there are definitely
22 questions about whether decarbonization is
23 actually a net carbon reduction. We get -- I
24 think the intuition is that people question where
25 the energy's coming from when a heat pump space

1 heater is running on a dark winter night.

2 And I think some of the answer to that
3 comes in being able to explain how efficient
4 these heat pumps are, and that you can actually
5 see emission savings, even if it's being run from
6 a gas plant.

7 Can I get the next slide? So I'm not
8 going to go over all this. We have -- I know
9 there's a lot of Q and A. We have opportunities
10 to talk about what we're doing in the area of
11 electrification, and I just wanted to have a
12 slide that we could share -- that I could share
13 with people that -- to talk about some of the
14 things that we're doing.

15 We've had some early successes, but I
16 think the main insight that we've had is that we
17 really need a lot more action on a regional
18 level, that it's very hard for one small utility
19 to make a major change in the regional heat pump,
20 water heater or electrification market. So I'll
21 just stop there.

22 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: What's your
23 definition of regional? Like what does that
24 mean?

25 MR. ABENDSCHEIN: Well, we're thinking

1 Bay Area right now.

2 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: Okay.

3 MR. SAMUELSON: All right. We'll go
4 ahead and go to Rebecca, who's on the phone.

5 *MS. ANDREASSEN: Hi. Probably
6 (indiscernible) need slides. But a little quick
7 overview. So my name's Rebecca Andreassen and I
8 come from Los Angeles. I am in the Mayor's
9 Office, Mayor Garcetti's Office. I am the
10 Associate Director of Infrastructure here.

11 So I'm here to talk about City
12 Objectives, as well as a little bit of what our
13 utilities are doing. So we get our energy from
14 the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.
15 There's about also 5 million power customers of
16 *16:25:50 formally residents.

17 We have about 5,500 power customers also
18 in the Holmes (phonetic) Valley. LADWP
19 operations are financed solely through our sales.
20 So we don't get in a bit of funding through sales
21 bonds. So all of our programming we have to be
22 cautious of, because it's ratepayers, all the
23 letters that are coming in and that kind of feeds
24 into the partnering we're allowed to do.

25 And we have 7,888 Megawatts in our

1 system, and about 20 percent of that right now is
2 renewables. So it's kind of what our baseline
3 is. So we're looking at zero emission buildings.
4 First, we're kind of looking at long-term carbon
5 objectives.

6 So last week Mayor Garcetti announced
7 that he's trying to get to is zero -- net zero
8 carbon emissions by 2050; it's up from our 80
9 percent carbon reduction by 2050 previously set
10 out. So there's going to be some additional
11 goals on our end of looking at when we release
12 our next Sustainable Study Plan of how do we
13 expedite or expand on the existing goals to meet
14 these objectives.

15 One of the main things is going to be
16 improving the carbon footprint of buildings.
17 Obviously, this is where 70 percent of our
18 emissions currently coming from, is our building
19 stock and commercial and industrially
20 specifically are some of the biggest energy
21 users, as well. So that's kind of where we kind
22 of see our initial target.

23 So we want to first -- you know -- reduce
24 the energy consumed by the buildings and then
25 look at, how do we fix the energy that's going

1 into the buildings. We worked recently with
2 Seamens to analyze what steps we need to take to
3 achieve carbon reduction goals.

4 One of the big things was our transition
5 to 100 percent generation of renewable
6 electricity. This is one of the bigger
7 initiatives that we're working on right now in
8 Los Angeles. So mid-last year by the request of
9 the mayor and the City Council we're going to
10 launch 100 percent renewable study to determine
11 what assessments to make to be -- to achieve 100
12 percent renewable energy supply.

13 There is an advisory group that's been
14 really key to determining definitions of
15 renewable energies and what types of scenarios
16 that we need to have analyzed by our other
17 external partners, NREL, the group that we
18 partnered with to help us run the model
19 simulation of our power system to determine
20 feasibility.

21 And so that we recently finalized what
22 those eight scenarios are. I'm happy to talk
23 about the study if someone is interested. But we
24 expect to the initial results of what is feasible
25 in Q4 of this year and then the study will be

1 done in early 2020.

2 So in addition to just looking at our
3 power supply coming in, we also want to look at
4 what technologies are being used by buildings, as
5 well as how do we maybe adjust designs or
6 building codes to try and make them more
7 efficient, hopefully.

8 So we've partnered also -- so the Siemens
9 Study also looked at the performance technologies
10 that are key to GHG, Greenhouse Gas Reductions.
11 Air -- they looked at air quality costs, job
12 creation. And some of the main things were
13 electric heat pumps, and then rooftop PV panels.

14 So we wanted to look beyond those, as
15 well, to straight-on energy efficiency within the
16 buildings as we look to electrification. So
17 let's see. So one of the main things we did was
18 our Building Forward Design Initiative.

19 That's looking at how buildings can be
20 more resilient and sustainable by looking at how
21 they're designed in construction in the first
22 place. There's a -- this report's going to come
23 out later this year, but there's a lot of
24 recommendations related to the design and build
25 process, especially within cities and how to make

1 it easier for alternative designs to -- and
2 alternative technologies to enter into our
3 building construction format. It's an exciting
4 scenario that we're working in, as well.

5 And then lastly, for energy efficiency we
6 have our own existing building, energy and water
7 efficiency ordinance within the city that beyond
8 AB 802 in terms of 20,000 square foot and above
9 buildings are required to benchmark, and then all
10 buildings are required to take some sort of
11 efficiency action every five years.

12 We're looking at that as an opportunity
13 to help us reach energy efficiency, but we're not
14 needing to bring as much energy into the city,
15 but at the same time also help load -- balance
16 load as we are increasing electrification of
17 buildings and transportation.

18 So we have -- there's a lot of programs
19 within GWP related to on-site generation. I'm
20 happy to go into those if there's questions about
21 what types of programs we are going into, but the
22 main thought on that is, can you offer any
23 programs that hit different customer groups, not
24 just homeowners that put can put some on their
25 house, but renters and low-income, and then maybe

1 people who would love to purchase solar or solar
2 system, but they can't put on their house for
3 structural reasons or shade; so looking beyond
4 that. So that's kind of where I'll stop for now.

5 MR. SAMUELSON: Okay. Thank you,
6 Rebecca. We'll move on to Barry.

7 *MR. HOOPER: Good afternoon,
8 Commissioner McAllister and Commissioner
9 Hochschild. Thanks for hosting today's Workshop.
10 I'm honored to be here representing the City and
11 County of San Francisco. I work for the
12 Department of the Environment as a Senior Green
13 Build Environment Coordinator.

14 And I also wanted to mention that apropos
15 today's meeting and the subject matter, we're
16 also looking forward to hosting the Governor's
17 Climate Action Summit in September. And San
18 Francisco's currently reviewing and contributing
19 to a number of opportunities to make additional
20 commitments to strengthen our share engagement in
21 progress in climate action, and we're definitely
22 hopeful to see similar -- what similar
23 commitments may come from the State of
24 California.

25 In the meantime, I just wanted to

1 highlight one recent public commitment toward the
2 World Green Building Council announced earlier
3 this week, which -- where they challenged private
4 sector leaders to accept the Net Zero Carbon
5 Buildings Commitment in advance of the Summit,
6 any one of three substantive companies, including
7 one Bay Area engineering firm, that have signed
8 onto that.

9 But of course, that's a milestone in
10 efforts that we've all been working on for some
11 time, and our goal as a city is carbon neutrality
12 citywide for both public and private sector no
13 later than 2050. We have milestone goals along
14 the way, and through sustained efforts of many
15 parties, definitely including this Commission,
16 our own staff, utilities, private sector
17 expertise, we actually have been meeting those
18 milestones.

19 Since 1990, San Francisco's emissions
20 have been down -- have been reduced 29 percent,
21 while the population has grown 20 percent and the
22 economy has more than doubled. So our GDP is
23 about 111% of what it was in 1990.

24 So the choice between environment and
25 economy is not -- not been borne out. It's a

1 both/and. My focus is projects, programs,
2 policies that relate to the built environment and
3 contributing to meeting those goals.

4 And I should really point out that those
5 goals are adopted in the context of
6 responsibility, that we really acknowledge that
7 that's the threshold that science says we need to
8 meet. And the question then, as Rebecca alluded
9 to, is what's feasible.

10 And so in 2016 we also worked with
11 Siemens, and looked at exactly how we could come
12 -- we could get to those 80 percent -- then 80
13 percent emissions goals, reduction goals that
14 have now been updated to 100 percent goal.

15 And in a nutshell, the finding was we do
16 need to continue to make progress together to
17 cleaning up the utility grid, partly through
18 compliance with the Renewable Portfolio Standard
19 laws in effect today.

20 We really expect the net effect of those
21 laws, unless they happen to change, as basically
22 offsetting growth and emissions, that the city
23 will grow and the new renewables coming online,
24 if we're conservative about our expectations
25 about them, should not get us where we need to

1 go, but definitely contribute to things not
2 getting any more difficult.

3 A Building Efficiency and Transportation,
4 of course, are major areas where efficiency can
5 yield emissions cuts, and we found opportunities
6 for about a 63 percent additional cut, and that
7 that is beneficial to reduction criteria, air
8 emissions and employment it would support about
9 420,000 full-time equivalent person years of work
10 between now and 2050.

11 That's just a gross number, so it's -- I
12 really appreciated the economic analysis earlier,
13 because a lot of those person years would be
14 invested simply in maintaining the status quo,
15 since most of these appliances and building
16 systems will wear out and need replacement
17 between now and 2050, whether we replace them
18 with a clean and efficient option or not.

19 And so what do we need to do to actually
20 get to 80 percent or 100 percent reduction? And
21 the answer became pretty clear. Today, 95
22 percent of thermal appliances serving primarily
23 domestic hot water and space heating are served
24 by on-site fossil fuel consumption.

25 And the only means that we could find to

1 get to the 80 percent or even 100 percent
2 emission reduction was widespread transition of
3 those end uses to use of renewable electricity
4 primarily with on the shelf technology, such as
5 particularly including efficient heat pumps.

6 And that -- it transitioned to heat pumps
7 was the single most impactful measure that we
8 could analyze, contributing at least 13 percent
9 in overall emission reduction. To support that
10 transition our team is engaging on a number of
11 levels, particularly on education, collaborating
12 with other cities within the state through the
13 Bay Area Regional Energy Network, or BAREN, among
14 other collaborations, as well as communities
15 outside the state that operate in different
16 regulatory environments that are at the same time
17 not as advanced as California in certain
18 respects, but often offer a little more
19 flexibility to help meet these goals at the same
20 time.

21 And of course, we're among the many
22 communities participating in our own efforts to
23 clean up the utility grid by -- through
24 partnership with PG&E, running the Clean Power SF
25 Community Choice Aggregation Program, through the

1 -- hosted by the San Francisco Public Utilities
2 Commission, by requiring new buildings to install
3 solar, new building up to 10 floors and a little
4 bit in advance of the Commission's recent similar
5 decision, by requiring these new buildings to
6 also be prepared for the transition to
7 electrification of transportation, because it's
8 all really one system from our point of view.

9 So we're requiring electrical
10 infrastructure to build support up to an entirely
11 electric fleet in a manner that provides some
12 flexibility for the -- and cost minimization for
13 the developer at the time of construction.

14 We're collaborating with other local
15 officials to track the progress in developing the
16 energy standards so that the state's rule set is,
17 first, continues the progress that you've
18 committed to and staff have committed to and have
19 made so much progress toward in reducing the
20 disincentive to use electric appliances for these
21 end uses, and then ultimately, you know, help --
22 that'll set the playing field for us to be able
23 to credibly encourage their use in buildings
24 moving forward.

25 We've been certainly hosting workshops to

1 understand the market development and market
2 transformation and workforce development needs,
3 and begin some planning in that direction. We're
4 currently developing a comprehensive strategy to,
5 again, roll out the transition, because we do --
6 we see it as necessary to do the type of consumer
7 engagement that was acknowledged as difficult.

8 But it's the part of the system that we
9 have a special relationship with, is the local
10 government, and we have the confidence that we
11 can actually affect. And then last, we're
12 observing and participating in a number of
13 experiments.

14 And just as a comment, you know, one of
15 our lessons learned, and an opportunity for
16 better alignment between the -- where the
17 Commission is currently going and its -- some of
18 the intellectual infrastructure currently in
19 place, is that a critical lesson learned in a
20 recent project that we happen to be observing was
21 that the structure, specifically the Electric
22 Program Investment Charge has a limitation for
23 supporting this type of outcome, because in the
24 particular project it had its own issues, but one
25 of the major challenges was they're aiming for

1 taking a historic, multi-family building serving
2 affordable housing, taking that to ZNE, and of
3 course, it's a mixed-fuel building today.

4 And so inherently, that transition to
5 deeper efficiency and being able to meet their
6 thermal loads with electric end uses involved
7 either a slight reduction in electric use or a
8 possible slight increase in electric use,
9 concurrent with a radical increase in what
10 fraction of the building's energy would be
11 supplied by renewable energy.

12 And that was -- that's not compatible
13 with the electricity reduction goal inherent in
14 the Electric Program Investment Charge research
15 at the moment. So I just wanted to highlight
16 that, that we both enjoy working with the
17 Commission and want to keep getting good feedback
18 about where we really need to improve, and also,
19 to give feedback to the Commission about where
20 there's opportunity align goals with rules and
21 with requirements. Thank you.

22 *MR. HOWLETT: Okay. Good afternoon.
23 I'm Owen Howlett. I work for Sacramento
24 Municipal Utility District, SMUD, and I'm in the
25 R&D group there where we've been working for a

1 while on justifying SMUD's new electrification
2 programs.

3 I want to recognize my colleague, Scott
4 Blunk, who's over here in the audience, and my
5 colleague, Obadiah Bartholomy, in the back, who
6 have done a ton of work on this stuff and
7 collectively we're all trying to bring this to --
8 but we have already brung this to fruition.

9 So I want to talk to the question today
10 about the Cost Impact of these Electrification
11 Measures on Customers, because this is one of the
12 big, important, unanswered questions, is if we
13 move to these electrified technologies, will
14 customers be paying more for the privilege of
15 reducing their greenhouse gas emissions.

16 So what I'm sharing today is the results
17 of several studies that we have already done on
18 that topic. So sorry for all the numbers in the
19 slide. I just wanted to get this on the record
20 with the Energy Commission.

21 What this slide's intended to show is the
22 results of a study that TRC Energy did for us,
23 looking at existing homes and what the impact on
24 customer bills is of electrifying the space
25 heating in existing homes.

1 So we've broken it down across the
2 columns by the vintage of the home. These homes
3 were modeled in CBECC-Res, with the appropriate
4 grid insulation and characteristics of homes from
5 those code years. And then the rows are
6 different sizes of home.

7 We've used the standard Energy Commission
8 home sizing bands there. The lowest savings are
9 at top right. Those are small, modern homes,
10 which have, you know, good insulation, don't use
11 very much heating.

12 In those homes we model a 14, what is it,
13 MMBtu reduction in source energy, which nobody
14 knows what MMBtu is. So we put that in
15 percentage terms. That's a 39 percent reduction
16 in the source energy use of the HVAC of the home.

17 Bottom left is the highest savings, the
18 largest home, the largest, oldest homes.
19 Customers are saving about 280 bucks a year by
20 moving to a heat pump for their heating instead
21 of having their gas furnace.

22 And in those homes we're saving a similar
23 percentage, 36 percent of the source energy, and
24 therefore, the greenhouse gases, and saving about
25 16 percent of the HVAC bill. So the take-home

1 from this slide is across all the vintages we
2 looked at and across all the home sizes we looked
3 at there is a bill reduction for all those
4 customers when they move to heat pump heating
5 from gas furnaces.

6 And of course, there's a very significant
7 greenhouse gas and source energy reduction.

8 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: Can I -- I want
9 to have one clarification, just a clarifying
10 question.

11 MR. HOWLETT: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: So does the --
13 how big of an impediment is the -- particularly
14 for older buildings -- but really, for all
15 buildings, is the firing issue where you have to
16 get into wire to be able to install a heat pump,
17 where before, you know, that wire didn't exist.
18 Is that included in your upfront cost? Is that
19 built in --

20 MR. HOWLETT: No. That's not -- these
21 are just annual running costs --

22 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: Okay.

23 MR. HOWLETT: -- of the systems. This
24 isn't a total cost -- analysis.

25 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: Oh, okay so

1 that's not life cycle.

2 MR. HOWLETT: So we have to throw in here
3 what we believe is about a \$2,000 increment
4 currently on the cost of a heat pump over a gas
5 equivalent.

6 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: Upon
7 replacement.

8 MR. HOWLETT: Upon replacement, right.
9 Right. And there may be wiring, additional
10 wiring requiring. It's simply we haven't looked
11 into it in detail. So we're still -- we're still
12 --

13 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: Yeah. I mean,
14 these are programmatic issues, but they are --
15 they do impact.

16 MR. HOWLETT: Oh, absolutely, yeah. We -
17 -

18 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: (Indiscernible)
19 some of this stuff, too.

20 MR. HOWLETT: We're committed to looking
21 at all this stuff. We just haven't -- we haven't
22 finished it yet. We're still working on it.

23 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: Great. Thanks.

24 MR. HOWLETT: So next slide. Oh, sorry.
25 I wanted to just say -- let's go back to the

1 previous slide. Sorry. We ran the bill savings
2 not assuming SMUD's electric -- sorry. These
3 bill savings assume SMUD's electricity rates,
4 which we know are lower than other utilities in
5 the state.

6 So we ran the same analysis with a
7 hypothetical 20 percent higher rate for
8 electricity, and the savings declined by about
9 half. So instead of saving the amounts of money
10 shown here, customers would save around half that
11 much, but it would still be a savings.

12 Then in terms of water heating we've
13 looked at three, there are three, really, options
14 that customers currently have, which is a gas
15 storage tank type heater, a gas tankless heater
16 and a heat pump water heater.

17 The second column there shows the annual
18 operating costs of those options, again, in SMUD
19 territory. We'd have to add a little bit more to
20 the electricity for other utilities. And the
21 second column there shows the annual greenhouse
22 gas emissions in pounds.

23 And you can see, that's a -- there's a
24 very dramatic difference there between the two
25 gas options and the heat pump. The big question

1 here with the heat pump water heaters is the
2 installation cost. And we've analyzed the
3 customers who have come through our program so
4 far who've converted from gas to electric water
5 heating.

6 Our best estimate, and it's a little
7 complicated to figure out because there are a lot
8 of moving parts, is that it's around \$2800 as a
9 base cost to have a heat pump water heater
10 installed, of which the water heater itself is
11 about 1300 and the remainder is labor for
12 installation.

13 Now, as I said, that's a base cost.
14 That's assuming that people have an amenable site
15 to install the thing. It's assuming that they
16 don't have to upgrade their panel and it's
17 assuming that the condensate drain can be run
18 inexpensively.

19 We have seen costs up to four a half
20 thousand for installation of the heat pump water
21 heater. Those -- we're pretty sure those are
22 exceptional based on some -- I'm going to choose
23 my word here -- some overpricing from plumbers
24 who are factoring in a high degree of risk into
25 their pricing, and may be choosing their

1 customers carefully.

2 So that's our best estimate of the
3 current cost. Now, it's important, we think,
4 when you look at the cost effectiveness of these
5 electrification measures to understand that there
6 is often a high incremental cost for the
7 electrification when it's first done.

8 But once that house is electrified and
9 the heat pump water heater is in place or the
10 heat pump space heater is in place, the
11 replacement cost of that device is not as great.
12 It's 2,800 bucks to install it the first time, or
13 maybe it's even 4,000 to install it the first
14 time, but when you come to replace it, it's
15 cheap, because all the infrastructure's already
16 there.

17 The wiring is done. The condensate drain
18 is run. Everything's done. So when we looked at
19 the cost-effectiveness of these measures in terms
20 of the -- for instance, in code or in the CPUC in
21 terms of program cost effectiveness, we want to
22 make sure we're looking at a long enough horizon
23 in the future that we include that less expensive
24 replacement cost when it comes around in 15 years
25 or whenever it gets to be replaced.

1 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: Is there a
2 difference in the lifetime?

3 MR. HOWLETT: The lifetimes of these are
4 really hard to judge, because we don't have
5 enough experience with the heat pump water
6 heaters to know what their effective useful life
7 is. So that's a hard analysis to conduct, but
8 we're assuming it's around 15 years.

9 There is a bit of an issue here with TDV.
10 This may not be the right place to raise it.
11 Well, no, I'll save that for later. Sorry.
12 Okay. Next slide.

13 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: Do we -- Brian,
14 how long do we have? Like, when are we supposed
15 to be wrapping up?

16 MR. SAMUELSON: We have an hour and a
17 half. So we have till 2:35.

18 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: 2:35. We had
19 originally planned till 3:05, but then we had to
20 put Rory in. Is that right?

21 MR. SAMUELSON: Correct.

22 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: Okay. So 2:35.
23 All right. I'm just keeping an eye on things.

24 MR. HOWLETT: So this slide is a summary
25 of the current electrification programs that SMUD

1 has underway. These are fully fledged programs.
2 They're not pilots anymore. The All Electric New
3 Homes Program at the top, we're providing
4 incentive up to \$5,000 per new home, and it
5 breaks down, as I'm showing there with the
6 bullets.

7 We've got a fixed amount for each element
8 of the electrification with a minimum pre-wiring
9 requirement for the home with it. Even if it has
10 gas appliances, there are electric wires behind
11 the walls ready to -- for those to be
12 electrified.

13 We're currently under discussion and
14 probably will be for a while about whether we
15 will require buildings to have absolutely no gas
16 to site, or whether we're allow people into the
17 program if they still have a gas element or
18 something. We're still figuring that out.

19 Then the second row there is our retrofit
20 program, existing homes. It's called the Home
21 Performance Program. In theory, people are able
22 to get up to \$13,750, which nobody actually,
23 probably will, to electrify their home. It
24 breaks down in the way I've shown.

25 It's unlikely would be able to utilize

1 all those incentives in a home, but it is
2 theoretically possible. So what we've done here
3 is integrate the -- integrate our existing Energy
4 Efficiency Program, which is the Home Performance
5 Program.

6 We've brought electrification measures
7 into that program so it's an integrated program
8 that allows customers to both electrify and make
9 their home more efficient at the same time, from
10 a common set of incentive amounts.

11 Okay. Next slide. So SMUD's pushing
12 very hard on the program side. There's a high
13 degree of urgency in what we are trying to
14 achieve. There are a lot of market barriers to
15 overcome, perception barriers, awareness
16 barriers.

17 So obviously, the faster we address
18 those, the faster we get through that difficult
19 phase. One of the places we're looking for
20 support is obviously Title 24. But also, we're
21 looking for cities and counties to be able to
22 support this effort, because they have a lot more
23 leverage than we can have in terms of passing
24 local code and requiring people to do things.

25 What we want to suggest here, or

1 demonstrate, is a new approach that we're taking
2 to working with cities and countries, because
3 typically, the understanding incentive programs
4 is if a measure is requirement by a state code or
5 a local code, then utilities don't incentivize
6 that measure, because it's already mandatory. So
7 we're not changing anyone's behavior.

8 We have thought of that here, tried to
9 flip the horse and the cart around, so that what
10 we're suggesting to one another for the
11 municipalities is that we will commit to fund the
12 -- those measures. We'll commit to provide
13 program incentives, even though they will be
14 mandatory under the local code.

15 And the approach there is to say, this
16 local code would never have been passed if we
17 didn't provide the incentives, because the costs
18 imposed on customers are too high. So we're
19 taking care of those costs in order for the code
20 to be passed.

21 Now, it works out somewhat neatly for us
22 because we wouldn't commit indefinitely to
23 provide incentives, indefinitely into the future,
24 but we can permit -- we can commit to provide
25 incentives for let's say two or three years,

1 which is, coincidentally, the amount of time that
2 a local ordinance lasts before it expires with
3 the next statewide code cycle.

4 So it's a pretty neat fit between our
5 needs and the statewide system. So I don't want
6 to go spend all the time going through the words
7 there, but this is a new approach. We think it
8 makes a lot of sense. We think we've got local
9 municipalities interested in this.

10 So to summarize. We -- obviously,
11 electrification provides a magnitude of reduction
12 in GHGs that we can't come close to with regular
13 efficiency measures. We have a lot of studies,
14 including E3's most recent study calling for
15 dramatic increases in the market for heat pumps.

16 And the urgency on this is something I
17 want to try to convey. When we install gas
18 infrastructure for modern homes, when we put gas
19 infrastructure in new homes, we know that we're
20 going to have to take that out at some point.

21 So putting gas pipes in the ground in
22 2018 doesn't make any sense, and so we're trying
23 to push hard to bring us to a point where we no
24 longer have that happening. One of the other
25 benefits that we get from electrification is that

1 it's not only greenhouse gas reduction. It's
2 also thermal storage.

3 So a heat pump water heater, even a small
4 one, a 50-gallon, regular, residential heat pump
5 water heater is equivalent to about a one-
6 kilowatt hour battery, if you can put in a
7 thermostatic mixing valve and control that water
8 heater as a thermal storage unit.

9 So that's -- and of course, that comes at
10 a cost that's dramatically less than the actual
11 cost of one-kilowatt hour conventional chemical
12 battery. There are several things that we are --
13 we would like the state to do --

14 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: Can you --

15 MR. HOWLETT: -- to help us along this
16 path.

17 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: -- can I ask a
18 question. Are you taking into account the sort
19 of dispatch, you know, the sort of time, the
20 temporal aspect of that, when you turn it on and
21 off and when it's needed.

22 MR. HOWLETT: Right.

23 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: And whether it
24 even has any load to be shifted at any given
25 time.

1 MR. HOWLETT: So its characteristics are
2 definitely different from a chemical battery. It
3 can't provide power back to the grid at all. But
4 so we're just looking here at its ability to
5 absorb power from the grid. In those terms it's
6 about equivalent to that size battery.

7 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: Okay.

8 MR. HOWLETT: That's all. Thank you very
9 much.

10 (Applause)

11 *MS. KUYKENDALL: Good afternoon. My
12 name is Rachel Kuykendall, and I am our Programs
13 Manager with Sonoma Clean Power. Try to get
14 pretty quickly through this so we can catch up a
15 little bit, and you can go to the next slide.

16 So Sonoma Clean Power, we are the
17 Community Choice Aggregator, or CCA, for Sonoma
18 and for Mendocino Counties, and really thrilled
19 to be there. Decarbonization is something that's
20 near and dear to us, because when SCP was set up,
21 really right in our mandates is the goal of
22 reducing greenhouse gas emissions for our
23 customers and for our member cities and counties.

24 I'm here today to talk a little bit about
25 a program that we have -- are about two months

1 into at this point, which is called Advance
2 Energy Rebuild, and is a direct response to the
3 fires that really devastated our community last
4 year and left with about 5,000 homes that we need
5 to rebuild.

6 You guys can go to the next slide. Oh,
7 this is very small. Okay. So I'm going to do a
8 couple minutes just on the program structure and
9 what makes it unique, because there are some
10 really interesting aspects to this.

11 On the left-hand side in about a size two
12 font, that's our Dual Fuel Option for homes
13 participating. On the right-hand side is our All
14 Electric Pathway for Participation. That top row
15 is a performance-based option for homes, which is
16 asking them to be 20 percent better than current
17 energy code.

18 And on the bottom is a prescriptive
19 option for participation. And that prescriptive
20 option was really important to us for really two
21 reasons, the first of which is it became this
22 really engaging learning tool for engaging with
23 our customers, and they can visualize this home
24 in a way that they couldn't visualize 20 percent
25 better than code.

1 The second reason that this was very
2 important is all these homes are getting
3 permitted under the current 2016 standards. So
4 it can be really difficult for an all-electric
5 home to get 10, 15, 20 percent better than Energy
6 Code, which is what current incentive programs
7 are currently offering rebates on.

8 So we wanted to include a prescriptive
9 option that was very rigorous for these homes,
10 but didn't penalize homeowners for rebuilding in
11 a way that was ultimately energy efficient, more
12 carbon neutral and, yeah, very, very efficient.

13 So the other thing I wanted to really
14 highlight here is that we've made an effort to
15 unsilo traditional utility program offerings, and
16 really think about holistic options to help
17 people rebuild. So you'll see things like water
18 efficiency, electric vehicle charging stations,
19 solar PV, DR capability for our heat pump water
20 heaters, which we think is a great potential
21 resource down the line.

22 And we also do have a pre-wiring
23 requirement for the program. So any dual fuel
24 homes that do participate do need to wire to any
25 gas appliances for an eventual switch to

1 electrification. And we think that's important
2 because this is really the most cost-effective
3 time to do that pre-wiring, so that we're not
4 causing customers to have to invest thousands
5 down the line when they do want to make that
6 switch.

7 And then, yeah, we can go to the next
8 slide. So our program partners, this is another
9 thing that really makes, I think, this program
10 unique. We have three very strange bedfellows
11 funding this. So the first of which is PG&E, and
12 frankly, we could not have set this program up as
13 quickly as did without their participation.

14 We're leveraging their existing
15 California Advanced Homes Program and we are
16 pretty blatantly stealing their great program
17 implementer, a lot of their processes, and of
18 course, their program funds. What is important
19 to note about those PG&E funds is they are fuel
20 agnostic, because they are CPUC funds.

21 So PG&E is funding both that dual fuel
22 home and that all electric home at the same
23 incentive level. And where that difference the
24 consumer ultimately sees this coming from is from
25 Sonoma Clean Power and the Bay Area Air Quality

1 Management District.

2 We're more aligned in terms of valuing
3 the GHG reduction, rather than just kilowatt
4 hours and therms. And why I really want to
5 highlight this is I think this is one solution
6 near term for how we can potentially offer
7 programs that value decarbonization while we work
8 towards long-term policy and legislative
9 solutions. And with that, I think I am done.
10 Thank you.

11 (Applause)

12 *MS. BROOKS: Good afternoon,
13 Commissioners. I'm Erin Brooks, the Regulatory
14 Policy Manager for SoCalGas, and Customer
15 Programs Commission and Assistance Departments
16 for our Energy Efficiency Programs and our Low
17 Income Programs.

18 Thank you for allowing us to participate
19 in the discussion today. We really do appreciate
20 being engaged in the conversations about how to
21 reduce emissions in buildings, and to achieve our
22 SP 350 goals.

23 There's been a lot of discussion about a
24 specific path this morning, and this discussion
25 today, but I'm here to offer an additional

1 perspective on a broader and more comprehensive
2 approach. Even this morning Commissioner
3 McAllister said that we need to consider all
4 options.

5 And so since California has been a leader
6 in environmental and energy policy, there's a
7 need for a mixed and balanced approach in order
8 to meet our climate goals, air quality goals and
9 public health goals.

10 So SoCalGas supports our efforts to curb
11 greenhouse gas emissions and other emissions.
12 We've been a long-standing leader in developing
13 energy efficient technologies and delivering
14 energy efficiency programs that in term deliver
15 meaningful emissions reductions.

16 Since 1990, our Energy Efficiency
17 Programs have delivered what equates to removing
18 700,000 vehicles from the road. Our Emerging
19 Technologies Program identifies, assesses and
20 demonstrates new, efficient technologies for
21 buildings so they can be offered in our Energy
22 Efficiency Portfolio and adopted by customers in
23 order to transform the market.

24 Some of these technologies are drain
25 water heat recovery, advance solar water heating,

1 advanced boiler controls and a combination of
2 water and space heating systems. But our work
3 has not stopped there. Right now, we're working
4 with a leading manufacturer on an advanced
5 natural gas furnace, which reduces NOx emissions
6 by 65 percent, and is one of several models that
7 now meets the state's highest air quality
8 standards.

9 So while we are proud of the advances
10 we've achieved so far, we know that there's a big
11 challenge ahead of us to get to our 2030
12 greenhouse gas targets, and we know that that's
13 going to take new approaches.

14 As Dana mentioned this morning, CARB's
15 scoping plan did not include building
16 electrification as a pathway to achieve our 2030
17 goals, but it does include renewable gas. So
18 decarbonizing our gas supply is going to be
19 incredibly important, as well as we -- at the
20 same time as we decarbonize our electricity
21 supply.

22 So in mentioning what Martha Brook talked
23 about earlier with our supply side strategy, this
24 decarbonization of the gas in the pipelines is
25 really a lower cost and more consumer friendly

1 approach that achieves our emission reduction
2 goals while enabling consumer choice.

3 So an integrated energy grid, which
4 comprises of both electricity and gas delivery
5 systems that are increasingly renewable and lower
6 carbon can insure reliability and can help
7 society adapt and become more resilient to the
8 impacts of climate change.

9 Today there's strong demand for renewable
10 gas in the transportation sector in California,
11 and tomorrow that gas can be delivered to
12 buildings in order to meet our end uses and meet
13 our greenhouse gas reduction targets.

14 So right now, SoCalGas is working on
15 legislation that will support procurement of
16 renewable gas for our pipelines. This program
17 would ramp up to five percent of core throughput
18 by 2030, which in this approach it would avoid
19 the need for massive infrastructure change out,
20 massive -- a high cost in purchase and
21 installation and equipment, and long-term
22 operating costs.

23 Further, if we capture the productive use
24 of organic sources of methane, that re-uses
25 California's waste stream as energy. Last year,

1 in CARB's 2017 Climate Change Scoping Plan,
2 reducing methane emissions from organic sources
3 was a major part of the strategy.

4 So while there are several efforts by the
5 CPUC, the Air Resources Board and other
6 policymakers to create opportunities to increase
7 the production of in-state renewable gas, like
8 dairy pilot projects, financial mechanisms and
9 interconnection policy, as well as in the
10 transportation sector, as the low carbon fuel
11 standard, we need policies to support the broader
12 use of renewable gas in buildings.

13 As we know, 2030 is approaching very
14 quickly, and we need to look at all alternatives
15 to reduce emissions. Policy should retain a
16 focus on energy savings in alignment with
17 greenhouse gas reduction, but does not
18 predetermine a singular technology path to
19 attaining those savings and reductions.

20 As the Air Resources Board presenters
21 noted earlier this morning, energy efficiency
22 plays a critical role in meeting our targets, as
23 does decarbonizing the fuel we use in buildings.
24 We need to take a look at how to decarbonize the
25 natural gas and not just electrified end uses.

1 Consumers deserve and prefer a choice in
2 how they heat their homes and cook their food,
3 and we need policies that preserve that choice
4 while meeting our emissions reduction goals.
5 Thank you.

6 (Applause)

7 *MS. WOOD: Good afternoon, Commissioners
8 and other Workshop Participants. I'm Kevin Wood
9 with Southern California Edison, and I'm very
10 happy to be here, and thank you for inviting us
11 to participate on the panel and participate in
12 the Workshop.

13 It's very interesting and informative,
14 and great to hear this conversation going on. I
15 love all the different perspectives. Southern
16 California Edison is committed to reducing
17 greenhouse gas emissions and creating a clean
18 energy future.

19 We know, we've heard, that the -- or we
20 know the state's ambitious goals of getting to a
21 40 percent reduction in emissions from 1990
22 levels by 2030, 80 percent reduction by 2050, are
23 very ambitious.

24 As Erin pointed out, even though 12 years
25 seems like a long time away, we know we have to

1 act with a sense of urgency for sure. In
2 October, Edison released Clean Power and
3 Electrification Pathway, and this is a proposal
4 that lays out a clear, cost-effective path to
5 reducing California's greenhouse gas emissions,
6 and improving the air quality.

7 By 2030, the Pathway calls for an
8 electric grid that's supplied by 80 percent
9 carbon-free energy, more than 7 million electric
10 vehicles on California roads and about -- or up
11 to about a third of space and water heating in
12 buildings supplied or powered by electricity.

13 So we've seen a lot of presentations
14 today that talk about the amount of space in
15 water heating. We clearly know that's the bulk
16 of what's going on in residential and commercial
17 buildings. We believe, and what our Pathways
18 Analysis tells us, is that by using highly
19 efficient heat pumps for space and water heating,
20 we can reduce across the state about 12 million
21 metric tons of GHG emissions.

22 So one of the key considerations in our
23 Pathways Analysis was that installing electric
24 appliances today, they actually get greener as
25 the grid gets cleaner over time. Current state

1 policies call for 50 percent renewables by 2030.

2 Our Clean Power Pathways Analysis calls
3 for 80 percent carbon free by 2030. And so we
4 know we have to work with policymakers and all
5 the stakeholders, builders, designers,
6 manufacturers, customers, communities and others
7 to raise awareness.

8 That's been touched on multiple times
9 here this morning. We need to update some
10 policies and we need to continue to sort of
11 increase the availability of clean technologies
12 and continue to sort of mature the technologies
13 in this area.

14 As has been touched upon, some of the
15 policies that we would like to see evolve are the
16 fuel neutrality in the Building Code and some of
17 the cost effectiveness tests, because we know
18 that this is going to require some incentives and
19 some cost support for customers to switch.

20 So on that note, we know that
21 affordability is top of mind for our customers.
22 We're not calling for a wholesale replacement of
23 home gas appliances with electric. I think
24 that's been in the media a bit, but that's not
25 practical.

1 But we know that new construction and
2 some kinds of retrofits, for example, customers
3 that already have the appropriate electrical
4 infrastructure, these can be affordable
5 candidates for electrification.

6 So we're working on these innovative
7 solutions with several of the parties, even here,
8 and others, and we also believe that customer
9 choice is very important and we want to help
10 customers decarbonize in the most affordable and
11 practical way.

12 (Applause)

13 MR. SAMUELSON: All right. I'd like to
14 thank all the panelists for introducing
15 themselves and their organizations, all the work
16 that's being done. We'll go ahead and move onto
17 the questions that we have for Panel Discussion.

18 And then Rebecca, who's on the phone,
19 after I read the questions, if you hear a space
20 of quiet, go ahead and step on in if you have
21 something to share.

22 Go on, on the first question, what are
23 the key steps you are taking to reduce emissions
24 in government buildings? It's open to anyone.

25 MS. ANDREASSEN: I guess I can start in

1 Los Angeles. So we did not exempt city buildings
2 from any of our efficiency requirements, and we
3 actually lowered the requirement of building
4 square footage, just compared to the private
5 sector.

6 Effective there, is we want to make sure
7 that if we're asking private sector to do
8 something, that we understand what the process is
9 ourselves, and that, you know, if there's
10 challenges that we can kind of aid in at least
11 the energy reduction side of the thing and water
12 reduction.

13 So any city building that's 15,000 square
14 feet or above is required to do -- to show an
15 energy or water savings of 15 percent, and 20
16 percent respectively over five years, or show
17 that they are the best performing buildings in
18 their category according to Energy Star.

19 So that's what they were doing at least
20 in terms of trying to adjust locally, and then
21 we're also trying use city buildings as pilot
22 testing capabilities. We do test new HVAC
23 systems where we can, and we -- as city employees
24 we do get a lot of vendors coming through wanting
25 us to try or test or do things through new

1 technologies.

2 And where we can, we're happy to do it so
3 that we're not, you know, if we're going to
4 introduce Buildings Codes that are related to a
5 certain part of the Energy Code that we want to
6 effectuate, we at least want to know what the
7 technology is or the extent of the potential
8 buyer before we start encouraging grassroots
9 regulations or new policy in that area.

10 MR. HOOPER: This is Barry in San
11 Francisco. I would echo Rebecca's comments that
12 we certainly start and commit to leadership by
13 example (coughing) in our own facilities at the
14 city. Those efforts are led by our counterpart
15 to the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission,
16 which happens to be the electricity service
17 provider for municipal facilities in San
18 Francisco, among some other customer types.

19 And so at first -- not a first, but a
20 major step has been, of course, San Francisco
21 adopted citywide benchmark and then disclosure
22 requirements for both private sector and its own
23 facilities in 2011. And in municipal facilities,
24 the carbon footprint in municipal facilities has
25 been reduced about 29 percent since the tracking

1 began, and the baseline there is 2009, just
2 because tracking's always -- tracking started in
3 2011, but took into account a couple years
4 beforehand.

5 At the same time, since the San Francisco
6 Public Utilities Commission is the electricity
7 service provider for those facilities and its
8 primary source -- its sources of electricity in
9 general are large hydro and some solar electric
10 generation resources developed, essentially all
11 of the operating greenhouse gas emissions in
12 municipal facilities is through the combustion of
13 natural gas on site.

14 And that's a current topic of discussion
15 in exactly this sort of issue where our first
16 objective had been supporting the Commission in
17 insuring that because we're in a coastal climate
18 zone, or the very mild climate, that it was as
19 straightforward as possible, and we had high
20 confidence that the buildings could remain very
21 efficient and adopt those electric end uses.

22 And I will -- I'd expect to see further
23 action from there in the near future, but we --
24 that certainly is a focus of where we're managing
25 our (indiscernible).

1 MR. ABENDSCHEIN: Jonathan Abendschein,
2 Palo Alto. I would just echo a lot of what L.A.
3 and San Francisco are saying. We -- you know --
4 we're trying to take as much of a lead as we can
5 in our own buildings.

6 Our focus has been on reducing the
7 emissions in our electric supply up until now,
8 and also, pushing to have our government
9 buildings as efficient as possible. In the last
10 few years we completed a main library that
11 achieved leed platinum status, and our new Public
12 Safety Building is designed to CALGreen Tier 2
13 Standards, with a target of leed gold.

14 But like San Francisco, we're just
15 starting the discussion about how to reduce gas
16 use in those buildings, as well, or talking about
17 fuel switching in those buildings, as well.
18 We're just starting that discussion.

19 MS. BROOKS: This is Erin from SoCalGas.
20 I'll just add from the investor-owned utility's
21 perspective, they're -- at least in our Energy
22 Efficiency Portfolios, when our systems for our
23 government customers is focused on this new
24 public sector that we've created in our New
25 Ruling Portfolio we have specific metrics to

1 measure the greenhouse gas emissions reductions
2 associated with our program delivery, which is
3 the first time we've ever tracked and reported on
4 this, which is a really positive path.

5 And looking at the public sector,
6 specifically separate from our traditional
7 approach, to treating it as our general
8 commercial sector is going to afford special
9 focus in addressing the specific barriers that
10 these kinds of customers and buildings often
11 face.

12 For example, the different fiscal years,
13 the different kinds of financing requirements
14 that government customers often have, as well as
15 the different split incentives that they face,
16 rather than typical commercial customers.

17 So we're excited about tailoring our
18 Energy Efficiency Programs to our government and
19 public sector customers in a really targeted way
20 as we move forward.

21 MR. HOWLETT: This is Owen Howlett, from
22 SMUD. I think it's fair to say we're doing a lot
23 of similar things that the other utilities are
24 doing, we have account advisors that are
25 dedicated to local state government customers,

1 and trying to meet their specific needs.

2 So within the context of overall energy
3 efficiency, correct. So we also have some
4 (indiscernible) but we have over the years run
5 several pilots with local governments to improve
6 the energy efficiency of their own buildings. So
7 we're going to continue to do that.

8 MS. WOOD: This is Kevin Wood, with
9 Edison. The only other thing I'll add in
10 addition to some of the things that we're doing,
11 as well as the other utilities, is we are helping
12 some local jurisdictions develop reach codes, and
13 we're working on a low-carbon reach code. So
14 some of the work we're doing.

15 COMMISSIONER HOCHSCHILD: Not everybody
16 has to answer every question.

17 MS. RAITT: If we're going to get through
18 all these --

19 COMMISSIONER HOCHSCHILD: So let's try to
20 keep it -- you can clip it all --

21 MR. SAMUELSON: Yeah. Okay. Well,
22 really, in our question two, what are the actions
23 you are taking to help consumers reduce emissions
24 in their buildings?

25 MR. ABENDSCHEIN: So I think like some

1 other utilities, we've started on a downstream --
2 started with a Downstream Rebate Program. I
3 think one of the other advantages of having --
4 being under the same roof as our Building
5 Division is we've been able to sit down with them
6 and focus on the permitting process.

7 So we've gotten an efficient, over-the-
8 counter permitting process. We developed some
9 inspection checklists and other materials that I
10 think we'd be enthusiastic to share if others are
11 interested.

12 And we've also pulled manufacturers
13 together for workshops on heat pump water
14 heaters. And I'll say all these are really
15 applicable to heat pump water heating, rather
16 than space heating or whole building
17 electrification.

18 We've pulled together workshops with
19 manufacturing reps -- manufacturers' reps to
20 speak with contractors, our building inspectors
21 and consumers. And I think one of the things
22 that we've found a little bit challenging is that
23 there are -- it's really difficult for homeowners
24 to find maybe two things.

25 It's difficult for homeowners, number

1 one, to figure out how to retrofit their homes.
2 It's really challenging. It's a really
3 challenging thought experiment for them, and
4 finding a contractor to help with that is a
5 little bit difficult.

6 So one thing we're doing is expanding our
7 Advisory Program, our -- what we call our Home
8 Energy Genie Program, and we're going to expand
9 that to provide electrification advisory
10 services. But the tougher nut to crack, I think,
11 is actually finding a contractor who can do both
12 the plumbing and electrical work for these
13 things.

14 And we're not sure entirely how to tackle
15 that one, but any sort of guidance or help on
16 that front would be -- would definitely be
17 appreciated.

18 MS. KUYKENDALL: So we're doing a lot in
19 this space, but as I started to write them all
20 down I figured out that, really, you can sort
21 what we're doing into two buckets, education and
22 incentives. And on the education front, I think
23 just getting technologies in front of customers
24 has been really powerful for us.

25 For Advance Energy Rebuild, right off the

1 bat we knew; or we thought we knew; induction
2 cooking was going to be a sticking point. So we
3 actually invested in these little portable
4 induction cookers that customers can come check
5 out and cook on for two to three weeks. And the
6 response to that has been phenomenal.

7 I will say induction cooking has not been
8 the sticking point we found, interestingly
9 enough. It seems to be fireplaces, which is a
10 big learning point for us that we were not
11 expecting. We're also investing in, thanks to
12 the Energy Commission and an EPIC grant, a
13 physical storefront where customers can come see
14 and test these technologies.

15 And on the contractor front, one of the
16 big pieces that we're working on there is an
17 actual tool where customers can walk in and get
18 connected with a contractor that can install
19 those technologies, working really closely with
20 the vendor partners for each of those
21 technologies.

22 And then on the incentives, we are trying
23 a whole bunch of really sort of off the wall
24 things to complement existing PG&E programs,
25 including midstream incentives. We've really

1 seen, I think across the country, real success
2 there that we'd like to experiment, as well as
3 pairing that with on-bill financing, and we think
4 that can be really compelling for, especially our
5 low-income customers, and reducing that upfront
6 cost as low as we can.

7 And in addition, we're actually pairing
8 that with a back-end incentive for participating
9 in our Demand Response Programs, especially for
10 things like water heaters, HVAC, vehicles. So we
11 offer currently a \$5 per month incentive for
12 folks to connect their technologies to the grid.

13 But yeah, I think in terms of how we can
14 help our customers, just education nonstop, and
15 then giving them money to do the things that we
16 value and to push the technology further.

17 MR. HOOPER: I think it might be
18 important for me to answer the opposite of the
19 question. So one thing we're not doing in San
20 Francisco is providing incentives for
21 specifically carbon minimization at scale.

22 And we've been partnered with PG&E
23 through running our Energy Watch Program and a
24 few other programs before that for going on 17
25 years. So we are a program implementer. We are

1 effective at giving out incentives and delivering
2 energy efficiency savings to small and hard to
3 reach customers.

4 In particular, we have relationships with
5 them that others may not. But CPUC rules do not
6 allow us to advise those customers or to
7 systematically enable them to make this type of
8 switch on a GHG basis.

9 And so we only see a very limited number
10 of projects that have been -- where it's either
11 entirely a customer's motivation or other
12 exceptional circumstances where we've been able
13 to support the type of complete switch that we're
14 talking about today.

15 MR. HOWLETT: And since I'm responding on
16 the opposite end of the scale, we are not held
17 back by any CEC rules thanks to the regulatory
18 diversity that we enjoy in California. So SMUD
19 has been, obviously, extremely generous with
20 incentive money to encourage customers to switch
21 to electrified end uses.

22 There are some other things that we have
23 done at the same time. We are moving to time of
24 day rates. Time of day rates are obviously a way
25 for customers to reduce their bill, but also,

1 generally to reduce their greenhouse gas impacts,
2 because they're shifting to times which have low
3 margin of greenhouse gas emissions.

4 Because that time of day rate exists,
5 that creates an opportunity for the utility or a
6 utility subcontractor to come in and
7 automatically shift either the heating or the
8 water heating or both to low cost times of day to
9 low emissions times of day.

10 So we have a small number of customers
11 right now who are on a pilot with heat pump water
12 heaters where there's an artificial intelligence
13 algorithm running in the background, predicting
14 their anticipated daily water draw, and charging
15 their water heater up in the morning in cheap
16 power to hopefully ride out the evening water
17 draw without having to recharge. That's a live
18 program that we are hoping to scaling up soon.

19 We've also moved to a midstream or are
20 moving to a midstream incentive for our Heat Pump
21 Water Heater Program. That midstream incentive
22 means that the incentive's provided to the
23 distributor rather than to the customer directly.

24 That sounds like it might be less good
25 for the customer, but it's actually better for

1 the customer because what it means is, because
2 the distributor and potentially the installer are
3 given that incentive payment, it reduces the
4 initial outlay that the customer has to make to
5 install the technology. So it actually lessens
6 the financial burden on the customer, makes it
7 easier for them.

8 We've also thrown out the idea of a price
9 guarantee. So one of issues especially with
10 heat pump water heaters, and to some extent with
11 the heat pump space heating, is that there is a
12 lot of variation in the cost to each individual
13 customer.

14 Some of them are much cheaper than
15 others. Some are much more expensive.
16 Individual customers don't know how expensive
17 that home is going to be to retrofit until
18 they've gotten three price quotes from three
19 different plumbers or HVAC providers.

20 So what we have considered, we may end up
21 going ahead with it, is that we would provide --
22 we'd provide that installation and guaranteed
23 costs. It might be, you know, \$750 or \$1,000
24 that we will charge, and whatever it actually
25 costs, the customer doesn't pay any more than

1 that.

2 So that's something that might help in
3 terms of the -- for the helping customers who are
4 low down the socioeconomic scale and helping all
5 customers to overcome that price volatility.

6 MS. WOOD: One quick comment, which I
7 haven't heard talked about today. California
8 obviously offers a fairly substantial scale of
9 these units, and so we're hoping that we can
10 attract and engage manufacturers to kind of come
11 to California and, you know, that would help
12 lower the price.

13 COMMISSIONER HOCHSCHILD: So I just want
14 to jump in here. First, just let me just
15 congratulate Southern California Edison on that
16 Pathways Report last fall, really bold and
17 inspiring vision. And it's almost unprecedented
18 to actually have a investor-owned utility go out
19 that far ahead and adopt a goal of 80 percent
20 decarbonization by 2030.

21 And the same goes for SMUD, by the way,
22 with your incentives to convert. I had a
23 question around heat pumps in particular. I just
24 actually myself swapped out my gas-fired water
25 heater with electric heat pump. It works great.

1 It's obviously lower cost to operate on a
2 monthly basis. But you know, in football you
3 don't throw the ball to where the receiver is.
4 You throw it to where the receiver's going, and
5 we know what's coming.

6 We're going to a high renewables
7 penetration grid. We're going to get to 50
8 percent renewables ahead of schedule and we'll be
9 beyond that. And every device that's connected
10 to the grid needs to be a good citizen of the
11 grid.

12 And one thing I'm looking at doing right
13 now here at the Energy Commission is even
14 removing inverters that don't have telemetry and
15 voltage regulation from our eligible equipment
16 list, which is used by almost 20 states around
17 the United States today, because we want to
18 insure smart burners.

19 And with respect to heat pumps, I'm just
20 curious your thoughts about how we make sure
21 telemetry is part of that, and what else the
22 state ought to be doing, we ought to be, and what
23 are you seeing happening at the local level to
24 insure the heat pumps that are going in are going
25 to be in a position to actually help integrate

1 renewables, because it does seem to me that among
2 the different suites of technologies we're
3 looking at is particularly well-suited.

4 You can be flexible wind during the day,
5 and we want electric vehicles, right, a big
6 electric vehicle happy hour. They're plugging in
7 at the time of the day we have surplus
8 renewables, and the same goes for heat pumps.

9 Anyone want to comment on what we need to
10 be doing to insure we're doing that
11 intelligently.

12 MR. HOWLETT: Well, it's funny you should
13 ask. We have a pilot that we're just rolling out
14 which will aim to get 100 customers onto what
15 we're calling an integrated distributed energy
16 resources control system.

17 So those customers will be people who are
18 over-generating with their photovoltaics, and are
19 therefore at risk of pushing too much energy back
20 into the grid, more than we can really cope with.
21 So we're offering those customers a combination
22 tailored to them of a residential battery, a heat
23 pump water heater and a smart thermostat.

24 And we are about to contract for
25 companies that will control those three

1 controllable items in a synchronized way so that
2 it will try and insure that if power is pushed
3 back onto the grid in too great an amount at any
4 given time of day, and then the customer's bill
5 is also optimized by shifting those thermal loads
6 to the time of day that's best for the customer,
7 and to the extent possible, to shifting the
8 thermal loads to the time of day that's best for
9 the grid, as well.

10 So there's a pretty complex optimization
11 algorithm in there to make sure that we're not
12 shortchanging our customer, but at the same time
13 we're able to get some of those benefits for the
14 grid, i.e., when we say the grid we mean all
15 customers. So that's a pilot that we have
16 currently underway.

17 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: I want to push
18 that one step further and actually ask the whole
19 group something. You know, one of my
20 frustrations, frankly, since I sat down at the
21 Energy Commission is the under-performance of
22 demand response.

23 And you know, all these technologies
24 we're talking about and this -- you know -- this
25 -- Commissioner Hochschild's question and your

1 answer, and some of the conversations have
2 alluded to this through the course of the day,
3 you know, all of these technologies are perfectly
4 adapted to be automated and to work together in
5 an integrated way.

6 And you know, if we want markets to be
7 encouraged, then it seems like the most direct
8 way to do that is through rates that transmit the
9 right incentives. And actually, we could -- you
10 know -- they could express what the grid needs at
11 any given moment, you know, within some bounds
12 that protect equity and things like that.

13 So I guess my question is, what are the
14 prospects for developing the kind of rates that
15 we need to do what I just described? Maybe Rory
16 can answer this, since he's from the PUC.

17 MR. COX: I will talk a little bit about
18 this.

19 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: Okay. Okay,
20 great. Oh, there you are. Thanks.

21 MR. HOWLETT: Okay. So the rest of -- if
22 nobody else -- Owen, from SMUD. I am not
23 speaking for SMUD on this topic. I'm speaking
24 from -- this is a speculative point of view.
25 This is not SMUD policy.

1 My understanding of the tension that
2 you're describing is that residential customers
3 especially don't want a new burden with the
4 complexity of going to a real time rate that will
5 reflect more accurately the utility and society's
6 cost of providing power.

7 So the idea if we could have every
8 customer looking at their phone and adjusting
9 their energy consumption in response to changing
10 rates and the future predictions of changing
11 rates, but realistically they are not going to do
12 that.

13 So and a lot of customers don't want to
14 be exposed to the downside of this, of using
15 power at times when they didn't realize that it's
16 going to be exceptionally expensive. So what
17 we're looking at, at least in the R&D group and
18 others, is money to get the things done
19 (indiscernible) so this is not -- like I said,
20 this is not SMUD policy-setting.

21 But we're looking at whether we can
22 provide what we're calling a price publishing
23 server, which would be a background application
24 where we communicate to aggregators and we
25 provide to those aggregators our real time price.

1 And those aggregators would then operate
2 the end-use devices like the water heaters, and
3 the space heaters, in the customers' interest to
4 minimize their bill, but also to minimize SMUD's
5 costs. So we'd effectively be outsourcing the
6 optimization of our own real time rates, but we'd
7 be insulating the customer from the volatility of
8 those rates, and insulating the customer from the
9 need to then be constantly analyzing and
10 adjusting their own energy use.

11 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: I think
12 everybody recognizes that that's not a tenable
13 future and third parties are going to have to get
14 in the middle of that somewhere. So that's
15 compelling. Anybody else?

16 MR. ABENDSCHEIN: The only thing that I'd
17 just add to that is that I think you have the
18 same chicken and egg problem that you have with
19 other issues around heat pump water heater
20 manufacturers that you need to get the volume
21 going for them to be willing to make changes and
22 adapt their technologies to work with the kind of
23 automation that we're talking about.

24 MR. HOOPER: So I don't work for utility,
25 so I can't comment on rate design. But you know,

1 speaking directly to Commissioner Hochschild's
2 question, there is the -- I would recommend that
3 the Commission look more closely at CTA 2045 as
4 the appliance standardized interface for
5 compliant appliance controlling, because sending
6 signal through the appliance standards, through
7 incentives, and maybe through the Code itself
8 supporting a standardization, could have a, you
9 know, serious effect; that you also alluded to
10 how once California, through our incentive
11 programs maintains lists and inspects, we
12 actually influence products available in other
13 states, it's kind of -- it works both ways.

14 So if we jumped on the bandwagon of the
15 industry developed controller standard, that
16 could seriously lower the cost of adding the
17 systematic data and the type of control that
18 we're looking for to be widely available.

19 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: Yeah. It seems
20 like there are a lot of chickens and eggs hanging
21 around, right.

22 (Laughter)

23 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: We have -- in
24 order to do a standard through Title 20, for
25 example, the Appliance Sufficiency Standards, we

1 have to show cost-effectiveness. Yet there's no
2 rate incentive that provides some kind of
3 traction for that calculation, that shows, okay,
4 if you can participate in demand/response, there
5 is a value proposition that saves the customer X
6 over the lifetime of that device, then there is
7 no cost effectiveness because there's no savings.

8 And so you know, so the -- anyway, I
9 think -- I'm sure there are solutions to this,
10 but a lot of it boils down to having the customer
11 see something that allows -- that provides an
12 incentive.

13 MR. HOOPER: Clearly, I'm also not a --
14 I'm not an appliance manufacture, but in looking
15 at this specific issue the marginal cost of a
16 device compliant with that standard is on the
17 order of \$5 today, and is -- could be, you know,
18 basically negligible if it were actually widely
19 sold.

20 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: Yeah.

21 MR. HOOPER: I think that is a
22 surmountable problem.

23 MR. SAMUELSON: Okay. We'll go ahead and
24 move onto question three. We have a little time
25 left. So question three, what are the

1 opportunities for local governments and/or
2 utilities to leverage what your organizations are
3 developing.

4 MR. ABENDSCHEIN: Well, one of the things
5 that we're really excited about was a grant that
6 was approved for BayREN this last week, for a
7 variety of things to -- in part to expand their
8 educational and outreach programs to contractors,
9 building officials and consumers, to include heat
10 pump water heaters.

11 But also, there's been some -- it's also
12 going to include a midstream incentive program,
13 and I thought Owen gave a great overview of why
14 those are compelling. And like I said, it's
15 going to be hard for us to make a lot of progress
16 without some regional action in the Bay Area.

17 And so we're participating in funding
18 those midstream incentives and we're looking for
19 a lot more Bay Area regional partners and
20 utilities and CCAs to participate. And I maybe
21 would second, you know, to the extent that there
22 is guidance out there that would enable other
23 IOUs and -- or CCAs to participate by clarifying
24 some of the guidance on the use of those EPIC
25 funds. That could help expand this program all

1 the way.

2 MS. ANDREASSEN: I agree I'm coming from
3 our perspective. One thing that we really want
4 to leverage is our own city training, or it's
5 (indiscernible) but an option that we want to
6 look into is -- the educational staff solution.
7 A lot of technologies obviously come into the
8 city that are aimed at machine productions or,
9 you know, energy reductions and energy savings
10 and whatnot, and they're new.

11 We need to see how they incorporate into
12 our grid and into -- how they sit with the
13 building and safety standards and fire safety
14 standards. And so we're trying to figure out
15 what's the best way to open up communications so
16 that we don't slow anyone down when technologies
17 come in.

18 We've seen that with batteries. We've
19 seen that with certain groups that want to come
20 in and they get stuck in other safety requirement
21 areas. So one area that we have there that we're
22 going to try to focus on is not to hinder
23 innovation, but it's something -- you know -- so
24 there's new ideas coming in. How do we, you
25 know, expedite that process in a safe way is a

1 really key area for us, and you know, it's our
2 own training.

3 So if someone's looking at a building
4 plan that's, you know, not for -- and it's not a
5 prescriptive building code, how do they make sure
6 that the -- to allow the design and what
7 educations are they needing -- do they need to be
8 more informed on the new code developments and
9 whatnot.

10 MS. WOOD: In May Southern California
11 Edison filed a pilot program we're calling the
12 Clean Energy Optimization Pilot, which is a
13 partnership with the University of California
14 Office of the President, and we'll be using this
15 pilot to test this very thing of incenting and
16 encouraging GHG abatement strategies on campuses.
17 So we'll see. It's currently under review at the
18 CPUC.

19 MR. HOOPER: This is Barry in San
20 Francisco. I think it's a great question. We
21 definitely have benefitted from the standardized
22 products that the statewide Codes and Standards
23 Program has provided, such as some of the cost
24 effectiveness studies they've been able to fund -
25 - ratepayer funds.

1 And we've also definitely benefitted from
2 the formation and the communication facilitated
3 and engagement through Regional Energy Networks,
4 particularly BayREN, which we're a participant
5 in, of course, in disseminating those studies.

6 And sometimes providing specific
7 technical guidance and project support that is
8 additional to what could be provided through
9 other people, it's always additional through what
10 could be provided through other channels, but
11 it's specifically tailored to our requests and
12 it's very timely.

13 And we also appreciate learning from peer
14 networks elsewhere. So I've definitely gained
15 from the activities that SoCal ran.

16 MR. HOWLETT: This is Owen with SMUD.
17 The -- I think it's going to be critical to
18 achieve these goals that the utilities and others
19 in this phase work together to achieve market
20 transformations conservation that we need to
21 achieve.

22 Some are pretty obvious, a lot of
23 technology improvements. So we first want to
24 have heat pump water heaters that offer 120
25 volts, 240 volts, because that dramatically

1 reduces the wiring costs and it reduces the
2 chances that the panel has to be upgraded, which
3 is a big cost variable in these upgrades.

4 So but we as the utility that has five
5 percent of California's electric market, we don't
6 have the clout to work with national
7 manufacturers and say, hey, you should change
8 your product spec, or we'll develop a new skew.

9 So working with other utilities and
10 collectively asking for those things from
11 manufacturers is much, much more powerful than
12 having utilities acting on their own. And of
13 course, that's the same for customer awareness
14 barriers as it is for manufacturer barriers.

15 There are lots of things -- lots of
16 product improvements that we want to see, inverse
17 driven HVAC, heat pump, space heating that
18 doesn't blow cold air on people. To get those
19 kinds of standardizations, to get those better
20 products so the customers don't experience poor
21 comfort performance is super important.

22 But then in terms of local government
23 leveraging what we're doing, I already mentioned
24 that we want to work with local government on
25 passing local Building Code ordinances that would

1 require electrification in existing homes and for
2 new homes.

3 That is -- that's mostly critical to
4 achieving the sort of widespread markets that we
5 need for these technologies.

6 MR. SAMUELSON: Okay. We're going to --
7 that brings us basically to the end of the panel
8 1. So I just wanted to thank everyone for
9 participating in our panel today. We know your
10 time's valuable. We appreciate you coming here
11 and sharing what's going on with your
12 organizations. Thank you.

13 (Applause)

14 MS. RAITT: So we'll go with -- and we're
15 ready now for Rory Cox, from the California
16 Public Utilities Commission. Thanks, Rory.

17 *MR. COX: Well, thank you for your
18 patience during my little PowerPoint snafu, and
19 thank you, especially to the panelists who just
20 jumped in 90 minutes early, to their panel to
21 accommodate my PowerPoint snafu.

22 So we'll pick up from where we left off,
23 with the right set of slides. And if you've been
24 here all day, and of course, some of you have
25 been working here for -- or working on this topic

1 for a long time, some of this is pretty old news.

2 And I'm going to go past what I think is
3 pretty old news pretty quickly, starting with
4 this slide. We just saw something like this from
5 E3 this morning, but this just demonstrates the
6 importance of decarbonizing the building sector.

7 This is some legislation that we haven't
8 really talked about today that I wanted to bring
9 up. There are three bills that are floating
10 around the Legislature around the corner that
11 would consider building decarbonization in
12 different ways.

13 The first one that at Bonta bill is not
14 really advancing, but it would have changed the
15 Building and Public Utilities Codes to encourage
16 all flexit-buildings *17:41:55. The number two
17 and number three are advancing.

18 The Friedman bill is -- would require the
19 CEC and other agencies to develop a plan to
20 reduce building emissions by 40 percent by 2030.
21 That is advancing, and the Stern bill would
22 create a zero emission heating market.

23 Actually, I think it changes the market
24 development fund, instead of market -- market
25 transformation fund at the State Treasury.

1 That's also advanced. So there's some exciting
2 things happening at the Legislature in this
3 space.

4 And this is just a slide that covers what
5 the various agencies are doing. The first two I
6 don't think I need to talk about, because it's
7 been presented today. The third one you might
8 not be aware of, which is the Department of
9 Community Services and Development.

10 They are the administrators of the Low-
11 Income Weatherization Program, and they are --
12 they have been calculating per building -- this
13 is for, you know, disadvantaged communities with
14 the low income customers.

15 But they have been calculating per
16 building energy and GHG savings, and working on -
17 - they've been kind of getting to doing home
18 retrofits for low income customers that are --
19 that include solar panels and are using GHG
20 revenues for that, the Cap and Trade revenues.
21 So that's something that's an agency and a
22 program that is certainly worth watching.

23 And I'm going to go over these more in
24 detail, but these are some of the things that are
25 current are discussing the definitions of fuel

1 switching versus fuel substitution, which I'll
2 get into, the three-pronged tests, which I'm also
3 going to get into, Integrated Resource Planning,
4 which is the -- sort of the master plan, if you
5 will, for our future utility programs and what
6 they will do and their part in SB 350.

7 In future PUC policy activity are --
8 we're looking at and discussing some possible
9 policy approaches to electrification, including
10 tariff, all electric tariffs, resource
11 acquisition programs, which is incentives,
12 financing and emergent technology and market
13 transformation, which again, I'm going to get
14 into all of these.

15 So first of all, on definitions, I've
16 heard even today these two things used
17 interchangeably, and sometimes not in a way that
18 we've understood them, anyway. Fuel switching is
19 when we're referring to using a PUC-regulated
20 fuel to replace a fuel outside of the CPUC
21 jurisdiction, or the other way around, such as
22 electric cars, which is switching gasoline for
23 electric vehicles.

24 And that's not really much of what this
25 presentation is about. It's more about fuel

1 substitution, which is more building focused,
2 because it's talking about a PUC regulated to
3 other PUC regulated.

4 So for instance, natural gas to
5 electricity is mostly what we're talking about.
6 So that is the difference between fuel switching
7 and fuel substitution. I won't go into why those
8 -- why it's important that we have those two
9 definitions, but we do. And these are just
10 examples of, you know, what we're talking about
11 when we talk about fuel substitution.

12 We are talking about replacing the
13 natural gas version of space heating with the
14 electric version of space heating, the natural
15 gas version -- the replacing the natural gas
16 version of water heating with the electric
17 version of water heating, electric water heater.

18 Cooking ranges, natural gas versus could
19 be electric, but induction is more of the highly
20 efficient model. And this is something that I
21 just learned about that is interesting. In
22 industrial processes there are all kinds of
23 opportunities for electrification.

24 Pasteurization is one good example.
25 Currently, the -- what's mostly done is natural

1 gas powered, but there is UV-based pasteurization
2 that is electric. And so that is another example
3 of -- and quite a bit of natural gas is used in
4 the industrial sector.

5 So I think there's a lot of opportunity
6 here. So the three-pronged test, and I think
7 this is what Mr. Hooper was running into when he
8 was talking about not being able to get incentive
9 for electric appliances.

10 A three-pronged test is something that
11 we've had with the PUC since 1992, and the
12 purpose of this test was to determine whether
13 energy efficiency funding can be used for fuel
14 substitution. And so the -- there are, you know,
15 three different prongs that have -- that any
16 measure has to overcome, which is that it cannot
17 increase source BTU consumption.

18 That's -- shouldn't really have a
19 problem. It's the second one that becomes the
20 problem, because then it must be cost-effective,
21 which is to say it must have a total resource
22 cost, and the participant -- PUC benefit cost
23 ratio of one or greater.

24 And the Interveners filed a motion in
25 last year to refine the three-pronged test in the

1 Energy Efficiency Proceeding. This slide is a
2 little bit outdated in that it is not -- no
3 longer under consideration, but it is now scoped
4 into the Energy Efficiency Proceeding.

5 So that just happened a couple of days
6 ago. So that's sort of some late-breaking news
7 on the three-pronged test. So we are looking at
8 it, certainly. And here is the IRP, what we're
9 doing with the IRP.

10 We have, you know, looked at the IRPs,
11 what the impacts of future electricity growth are
12 on the grid, and according to our research, if we
13 -- the more -- as we become more dependent on
14 renewables and -- I'm sorry -- on electricity and
15 renewable electricity, the demand for storage
16 goes up, especially if you look at that last bar
17 there, 2038, that purple block is energy storage.

18 So that's where the things, as we think
19 long term, is that this is going to be a heavy
20 lift for energy storage, is something that we're
21 looking at. So future decarbonization
22 activities. One of the things that we're
23 considering and kicking around a little bit, and
24 again, this is just sort of an outline so we can
25 talk about, all electric tariffs.

1 So this is something, we actually have an
2 all-electric tariff for all electric homes
3 already in place. The reason we have this is
4 because back in the '50s and '60s there was this
5 big -- a big push in this country to electrify
6 buildings and electrify homes and they built
7 entire developments of all electric homes.

8 So it's kind of like what's new is --
9 what's old is new again, or something like that.
10 And then that ad there is from that year. But
11 there are several communities, you know,
12 especially in Southern California, that were
13 built to be all electric, and those customers
14 have a -- it's a tariff which allows them a
15 baseline usage that's higher than those of dual
16 fuel homes.

17 And this is an example of something that
18 we can look into, to -- I mean, it's already
19 there, but it's not there for commercial
20 industrial customers. It's -- but also, it may
21 need to be updated or looked at in terms of this
22 concept of, you know, going -- of
23 electrification, but it's something that we're
24 looking at it in the toolbox of things that we
25 could possibly do to push electrification.

1 Number two is incentive. This is
2 something that we do a lot of, especially in
3 energy efficiency and the California Solar
4 Initiative. And this is some -- an example, of
5 an incentive structure could be something like
6 the California Solar Initiative, where it's a --
7 it's offered at a certain rate and the rate
8 declines over time as the market uptake
9 increases, and that did a lot to triple the --
10 grease the skids for solar in this state and it's
11 something that we could do with electric
12 appliances.

13 Incentives can also be scaled to the
14 amount of GHGs the appliance will reduce over its
15 life cycle, and you know, could be offered for a
16 panel -- for solar panel upgrades or rewiring to
17 accommodate an all-electric building. So another
18 thing that we're -- another concept that we're
19 thinking about.

20 Number -- another idea is financing, on-
21 bill financing to provide low or no interest
22 loans for electric appliances; could have a
23 dedicated financing program for customers that
24 have - or wish to have all electric homes or
25 businesses, and we could targete financing in

1 disadvantaged communities; another item that's
2 another tool that we could possibly use.

3 Another one is emerging technology.
4 Right now, we work with the utilities on Emerging
5 Technologies Program that's funded by the Energy
6 Efficiency funds. This could develop a
7 technology priority maps to prioritize all
8 electric appliances.

9 This would provide a pipeline for
10 products to go from the development stage to
11 market adoption, and as an example of this,
12 Commissioner, you mentioned that appliances can
13 be grid interactive, and you know, water -- grid
14 interactive electric water heater is something
15 that is, you know, certainly something we could
16 think about for something like this.

17 But right now it's not part of the demand
18 response programs, and they're pretty expensive
19 right now. And then there's market
20 transformation. So these are typically
21 strategies that are aimed at reducing barriers,
22 and moving technologies into standard practice or
23 into code.

24 And this usually happens -- after it goes
25 to the Emerging Technology Program it could then

1 go through Market Transformation Intervention.
2 So for example, we could have a marketing
3 campaign that addresses that customer concerns
4 are inadequate for cold climates, was one
5 example.

6 Market Transformation we could have a
7 marketing campaign that could, you know, sell the
8 benefits of induction cooking, is another one.
9 I've always thought that one -- give you one good
10 way to get induction cooking to be popular is to
11 get celebrity chefs to start doing induction
12 cooking on their TV shows.

13 So you know, there are things like that,
14 and the things like that, that I think could
15 really -- really helps for this market. So here,
16 this is the sort of one concept to think about of
17 how to combine, you know, all the different
18 programs that we oversee.

19 And you know, one of the things that we
20 always have to think about is, you know, as it is
21 we've siloed our programs off and it could be
22 very confusing for customers and fairly
23 overwhelming. But you know, how do we -- how can
24 we put what we have together into something that
25 will really, really not just serve the consumer,

1 but also serve the grid.

2 So here's an example that we've thought
3 about. You know, as you know, net energy meter
4 reading you get credits for some excess energy to
5 the grid. You know, we could provide -- we could
6 develop a program that could combine wholesale
7 NEM compensation for that, for the solar, with an
8 extra incentive for folks with heat pump water
9 heaters and who subscribe to a demand response
10 program.

11 And by doing some -- and you know --
12 maybe have a grid interactive water heater. So
13 by doing that, that's a better incentive for the
14 customer to accept all these technologies, but it
15 also then, then the customer becomes a better
16 grid citizen, so to speak, and by, you know,
17 being in demand response and by having them
18 interact -- by having interactive appliances, it
19 can be valuable grid assets instead of a concern
20 for the grid management.

21 So that's the kind of -- along the lines
22 of what we're thinking about, and just thinking
23 about right now. And so these are some of our
24 next steps. We're considering some possible
25 policy approaches, tracking the legislation that

1 I just mentioned, working with and tracking the
2 work at our sister agencies.

3 And you know, monitoring some of the
4 progress and overseeing some of these programs,
5 some of which were - we played a pretty big role
6 in developing. Now, one of them is the San
7 Joaquin Affordable Energy Rule-Making.

8 That's a proceeding that we have that is
9 addressing some of these small towns in the San
10 Joaquin Valley that currently do not have access
11 to natural gas at all. And we're developing
12 different scenarios by which we can take care of
13 their energy needs.

14 A lot of them are using wood or propane
15 to heat and cook with. So we're trying to --
16 we're looking at the possibility of solving that
17 problem with all electric, as opposed to building
18 new natural gas pipelines.

19 Southern California Edison, you just
20 heard them present about their plan. You heard
21 SMUD present about what they're doing and then
22 you heard Sonoma Clean Power and PG&E's
23 partnership in the North Bay Area. So some of
24 these we've gone over a few things here all day.

25 And that's -- those are the end of my

1 slides. I guess we're going to do the discussion
2 after this. Is that right?

3 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: We have one
4 more panel. So we have one more panel, and then
5 I think we'll hold questions, public comments
6 after that.

7 MR. COX: Okay. Thanks.

8 COMMISSIONER McALLISTER: Yeah. Thanks a
9 lot. We're --

10 (Applause)

11 MS. RAITT: So we're ready to go into our
12 second panel. So the folks in the panel can go
13 ahead and we have seats for you at the tables in
14 front here. I'll just take a moment to
15 transition.

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17 (On the record at 2:52 p.m.)

18 MS. RAITT: All right, so the moderator
19 is Heriberto from the Energy Commission,
20 Heriberto Rosales.

21 MR. ROSALES: Good afternoon. Is the mic
22 working? Great.

23 This is Panel 2. We're going to be
24 talking about design practices, Technology
25 Solutions Panel.

1 So we're going to do self-introductions
2 and we have -- just real quick we have
3 representation here from experienced building
4 designers and engineers, and we also have
5 representation from the clean energy industry
6 here.

7 So I'm going to start with my right.
8 We'll do quick intros. And then, when we
9 complete that we'll get into the questioning part
10 of the panel discussion.

11 MR. ARMSTRONG: Hello. I'm Sean
12 Armstrong. I'm a Principal with Redwood Energy
13 and we're specialists in the electrification of
14 buildings and pairing it with solar. So we've
15 done 2,500 all-electric solar-powered homes, and
16 another 3,000 that are solarized, but not all-
17 electric. And I'm here to share construction and
18 technical details.

19 COMMITTEE MEMBER MURPHY: Good afternoon.
20 Thanks. You saved the best for last. I just
21 want to thank Commissioner McAllister and
22 Hochschild.

23 My name's Ed Murray and I'm with the
24 California Solar and Storage Association. The
25 500 member companies throughout California that

1 represent the manufacturers, the installers, the
2 financiers of solar products throughout
3 California.

4 I'm also, as a side job I have a company
5 in Sacramento called Aztec Solar and I install
6 solar water heating, pool heating and
7 electricity. Thank you.

8 MR. SHELL: Good afternoon. I'm Scott
9 Shell, a Principal with EHDD Architecture in San
10 Francisco. We're a 60-person firm. The project
11 that people know of ours is the Monterey Bay
12 Aquarium. We've been designing zero energy
13 buildings for about 15 years. And last year we
14 were doing some carbon calculations and realized
15 that we were kind of using the wrong metric. We
16 needed to shift to zero emissions buildings.

17 So we've been trying to figure that out
18 and I'll be talking a little bit about that.

19 MR. TIFFANY: Ted Tiffany. I'm the
20 Director of Sustainability for Tuggman & Blaevoet
21 Consulting Engineers. We're mechanical,
22 electric, plumbing, telecom, and our building
23 performance team covers energy modeling,
24 simulation, commissioning and sustainability.
25 But my background is really around the energy

1 standards. I've been involved since the 1995
2 standards and, you know, was here in 2013, the
3 standards with that challenge.

4 And I just wanted to thank your staff for
5 being so responsive and thoughtful about that
6 challenge and coming to this challenge for
7 electrification and decarbonization with the same
8 responsiveness. So thank you for that.

9 The other efforts we're working on right
10 now is the Building Decarbonization Coalition and
11 trying to build education around that. And
12 another one for New Buildings Institute for the
13 Grid Optimal Initiative. So if we're going to
14 have electrification, it has to come with
15 healthy, responsible grid design. So --

16 MR. WICKES: Good afternoon, Geoff Wicks
17 with NEEA. I'm the Senior Product Manager in our
18 Emerging Tech area. And I focus mostly on heat
19 pump water heaters, demand response with heat
20 pump water heaters, and then also scanning on
21 intelligent pumps, fans, and anything
22 electrically driven within a commercial building
23 shell.

24 MR. ROSALES: I believe David's on the
25 phone.

1 MR. LIS: Hi, can folks hear me?

2 MR. ROSALES: Yeah, we can hear you. Go
3 ahead, David.

4 MR. LIS: Hi, good afternoon. This is
5 Dave Lis from Northeast Energy Efficiency
6 Partnerships. Like Geoff, we're a regional
7 energy efficiency organization, but we're out in
8 the northeast. It's a pleasure to join today.

9 I've been with NEEP for 12 years. My
10 current focus is on a couple of market
11 transformation initiatives. One involving air
12 source heat pumps specifically. And more
13 recently on a broader initiative around strategic
14 electrification. So look forward to being on the
15 panel this afternoon.

16 MR. ROSALES: Thank you. So we'll start
17 with some of the panel discussion questions that
18 we've prepared. And again to remind everyone,
19 the panel's going to be speaking directly to
20 promising and innovative design practice for
21 buildings of different types.

22 But also we're going to be talking about
23 new and overlooked technology options that can
24 help us solve some of the lag in energy
25 efficiency, barriers across multiple sectors.

1 So, they're going to be acting as tour
2 guides for us, help us understand the landscape
3 between energy efficiency use and a better
4 building design. And we'll hold questions until
5 the end.

6 Each panelist will have a PowerPoint
7 presentation and a few minutes to go through
8 that.

9 So okay, let's get started. We'll start
10 with question one. Question one: What types of
11 new construction projects are the best suited to
12 all-electric designs? Are there certainly
13 building types or locations that are prohibitive?

14 And Sean Armstrong will lead us on this
15 one.

16 MR. ARMSTRONG: Okay, you can bring up my
17 slides. So the quick answer is all building
18 types can be made all-electric. The easiest ones
19 are the ones that are low temperature buildings
20 that can use heat pumps that only need to get to,
21 say, 180 degrees maximum for heating and water.
22 And if you have temperature needs that are below
23 180, you can meet them with heat pumps.

24 So residences, and offices, restaurants,
25 schools, all of these are easy with the

1 technologies that are available.

2 And I want to show -- on the last --
3 there's three pictures. Wolfgang Puck is in the
4 middle on an induction stove. To the left of
5 that you can see a map of the United States. In
6 yellow are all counties, which is most of them,
7 where all-electric construction has gained the
8 market share since 2010. This is a gauge of
9 market share change. It's not the market share
10 itself, it's the change in market share.

11 So what we've seen is that since 2010
12 most of the United States is continuing to grow
13 in all-electric construction which is a trend
14 that at least began in 1993, according to the
15 Energy Information Administration, with our
16 federal government.

17 So we are now not only in a 23-year-long
18 trend of electrification, since 2010 it has
19 accelerated. Particularly because of inverter
20 driven heat pumps, where you can take one
21 compression but run it faster or slower depending
22 upon the outside temperature. So it doesn't have
23 an on/off switch. It can go into any climate,
24 into Antarctica. It can go really, really cold
25 now with an inverter.

1 So in the middle I want to talk about
2 restaurants. Anthony Bourdain, in Rest in Peace,
3 on the right-hand side, he's showing off his
4 induction stove. In the middle we have Tomas
5 Keller's French Laundry that was just converted
6 to an all-electric restaurant. And you can see
7 it's wonderful to cook on induction in
8 restaurants because it's faster and safer.

9 The people who cook on induction in
10 restaurants will show you usually about a dozen
11 burns all the way up and down their arms where
12 they've touched 3,400 degree metal, and it's an
13 instant three-degree burn. It's an instant scar.
14 And they have a dozen, usually, professional
15 chefs within the first ten years, and it hurts.

16 So when you talk with a chef about why
17 they convert it's frequently around pain and
18 safety, as well as air pollution inside the
19 kitchen.

20 I want to speak to what's more difficult,
21 though, recycled glass dishware. Glass cooks at,
22 say, 2,000 degrees, somewhere between 1,500 and
23 2,000 degrees. In the middle you're seeing a
24 blow torch that we use to make cement. That long
25 cement tube has a flame inside of it and it's

1 burning about 3,400 degrees in the flame and it's
2 trying to deliver about 1,500 degree Fahrenheit
3 temperatures to make cement.

4 And then, canned foods which sterilize at
5 say 400 to 600 degrees Fahrenheit. All three of
6 those can be accomplished with electric
7 resistance. So aluminum smelts at about 1,500
8 degrees with a lack of resistance. There is no
9 material that can't be heated to the appropriate
10 temperature with electric resistance. It's
11 obviously energy-intensive, but if for a wind
12 turbine down the road, so to speak there's --
13 it's an efficient use of renewable energy. But
14 it doesn't lend itself well to heat pumps, to
15 they're collecting atmospheric warmth. But it's
16 still there.

17 The next slide, if I could. So I was
18 asked to speak about barriers and solutions. The
19 first is going to say low-power buildings can
20 require panel upgrades, as has been spoken to.
21 So the panel, the electric panel in your
22 mechanical room or something, laundry room, \$600
23 to \$3,000.

24 There's the interior wiring. So if
25 you're going to put in a 220 volt device and

1 you're 120 volt electricity, you have to put in a
2 new wire. And that's going to cost \$200 to \$400
3 per wire. So it might be \$800 to \$1,000 per
4 house to rewire. It's a challenge.

5 Mechanical engineers and contractors
6 unfamiliar with heat pump equipment that's a way
7 bigger challenge. It's unfortunate but it's just
8 fundamental most people don't have much
9 familiarity, and are scared, and over-priced, or
10 just refuse to do the work.

11 But let's go to Japan, a country that has
12 very limited grid supply of energy. They don't
13 have fossil fuel resources. They run a third of
14 their power is nuclear power. It's very
15 constrained. People have 20 amp packages, where
16 your house turns off if you're using more than 20
17 amps at any given moment. We have 100 to 200 amp
18 panels that allows you to use whatever we want.
19 But you can constrain all of your energy
20 consumption in a house to under 20 amps, fairly
21 straight forward. So that's how they have actual
22 programs with the utility. I pay for that rate,
23 the 20 amp rate where my house turns off if I
24 mess up, and that's how people live.

25 So in Japan they also have nine

1 manufacturers of carbon dioxide heat pumps that
2 are 40 to 50 percent more efficient than the best
3 products. So COP is 6 to 7 is what you'll find
4 in Japanese heat pumps, at the close to the
5 theoretical maximum efficiency.

6 Now, they've moved over to like comfort
7 as the issue, as far as meeting all the
8 efficiency thresholds with carbon dioxide. Those
9 nine manufacturers are all big names. Notice the
10 Panasonic. That's the picture of the 2014 heat
11 pump with a COP of 5.1. 2014, it's by Panasonic.
12 Many of us have Panasonic in our homes. We don't
13 have access to this heat pump. What it lacks is
14 a UL listing in the United States and a cargo
15 ship. That's the barriers a UL testing and a
16 boat. And there's nine products over there at
17 are over there that use CLO of 5.

18 So what I'm saying a solution is bring in
19 products from Japan that have already gone
20 through all the design thresholds that we have,
21 only worse, and they've already solved the
22 problems. They're an advanced society like us.
23 You know, they're not different. We can just use
24 their products.

25 We can address the costs with programs.

1 And I think, as mentioned earlier that midstream
2 are ideal for reducing the downstream cost adds a
3 profit. People add usually 20 to 30 percent
4 profit every time they resell something,
5 sometimes other percent. So, dealing with the
6 economics of where prices go up.

7 And then the last one is to provide best
8 practices guides and classes. As I said, again I
9 think the worst challenge is the lack of
10 knowledge, not the lack of products. So those
11 are my thoughts.

12 MR. ROSALES: Right on time, thanks.

13 MR. ARMSTRONG: Did my two, three
14 minutes.

15 MR. ROSALES: Scott, you want to follow
16 up?

17 MR. SHELL: Sure. I have a few slides, I
18 believe, so and then the next slide. As I
19 mentioned, we came at the electrification via
20 zero energy. And we started out with our first
21 zero energy building in 2003 and it was a small
22 building. It was a little nature center and then
23 another small office a few years later, in 2007.
24 And it was hard at the time. And there were not
25 many products. We didn't know if we could do it.

1 Solar was expensive.

2 And so we learned a lot doing those and
3 then we scaled it up to these projects; so a
4 50,000-square-foot office building for the
5 Packard Foundation, and a 200,000-square-foot
6 pretty energy-intensive science museum, the
7 Exploratorium.

8 And a lot of the things that we used to
9 do on these buildings and that we used to brag
10 about, Title 24 now requires those things. You
11 know, so continuous exterior insulation, advanced
12 lighting and controls, and on, and on, and on.
13 So the code has really raised the floor. And
14 it's now gotten almost routine for us to do these
15 all-electric zero energy buildings.

16 We have about eight others that are
17 either recently completed or are in construction
18 now, and it's a pretty straight forward thing.
19 It's shocking to me how simple it has gotten in
20 such a short period of time.

21 And so I was wondering if this was just
22 the strange little niche that our firm lived in
23 or if it was more widespread. And so, I reached
24 out to seven of the top mechanical engineering
25 firms in the State, two of which are sitting up

1 here with me, and I asked them these same
2 questions you're asking us. You know, are we
3 ready to shift to all-electric buildings?

4 And I wrote down all the answers and I
5 put in a bunch of pictures of their buildings,
6 and they're of all different types of sizes, and
7 here's kind of what they said. So Integral Group
8 said, yes, we're ready for all-energy buildings.
9 We have dozens of electric buildings recently
10 complete, in construction, in design. It's a big
11 C change in recent years.

12 Interface said almost all of our projects
13 are all-electric, even one in Minnesota.

14 Point Energy Innovation, heat pumps are
15 already making significant inroads in California.
16 We're seeing a lot of developers on our projects
17 go all-electric.

18 P2S, new buildings are easy to get to
19 all-electric because you can do integrated design
20 and tradeoff strategies. Residential buildings
21 are easy, small and midsized commercial buildings
22 are really straight forward.

23 And I'll let Sean and Ted speak for
24 themselves.

25 And so as you -- you know, I asked about

1 the costs. They said the costs were competitive.
2 I asked about maintenance, I asked about all
3 these things that my clients worry about and then
4 I have to answer to. And I got thumbs up almost
5 all the way around, with the exception of some
6 specialized buildings like hospitals, or a
7 building that has to generate steam, or
8 commercial restaurants, things of that sort.

9 So, that's what we're finding when we
10 asked these questions.

11 MR. ROSALES: Thank you, Scott.

12 And David, just for your benefit since
13 you're on the phone, we're going to come to you
14 on question four, so if you can just hang tight.

15 So we'll move on to question two. What
16 are the key barriers to electrifying existing
17 buildings? How can these be overcome, e.g.
18 codes, technology readiness, infrastructure, et
19 cetera.

20 So Ted Tiffany's going to lead us on
21 question two.

22 MR. TIFFANY: Yeah, I didn't bring those
23 slides so I've got to see which slide's got up
24 there.

25 So, you know, like Scott said, you know,

1 a lot of the drivers between electrification are
2 already happening. Any time we're designing a
3 zero net energy building it's almost a given fact
4 that we're going to an all-electric application.

5 So those technological barriers are not
6 there. Even on these large-scale commercial
7 buildings the driver being, you know, trying to
8 put solar on the building drives that choice.

9 Like Sean was talking about, the
10 technologies being available on the market is one
11 of those things we need to overcome real quickly.

12 Can you advance a couple slides? No,
13 this is the truncated one. So really what I need
14 to talk about are some of the things that are
15 barriers in the code right now between, you know,
16 alternative compliance method, manual barriers, a
17 lot of those have been solved in the 2019 for
18 residential. There's still some large barriers
19 for electrified applications in the
20 nonresidential barrier that we need to talk
21 about, and we will in a different forum.

22 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: We are focusing
23 on nonres and multi-family in the 2022 update, so
24 your change will come.

25 MR. TIFFANY: Yeah, and we need to move

1 there a little bit faster for the 2019 so we can
2 enable those buildings now.

3 And I'll give you one example for that.
4 I have a 375,000-square-foot dormitory building
5 right now that has an all-electrified solution
6 and shows a payback of about ten years. We're
7 not eligible for incentives because we can't meet
8 compliance through the performance approach.

9 We have to take a myriad of approaches
10 with a prescriptive path, with domestic hot water
11 for an electrified solution and an electrified
12 path for HVAC. So we're using two prescriptive
13 applications and performance for architectural
14 and lighting to even approach compliance. And
15 incentives are off the table.

16 And that is a challenge for, if we talked
17 about the three-prong test being able to show
18 cost effectiveness in retrofit applications. The
19 technology's there, the willingness is there to
20 decarbonize. The incentive from an existing
21 building baseline and the three-prong application
22 for electrified applications is a real barrier in
23 the market right now. So I think those things
24 need to be really thoughtfully redesigned.

25 And one thing, you know, that you brought

1 up, both Commissioners talked about was grid
2 optimization. And having those incentives, both
3 in rate structures that are enabled and
4 incentives through public goods charges need to
5 be enabled to have grid-optimized solutions.

6 And you talked about demand response, and
7 the demand response programs and those utility
8 programs are the wholly unused incentive
9 programs, and I think just because of the name.
10 Because we asked the people to demand response,
11 and if we maybe just changed the name to grid
12 harmonization and put that on a rate structure
13 name, we might get more participation.

14 But favoring something like, you know --

15 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Grid harmony.

16 MR. TIFFANY: Grid harmony, grid
17 harmonization, being a good grid citizen all of
18 those languages that I've heard here today that
19 make my heart warm could be used in a rate
20 structure name.

21 But those barriers need to be changed,
22 you know, with a thought process around demand
23 responsive technologies like thermal energy
24 storage. PG&E's thermal energy storage program
25 is down off their website right now. And if you

1 look at NYSERDA's demand responsive -- or thermal
2 energy storage and demand battery storage
3 applications, they're program's way more robust
4 than what we've ever had, so those technologies
5 need to be enabled.

6 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Thanks.

7 MR. ROSALES: Thank you, Ted.

8 Sean, Scott, I'm going to give you an
9 opportunity if you guys want to add some brief
10 remarks to the question.

11 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah. I'd like to add
12 that the power available -- to expand what I was
13 saying earlier, people can get by with a 20 amp
14 panel, but we don't. Like that's not the way
15 we're even approaching using power in homes.

16 But we have two options, essentially.
17 We either go in and retrofit people's homes with
18 new wiring and panels, which is a real option, or
19 we have products that fit within their existing
20 power supply. And I think that we should be
21 focusing on finding the right products as opposed
22 to gutting people's homes, or futzing around with
23 their panels. There are all sorts of other
24 problem approaches to it that trigger the next
25 thing, and the next thing, and the next thing.

1 Any construction project has unexpected
2 consequences of upgrades that are attached to it.
3 It's just almost a rule that you don't know what
4 you don't know.

5 So I keep wanting to -- I want to focus
6 people's attention on the solutions that exist
7 and just make sure that we have them here so that
8 we don't have to do an expensive retrofit of our
9 State, which I think is not the right approach to
10 it.

11 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Can I -- I just
12 want to make sure we cover, expand where it might
13 be helpful. So in order to do that, so we're
14 talking about policies and certainly, you know,
15 the code presents a process that, you know,
16 obviously it's best that we optimize. And then
17 the program requirement, just like the visual you
18 use in the PUC, you know, I want to talk to those
19 ideas.

20 I guess, if you could paint a little bit
21 of a picture of what a success like engagement
22 with the market actors like look like, like
23 meeting importers of these devices, the
24 manufactures, the whole supply chain. You know,
25 how might we go about engaging productively with

1 those folks and, you know, it might even go as
2 far back as design, even original design. I mean
3 we were talking about earlier it's five bucks to
4 have -- you know, to add some telemetry or some
5 communications devices attached to like an HVAC
6 system or whatever, a heat pump.

7 You know, what does that convening look
8 like to you guys?

9 MR. ARMSTRONG: Okay. So I've talked
10 with Mitsubishi and Daikin. Daikin's a large
11 manufacturer. Like personally, just hanging out
12 with them, asking them the same question. Their
13 answer is we don't think that Americans want what
14 we have. So first, we have to ask them, make a
15 request. They're convinced that only maybe
16 California's interested in it and that probably
17 not. Actually, no, they're not interested.
18 That's what they said; we are not interested,
19 according to them.

20 So starting there, just I think that it
21 means having a demand, a program from the City of
22 San Francisco, or L.A., or some significant
23 purchaser that guarantees them sales.

24 And then there's an incentive that is the
25 third nice thing, for the midstream incentive and

1 it lowers the cost at the right spot.

2 And then on your guys' side make sure
3 that the products that are coming in can be
4 modeled. That's a continual struggle that we
5 have where the products can't be modeled, even
6 when they're there. So have an integrated like
7 we promise you'll be able to get a building
8 permit, we promise it won't be very expensive,
9 and it will sell.

10 That's a process that would get them to
11 bring over container loads. Does that answer
12 your question?

13 MR. LIS: This is Dave. Can I jump in
14 quickly?

15 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yes.

16 MR. ROSALES: Yes, go ahead, David.

17 MR. LIS: All right. So one of the
18 pieces, one of the involvements in the market
19 that we have been active in is around a
20 specification that a lot of the programs that
21 Northeast point to, as part of their incentive
22 programs. And I'll tell you, when we're talking
23 about revisions to that specification that gets a
24 lot of attention from manufacturers and there's a
25 lot of -- basically, there's a lot of dollars

1 rolled into meeting that specification. Very
2 much like an energy star specification.

3 But California's probably big enough, but
4 if California were to coordinate with other
5 regions, and other states, and built that into
6 the specification, and put real dollars in terms
7 of the incentives behind that, you could really
8 drive design and changes from manufacturers. So,
9 a quick one on that.

10 MR. ROSALES: Thank you.

11 Go ahead.

12 MR. TIFFANY: Really quickly, a huge
13 amount of education. If it's not specified, it's
14 not going to get into the design. I run into a
15 lot of mechanical engineers that design
16 simplified school buildings that are, you know,
17 split heat pumps with gas furnaces. And it's
18 like can you not just do a heat pump and simplify
19 the equipment? And it's just knowledge base.
20 It's what they're used to doing. And there's a
21 huge educational uplift that needs to happen with
22 the engineering world and the owners.

23 And I think Scott's gone through that
24 with some of his school projects. It's just
25 educating about the all-electric options and that

1 hasn't been done industry-wide.

2 MR. ROSALES: Thank you.

3 So question three, Geoff Wickes. The
4 question is what are the barriers realizing
5 highly efficient electric water heating? How can
6 these be overcome?

7 MR. WICKES: Thank you. To touch on that
8 last question, what is an example of how do you
9 get some of that product here, we actually --
10 some of these products are actually created here.
11 And NEEA has been working in the heat pump water
12 heater world, now, for well over 20 years. And
13 we have what is called the advance water heating
14 specification. We're currently on version 6.0.
15 All the manufacturers are following that and that
16 helps drive their efficiency level.

17 When we first came out with the tiers
18 higher than what they were currently producing
19 they about -- you know, my phone started ringing
20 off the hook saying, what are you doing? We
21 can't do this. And I said, no, no, we're giving
22 you a runway. A big calm came into the room and
23 they were fine with that.

24 And I think this would echo what David
25 was saying. Once people start getting behind the

1 specification, a testing methodology and a
2 qualified products list then you'll see that
3 market uptake for technology, and then you'll see
4 products showing up, regularly.

5 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Do you have any
6 issues with federal preemption in that approach?

7 MR. WICKES: So we don't try to
8 contradict the DOE. We try to have the DOE and
9 Energy Star as a minimum. But these are stretch
10 performance standards so we don't view it as a
11 problem. And we actually apply our incentives
12 over and above those.

13 So to talk about --

14 MR. LIS: It's a voluntary program.

15 MR. WICKES: Yes, exactly. Thank you.
16 Yeah, good point, David.

17 So, why don't you go to the next slide?
18 So as I said, we've been working in heat pump
19 water heaters for quite some time now and we are
20 pretty familiar with some of the barriers.

21 And there are a couple pretty obvious
22 ones, consumers are just not aware of it. And I
23 would say that most of the time people think
24 about their water heaters when they don't have
25 it. So we view that as about 85 percent of the

1 time, so it's kind of the step on the rake
2 moment. And they all of a sudden I need a water
3 heater. They didn't budget for it, they don't
4 have the money sitting around, and so they're
5 going to pick the lowest cost solution which
6 happens to be an underwater toaster.

7 (Laughter)

8 MR. WICKES: The other solution or the
9 other barrier that we see quite often is plumbers
10 are not familiar with it. So we find that that's
11 a big barrier. Somebody calls up in a panic, I
12 need water to shower tomorrow morning and the
13 plumber says, well, we can replace like for like.
14 It's going to an electric resistance or a gas.
15 It will be the low-cost solution, the six-year
16 warranty. They don't enter into the conversation
17 of a total cost of ownership and how much that's
18 going to save you over a ten-year lifespan.

19 And that's one of the reasons why in our
20 specification we say you must have a ten-year
21 warranty. So that gives that peace of mind and
22 confidence where the customer is going to say,
23 wow, it's not new, it's not going to break on me,
24 and I'm comfortable with it.

25 So I would also say that products are not

1 sufficiently stocked. Well, that's shifting here
2 up on the northwest quite a bit. Last year we
3 moved roughly seven percent of all-electric water
4 heaters were heat pumps. We're still not above
5 much more than about one and a half total
6 saturation. We moved somewhere between 170 and
7 200 hundred thousand electric water heaters per
8 year, in our region.

9 But it's having them there is important
10 because when a plumber calls up and says I've got
11 somebody who needs one right away, and they say,
12 well, it will be two or three days. It's coming
13 from a warehouse in Denver. That's not going to
14 fly. So, stocking it is important.

15 I would say there are some installation
16 challenges, although most of the products now
17 that's not so much an issue, and we can talk more
18 about that.

19 And believe it or not, code officials can
20 actually be a barrier, too. We have to have a
21 way of disposing of the condensate. And in some
22 jurisdictions people say, well, it's a condensate
23 pump. It must be acidic, so you've got to take
24 that to drain. Well, the reality is it's
25 probably cleaner water than some people are

1 drinking these days. So that's not an issue but
2 we do need to educate the code system.

3 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: A question
4 on -- you just rattled off a bunch of data, you
5 know, volume and stuff like that. Are you
6 tracking and how much detail are tracking sort of
7 the distributor level, the retailer, sales of
8 different models? Creating serial numbers,
9 maybe, huh?

10 MR. WICKES: Yeah, so we don't get down
11 to the serial number, necessarily, but we were
12 working upstream so we were incenting the
13 manufacturer, who would then ship it at
14 distribution, whether it was retail or through
15 the plumbing supply channel. So we knew exactly
16 how much was coming into our region, into our
17 four-state region.

18 And what was interesting is we worked
19 upstream and some of the utilities were working
20 downstream, and their success rate -- we could
21 tell them that they weren't capturing a good 70
22 to 80 percent of them because we knew how many
23 were coming into the region and that downstream
24 incentive wasn't getting to the customer. They
25 didn't know about it.

1 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Did you true
2 that up with permit data?

3 MR. WICKES: Well, that's an interesting
4 one. And permit data is not necessarily the best
5 data because not everybody gets a permit.

6 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Well, that's
7 exactly my question. How many -- did you see the
8 discrepancy between the volume imported to the
9 region and sold in the region --

10 MR. WICKES: Yeah, we haven't gotten down
11 -- because we have so many jurisdictions, you
12 know, with Portland, Seattle, and Boise is our
13 main markets. But there's 140 utilities and
14 there are, you know, probably a thousand
15 municipalities that would track that, but good
16 point.

17 So there are great opportunities out
18 here, though. The products are solid now. We
19 feel, you know, there was some rough starts with
20 early days and with the Rheem product, with the
21 Air Generate. I can tell you the horror stories.

22 But now, the three big manufacturers. AO
23 Smith, which owns about 44 percent of the market,
24 Rheem at about 35 percent, and Bradford White at
25 15 percent, they're all making a great product.

1 And they're all above a COP of about 3 or 3.3.

2 So there's great products out there.

3 The supply chain is greased. They know
4 how to promote this. I would say that that's one
5 area where if we're looking to decarbonize a grid
6 we need to leverage that supply chain. We don't
7 want to try to do it, enforce them to do it. Use
8 their channel, they know how to move a -- and
9 it's a commodity. Remember, these things just --
10 they sell for as little as \$300 to \$400. And
11 we're now asking them to sell a \$900 or \$1,000,
12 or \$2,000 installation.

13 So California has a great building stock.
14 This is a phenomenal environment for these
15 things. They're in garages, they're in utility
16 rooms. You couldn't ask for -- in the Northwest,
17 we see temperatures down to the low 30s sometimes
18 in the garage. You do not want to be adding more
19 cold air into that garage. So most cutoffs for
20 heat pump water heaters is right around 37
21 degrees.

22 But a garage in California, we can see up
23 to 95. And in fact, we're adding that into our
24 test just so people in California can see a COP
25 of maybe even close to 5 in certain applications,

1 in certain times in the Central Valley.

2 One of the other things that I would say
3 is that demand response is a great solution for
4 these. There are already electronics in there
5 because these are compression systems and they've
6 got electronic controls to them. So DR is an
7 easy lift. We're currently doing a major study
8 with that. Great results, both electric
9 resistance, but also for heat pumps and we see
10 savings in both of those.

11 New construction market. That happens to
12 be our biggest market in the Northwest. And I
13 think there's a bit of new construction going on
14 in California. When I flew in I saw a few sticks
15 on the ground.

16 Some of the solutions that I want to
17 point to are work with the market channels, both
18 distribution and retail. Home Depot, Lowe's and
19 some of the smaller retails, great programs. You
20 can push a lot of product that way. But your
21 distribution channel is where a lot of the
22 emergency replacement is happening. You need to
23 work with the major manufacturers, their account
24 reps, and then through people like Ferguson,
25 Consolidated, and others.

1 One of the things that we recommend our
2 utilities to do is go to midstream. Don't do
3 downstream. Go midstream. Get that price
4 reduction to the plumber. Don't have the
5 individual have to go out and scrounge up that
6 money and send in the application and all that.
7 It's another barrier. And the plumbers will say
8 don't screw with it. I'm not going to mess with
9 it. Just get this cheap product.

10 The other thing is that we talked about
11 stock and flow incentives, so work with the
12 distribution to make sure that there's plenty of
13 stock on hand. One little intervention that's
14 getting some traction is called the Prodio
15 (phonetic). We have the distribution channel
16 give the plumbers a heat pump water heater. Let
17 them live with it. They become the advocate and
18 then pretty soon they're selling and promoting
19 it.

20 So there's another couple of projects
21 we're working on which are what we call the
22 proactive replacement. And that's an important
23 market because we don't want them to get to a
24 failure state. We want them to be thinking this
25 thing should be replaced if the payback on it is

1 -- on its own, it's just in great shape.

2 So we can go to the next slide. Maybe.

3 I thought there was another slide. So click it
4 one more time.

5 So in California I can talk about this,
6 NEEA is a fuel-neutral organization. But in
7 California I wanted to point out this is put on -
8 - this is a slide I was given permission to use
9 from Bradford White. And they talk about the
10 economics of what does it cost to run a regular
11 electric resistance at \$455 a year? These are
12 national numbers. So California, these numbers
13 would actually be higher.

14 The cost of running a heat pump water
15 heater is \$155. Savings for electric to heat
16 pump is a \$300 savings. But it's still cheaper
17 than a gas, too. So you'd be foolish not to be
18 replacing it.

19 So go to the next slide. So installation
20 consideration, I don't want to bore anybody, but
21 it's doable. This is not a problem. If you
22 really -- if you want it in a tight closet, in a
23 tight house, you still can vent it in and out, if
24 you want to. All the manufacturers are making
25 venting kits.

1 So go to the next slide. I think
2 actually this is to another topic area. It just
3 got thrown in there, so you can pull that off.
4 Thanks.

5 MR. ROSALES: Are you done?

6 MR. WICKES: That's all I have.

7 MR. ROSALES: Thank you that was really
8 good.

9 And we're going to give it over to Ed
10 because he's going to take a different approach
11 on this. Ed, your slides will be up.

12 MR. MURRAY: Thanks. Again, Ed Murray
13 with the California Solar and Storage
14 Association, formerly CALSEIA. CALSEIA was the
15 California Solar Energy Industry Association, a
16 40-year company representing solar thermal to
17 begin with, and then solar photovoltaic
18 thereafter.

19 In order to get a picture of what is
20 going on, you know, we ask about solutions that
21 already exist. Solar thermal does exist. It's
22 been in existence, like I said, for 40 years in
23 this State, and it's a proven technology.

24 The basics of solar thermal, just because
25 it's sometimes considered the other white meat,

1 most people think of solar and think solar
2 photovoltaic.

3 Solar thermal techniques capture heat
4 energy from the sun and use it to pre-heat hot
5 water and air for homes, businesses, industrial
6 uses such as crop and process drying.

7 Solar thermal works in combination with
8 the existing water systems in the home and it can
9 reduce a significant portion of the energy use
10 for heating water, 50 to 80 percent on average
11 for residential solar water heating.

12 We also help residential, commercial,
13 industrial buildings become more energy
14 efficient, helping consumers and businesses save
15 money and support manufacturing and installation
16 jobs. We don't have to put them in ships as we
17 have -- in the room we have two manufacturers of
18 solar panels, one from Fontana, SunEarth and one
19 from Richmond, Heliodyne. There's also a
20 representative from Heliocol in the back.

21 So this stuff is readily available and
22 it's been tried and true. And when I started
23 installing solar water heating at my company, in
24 1980, there's been an amazing amount of
25 transition with certifications for the equipment,

1 certification for installers, and also
2 streamlining for permits that we've worked with
3 the Governor's Office. So we've made this state
4 of the art.

5 The solar thermal also helps reduce gas
6 emissions. I'll discuss further in Q&A, but
7 according to the National Renewable Energy Lab,
8 or NREL, solar thermal is the best available
9 technology for reducing greenhouse impacts of
10 solar of heating water.

11 Can I have the next slide, please? This
12 pie chart shows the potential greenhouse gas
13 emissions reductions for the heating sector. So
14 for example, 6 percent of the light blue one
15 there is residential. California greenhouse gas
16 emission comes from residential sector, mostly
17 from heating and equivalent to 26 million metric
18 tons per year.

19 There is great potential for solar water
20 heating to help reduce those emissions, including
21 up to two percent of these emissions from the
22 residential sector, alone. That's one-third of
23 this wedge of the pie.

24 So solar water heating can be used for
25 industrial, commercial and AG sectors. We've

1 talked about pasteurization. We have some of
2 that with solar water heating.

3 I don't know if anybody wants to go
4 through the exact calculations, but if you need
5 to, I can go through these calcs for you.

6 The next slide, please. This chart,
7 which was produced by Tim Merrigan and Jay
8 Maguire, two scientists at NREL, show the
9 potential for solar water heating. They ran an
10 analysis in 2016, comparing the greenhouse gas
11 impacts of heating water from different
12 technologies, in three locations in California,
13 Sacramento, San Jose, and Los Angeles.

14 And as you can see, the very best
15 technology you can have is a solar water heat and
16 tankless gas heater in California, which reduce
17 -- the GHG impact is 294 kilogram CO2 equivalent.

18 The conclusion was that it is the best
19 available technology for reducing greenhouse gas
20 impacts of heating water. In fact, solar
21 thermal's is twice as good at reducing greenhouse
22 gas emissions than heat pumps.

23 Solar water heating with a heat pump
24 backup was not run, but that can easily be added
25 to this table.

1 So in effect, solar water heating is an
2 existing market in California. We have a
3 knowledgeable and trained workforce within
4 California. Because of the California Solar
5 Initiative, which was formed in 2007 through AB
6 1479, and I think a lot of it written by
7 Commissioner McAllister, we were able to get
8 rebates for solar water heating systems
9 throughout California.

10 We have systems that are easy to install,
11 easy to service, and no refrigerants to leak. So
12 the installed therms saved in the multi-families
13 housing sector doubled between 2016 and 2017
14 because of the CSI, or California Solar
15 Initiative Rebate Program. So this sector is
16 growing.

17 There are opportunities, because of the
18 existing rebates within the California rebate but
19 this, unfortunately, ends in 2019 so we're
20 looking for the next vehicle to incentivize solar
21 water heating throughout the State. We can build
22 on the existing CPUC's CSI Thermal Program to
23 strengthen the requirements through the energy
24 efficiency.

25 And we look forward to working with the

1 CEC and the stakeholders.

2 And we also want to thank, again, the
3 2020 Title 24 Solar PV on old homes. That is
4 another way to electrify homes.

5 Slide three, please. So the natural gas
6 is 85 percent of all water heating fuel
7 consumption in California. It's very difficult
8 to transition to a heat pump. As you know, you
9 have to get a plumber and an electrician, and
10 it's very difficult to get two trades into your
11 house. It's hard enough to get one trade into
12 your house. But get two and to try to do both of
13 those.

14 Unfortunately, natural gas prices are low
15 and it makes for a low priority for a household
16 budget. So there's a lack of awareness and
17 culture for using solar water heating in
18 California. We need to change that.

19 The other aspect is that when a system or
20 a water heater breaks they aren't -- the
21 customers are told that they have the option to
22 do solar water heating and installing solar water
23 heating. So we'd like that to be maybe marketed
24 by the Energy Commission to help us get these out
25 there.

1 Then we need programs and policies in
2 place to present more solar options, when they
3 are replacing their water heaters.

4 I just wanted to touch on a couple of
5 other things. The pictures that you see up there
6 are residential on the top and there's a couple
7 of commercial systems down below there. But
8 there are also -- there's a new technology called
9 PVT, made in Chico at the FAFCO headquarters.
10 And they integrate a solar water heating panel
11 with a solar PV panel. So the PV panel is more
12 efficient because of the cooling effect of the
13 solar water heating on the back of it. And so
14 this is a technology that will do both water
15 heating and electricity.

16 And because the solar electric panel is
17 cooled, the PVT is between 2 and 20 percent more
18 effective producing electricity than just a
19 simple PV panel.

20 There is also a solar wall, which is a
21 wall that's put on the side of a building that
22 would hold -- they have some perforations in it
23 and they blow a fan across it, and they heat the
24 commercial building with this solar wall. So
25 that's another technology, a simple technology

1 that works.

2 So thank you.

3 MR. ROSALES: Ed thanks. It's great to
4 consider that the market has different options,
5 with different players. Thank you.

6 Commissioner, if you don't have
7 questions, I'll go to number four.

8 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Yeah, go ahead.

9 MR. ROSALES: Okay. So David, are you
10 ready?

11 MR. LIS: I'm here.

12 MR. ROSALES: Great. Question four:
13 What are barriers to realizing higher efficient
14 electric space heating? How can these be
15 overcome? Codes, technology readiness, product
16 cost and availability, et cetera.

17 David, when you're ready?

18 MR. LIS: Great. And I want to sort of
19 couch my remarks with the next couple of slides
20 around the fact that the regional initiative that
21 we've been managing for a number of years in the
22 Northeast has to date been mainly focused on
23 smaller scale systems, 5 tons and less.

24 So while I would say a lot of these
25 barriers and strategies are likely to be very

1 relevant to larger commercial electrification of
2 space heating, this is -- I'm pulling a lot of
3 this from a two-year-old regional market
4 transformation strategy report that we developed
5 around air source heat pumps and, again,
6 residentially scaled.

7 So it sounds like a lot of these barriers
8 have been repeated throughout the portion that
9 I've been on. So I'm going to go through the
10 barriers pretty quickly and spend a little bit
11 more time on some of the strategies.

12 But one word on the development of how we
13 put this strategy report together. We pulled
14 stakeholders from across sort of the market
15 together to -- we brought them a market
16 assessment and then we talked about key barriers
17 in the market, and developed the strategies
18 around how to address the barriers in the market.
19 So I think this is a good model to follow, both,
20 you know, obviously you want market strategies
21 and interventions to be relevant to address the
22 barriers. But also, the process of bringing a
23 lot of different stakeholders, whether it's the
24 manufacturers, the distributors, the sellers, all
25 the way up to policymakers, you know, is to have

1 them all thinking about their roles in a market
2 because it is powerful.

3 So barriers, we've heard about the
4 consumer issues just in terms of lack of
5 awareness about a lot of these technologies. And
6 again, I'm talking about air source, but there's
7 certainly ground source heat pumps that are
8 available in the market, solar hot water.

9 This number two is around obviously when
10 installers, and architects, and designers are not
11 aware and confident in a technology, they're
12 certainly not going to be selling it to their
13 customers and they're really the front line to be
14 selling these systems.

15 So, obviously, just building that market
16 and building the confidence in that sector is
17 crucial.

18 The issues of affordability with these
19 new, low-carbon systems is an issue. I'll hit on
20 the saving uncertainty in the next slide.

21 The metrics piece, particularly on the
22 air source heat pump side, the DOE metrics are
23 really not designed for the latest generation of
24 air source heat pump technology. So the issue of
25 being able to differentiate the highest

1 performing products from sort of the middle-of-
2 the-road products is difficult. And particularly
3 in colder climates, when you're looking for
4 performance information, low temperatures that is
5 very difficult to pick out of the existing
6 metric.

7 One issue that may be more specific to
8 the Northeast, but a lot of the heat pumps, 90
9 percent of the market in the Northeast are
10 ductless mini-splits going into homes that have
11 existing central systems. And the ability to
12 automate and maximize the use of the ductless
13 heat pumps to displace as much of the use of the
14 central system today requires some consumer
15 awareness and O&M wisdom. And so, how do we get
16 over that barrier of simple consumer operation
17 and then maximizing that?

18 And then certainly, from a top down
19 perspective, at the policy level policymakers
20 feeling really confident around or having
21 questions about grid impacts from if we were
22 actually successful in deploying large numbers of
23 these systems what would that do to peak or how
24 would that shift seasonally?

25 And a lot of policymakers, like the CEC,

1 wants to be sure that that is going to be managed
2 in a responsible way and potentially a beneficial
3 way.

4 So those are the barriers. And then I'll
5 jump over to the next slide. This is a little
6 image of the report. You're certainly welcome to
7 go onto NEEP's website and look at all the
8 details.

9 So a lot of the strategies here, the
10 market intervention strategies are left at a very
11 high level, and there are sort of some sub-
12 strategies underneath these. But I'll hit on a
13 couple of, I think, strategies that have been
14 effective in the Northeast.

15 In terms of consumer education and
16 awareness, a lot of states are starting to
17 support community-based programs in a solarized
18 model, whereas communities are coming together
19 whether it's bulk purchasing, or simply educating
20 their fellow consumers and neighbors about these
21 technologies.

22 At the community level there's a real
23 opportunity, particularly with new technologies.
24 If you're hearing about a new technology from
25 your neighbor and they've had a good experience

1 with it there's a lot of power to that. We've
2 seen the local programs, you know, in a couple of
3 states in the Northeast have a lot of success
4 with that.

5 In terms of this greater awareness and
6 confidence in the installer community, you know,
7 there's a lot of efficiency programs that have
8 large installer networks. So we're looking at
9 the efficiency network as an opportunity to --
10 the efficiency program network as an opportunity
11 to not just train on the more traditional
12 systems, but to really bring air source heat pump
13 -- you know, raise the specter of air source heat
14 pumps to them.

15 And then costs, we've heard a lot about
16 that in the Northeast. There's both efficiency
17 programs and climate programs that have been --
18 that have come to the market and provided certain
19 kinds of rebates. I would second the shift to
20 moving to midstream. This has been effective in
21 the Northeast and I think that is, as programs
22 mature it's a really effective way of getting to
23 some of these costs. Obviously, as a market, you
24 know, if we can just drive volume, volume, volume
25 on this, we're going to see cost reductions as

1 well.

2 The piece on mobilizing the state and
3 local policymakers, this kind of materialized
4 itself in the Northeast in a lot of -- right now,
5 in the thinking through how to leverage existing
6 energy efficiency programs and are there ways to
7 evolve those programs to include proactive fuel
8 switching through those programs. And that's a
9 conversation that is happening in a number of
10 states in the Northeast and it sounds like it's
11 happening in California.

12 So in terms of the vehicle that the
13 efficiency have kind of created with customers is
14 a good opportunity.

15 I touched a little bit on the advanced
16 controls. That may be a particular area that the
17 Northeast sees as an opportunity, so I'll gloss
18 over that one.

19 This issue of the case that brought this
20 up earlier, particular when you get to some of
21 the colder climate areas in California you're
22 going to want to be able to identify those
23 products that are going to operate at low
24 temperatures and operate efficiently. And this
25 is an area that NEEP has become involved with.

1 We have a cold climate air source heat pump
2 specification and product list that a number of
3 programs in the Northeast have leveraged in
4 different ways.

5 But, you know, we are certainly trying to
6 make this specification as relevant across
7 regions as possible to really give this kind of
8 market, market traction and market impact. And I
9 think there are some ongoing efforts to actually
10 -- so there are some deficiencies with the
11 specification that I could go into, but there's
12 also efforts to create a new voluntary test
13 procedure for air source heat pumps that I think
14 will do a much better job of characterizing
15 performance. And I think that is in the long
16 term where we need to move because that will be
17 an industry -- a consistent industry standard
18 that, again, will do a better job of
19 characterizing systems.

20 And then, lastly, in terms of developing
21 more confidence around performance, there has
22 been a couple of pretty large-scale field studies
23 that have been going on in the Northeast that
24 suggest that performance is good. They were
25 mainly focused on ductless air source heat pumps.

1 I think there are -- so I think that the results
2 are very positive. For the most part the systems
3 are performing as manufacturers are suggesting.
4 And as the market moves towards more multi-zone
5 systems, and centrally-ducted systems in our
6 region we need to do more -- we certainly need to
7 look into those systems with more research, more
8 in-field research to confirm their performance.
9 But I'd say that the initial research that's been
10 going on is positive for these systems.

11 So I'll leave it at that. Thanks.

12 MR. ROSALES: Thanks David.

13 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: I have a quick
14 question. This is Commissioner McAllister. You
15 mentioned that people were putting in ductless
16 mini-splits in buildings where they already have
17 central systems. Could you sort of describe a
18 typical scenario there for what would drive that?
19 Is it an addition or just comfort in one room, or
20 what's the deal?

21 MR. LIS: Yeah, I think it's definitely a
22 -- there's definitely a range of reasons why that
23 market has -- or why people with existing systems
24 are looking for ductless systems. I would
25 definitely say the cooling -- that the cooling

1 piece is actually one of the initial large
2 drivers in the Northeast. You know, a lot of
3 hydronic systems, so a lot of -- there are a lot
4 of significant homes that don't have the central
5 ducts or central AC. So in order to get a more
6 centralized cooling system the heat pump is a
7 good opportunity for that.

8 And then you have a lot of fuel oil in
9 the Northeast. And three or four years ago oil
10 was very expensive and there was a big spike in
11 adoption of ductless heat pumps to go into those
12 homes and displace some of that expensive
13 heating.

14 And we've really been able to maintain
15 that momentum ever since that market growth three
16 or four years ago.

17 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Thanks.

18 MR. ROSALES: Thanks, David. I'm going
19 to go ahead and launch question five. Question
20 five: What is needed to minimize the potential
21 for refrigerant leakage in heat pump
22 technologies? For example, product design,
23 installation and expertise, et cetera.

24 And Geoff, can you get us started on
25 this?

1 MR. WICKES: Sure. There was a slide in
2 the last slide of my earlier deck that I was
3 going to speak to. But I also think David was
4 going to weigh in on this whole topic, as well.

5 This conversation has been going on all
6 day. I don't want to belabor it too much. I
7 think there's the issue of current sources, what
8 you're shifting to. And then I want to leave you
9 with a couple thoughts.

10 We need to just improve the efficiency
11 level of the existing technology, much like what
12 Sean has been talking about. Japan, China offer
13 some great products. We need to break those
14 barriers to bring them in here as quickly as
15 possible.

16 And then as we transition from existing
17 refrigerants to more greenhouse gas-friendly
18 refrigerants, 1234YF, or CO2, or even propanes or
19 butanes, or even going back to some ammonia
20 technologies we need to get a little more
21 flexible.

22 This chart just represents what the
23 future will be. This was generated by a paper
24 that will be published at ACEEE, by my colleague
25 Christopher Dymond. David Lis is one of the

1 authors and has had some weigh-in on some of
2 this, as well.

3 But I think there's a bright future and I
4 think California's going the right way. I would
5 say build a specification, create sufficient
6 market demand, and then follow through with
7 sufficient long-term support of it.

8 MR. ROSALES: Thanks Geoff.

9 We're near the end, so I want to give
10 anyone an opportunity to either add to this
11 question, question five, or if you have something
12 on reserve, on hold for any of the previous
13 questions you didn't get to participate on, we
14 can start now.

15 And then just to be orderly, we can start
16 with Sean and then we can move down the row. And
17 then, David, just let us know if you want to jump
18 in. Go ahead, Sean.

19 MR. ARMSTRONG: Thank you. So there are
20 two items I want to respond to. The first is
21 leakage. So the last time I was in this room I
22 had Yanda Zhang sitting next to me, and he's a
23 leading researcher in domestic hot water. We
24 looked up the rates of thermal, like therms of
25 gas use each year. We applied a three percent

1 leakage rate, which is conservative since leakage
2 rates of methane are likely closer to five
3 percent in the system, and might be significantly
4 higher. But you said three percent.

5 Three percent, we applied the global
6 warming potential of methane, which is in the
7 environment for about nine years, so we put a
8 ten-year GWP on it. We did some modifications to
9 the incorrect 100-year horizon for methane.
10 That's not a true thing.

11 And found that it took about three years
12 of a natural gas water heater just being used to
13 equal all the refrigerant that could be leaked
14 out of a heat pump water tank. So you have a
15 disaster, your tank fails, all refrigerant leaks
16 and that equals just three years of using a gas
17 tank water heater, just normal. Not it leaking,
18 the system leaking.

19 So I think that the emphasis on the GWP
20 potential of refrigerants is not being scaled to
21 the GWP potential of using methane and the
22 leakage rate associated with it, which is
23 profound.

24 The second comment I'd like to make, I
25 service developers as a cost-effectiveness

1 consultant. So solar hot water I think is the
2 old school heat pump. It's like a heat pump that
3 doesn't work at night. Heat pumps work at night.
4 And what heat pumps are, like solar hot water
5 they have a refrigerant in them that circulates
6 around to collect heat. Thermal heat,
7 specifically, either more air, or the sunshine
8 hitting it, but there's a refrigerant that turns
9 it around and collects the heat.

10 When you go to a heat pump you have phase
11 change as the heat absorption process. A really
12 powerful way to suck in five, six times more
13 energy. You get huge efficiencies out of using
14 specific refrigerants.

15 So a solar thermal panel, which is a
16 collecting surface. Just like in a compressor
17 there's a collecting metal surface. It has
18 refrigerants. Both of them have refrigerants.
19 One uses phase change and one doesn't. Heat
20 pumps use phase change and they work at night.

21 And so the consequence is you have a
22 solar thermal panel, with a couple accelerators
23 on it and it you get a much more cost-effective
24 way of getting the heat into the system that are
25 used in phase change and refrigerants.

1 So that is an important part to think
2 about. And solar thermal, unfortunately because
3 heat pumps work best when there's a cold
4 temperature and a hot temperature, and a large
5 delta T between the two, if you deliver warm
6 water from a solar thermal panel to a heat pump
7 water heater you dramatically reduce its
8 efficiency.

9 Whereas if you deliver PV electricity to
10 a heat pump, you continue to operate at maximum
11 efficiency.

12 So I think solar thermal has specific
13 applications, but it is not a cost-effective
14 strategy if you have a heat pump in the mix is my
15 technical, professional opinion on the topic.

16 And I mean no offense because I know you
17 represent PV. And I just think that you guys
18 should include heat pumps as your solar thermal
19 collector representation. I honestly think you
20 might want to consider expanding that a little
21 bit.

22 Because in Europe, heat pumps are
23 considered solar thermal collectors. They
24 actually have a renewable energy definition
25 applied to a heat pump. And I think we could

1 consider the product that way more effectively in
2 the United States, too.

3 MR. ROSALES: Yeah, on a quick time check
4 we have about seven minutes total.

5 MR. ARMSTRONG: That was all I have time
6 to say, yeah.

7 MR. ROSALES: Thanks.

8 MR. MURRAY: We have a couple -- like I
9 said, we have a couple of manufacturers that
10 didn't get to weigh in on this, too. But I can
11 tell you that we have solar thermal that heats up
12 during the day, but stores at night. So we have
13 the solar storage, which is in the garage. So
14 we're the first storage beyond battery, now that
15 they say solar storage. Actually, solar water
16 heating was the first storage. And so we store
17 that heat that's gained during the day at night.

18 We wouldn't want to -- and I'm kind of
19 confused if you wanted to compress the Freon to
20 go through the collectors?

21 MR. ARMSTRONG: No, I'm not really
22 suggesting that we increase the amount of
23 refrigerant circulating. I actually think that
24 compressors should be closed so we don't have
25 leakage opportunity. So generally, I would not

1 favor recycling the panels with new refrigerants.

2 But I haven't thought that deeply on it.

3 MR. MURRAY: Just to be clear, though,
4 there aren't refrigerants in solar thermal
5 panels, there's --

6 MR. ARMSTRONG: Well, propylene glycol is
7 a refrigerant.

8 MR. MURRAY: It's not a gas. If it
9 leaked, you're not going to --

10 MR. ARMSTRONG: True.

11 MR. MURRAY: We're not going to hurt the
12 ozone.

13 MR. ARMSTRONG: No, it has no global
14 warming potential.

15 MR. MURRAY: Right, right. That's what I
16 just wanted to be clear about.

17 MR. ARMSTRONG: Yeah.

18 MR. MURRAY: Thank you.

19 MR. SHELL: So as I mentioned, we're
20 focused on how do we get our buildings more in
21 harmony with our grid needs. And I think one of
22 the biggest loads in our buildings is our heating
23 and cooling. So we're focused on having to
24 design our envelope to help with that.

25 Seven years ago I retrofit a 100-year-old

1 cabin to be a passive house. And I recently went
2 and had lunch with the family that was living
3 there and they just talked about how stable the
4 temperature is and how slow it changes over time.

5 The new insulation standards and the
6 exterior continuous insulation standards in Title
7 24 are approaching passive house levels. The two
8 things we're missing are air sealing and a heat
9 recovery ventilator.

10 We've been doing air sealing on a number
11 of our projects. We've looked at it in both
12 residential and commercial scales and it's
13 happening very successfully. The State of
14 Washington, the Army Corps of Engineers, lots of
15 places are doing it very successfully. And I
16 think we're ready for that. It's not that hard.
17 There's a learning curve, but it's not that hard
18 once you understand the concepts.

19 There's two other pieces to that envelope
20 that I think we could really use. Lawrence
21 Berkeley Labs and Anderson Windows are working on
22 a thin triple glazing. And it's a drop-in
23 replacement, the same thickness as our current
24 double-glazed IGUs, so manufacturers don't have
25 to change any of their frames. It's just a drop-

1 in glazing replacement.

2 It would be a huge help for existing
3 buildings, every time when you upgrade your
4 windows your whole envelope score will go way up.

5 And the second thing is we really need
6 some innovation on how we insulate and air seal
7 our existing buildings. It's challenging. You
8 know, we've all crawled into our crawl space in
9 our attics with a can of foam. It's hard to do.
10 We need some research on how do we -- can we blow
11 in insulation that has enough density or some
12 sort of layer on it that will get an adequate
13 level of air sealing.

14 We don't need the passive house level.
15 The 50 pascals, I don't think is a realistic
16 pressure number, but we don't know what the right
17 number is. How do we cost-optimize that for the
18 California climate? Thank you.

19 MR. ROSALES: And for those in the
20 audience, let's see, that was Scott Shell making
21 those remarks. And we're transferring over to
22 Ted.

23 MR. TIFFANY: Yeah, this is Ted Tiffany.
24 I think one of the things that Scott pointed out
25 right now is really optimizing envelope to bring

1 down loads. And there's a particular building
2 type in a couple of coastal climates where we've
3 got this situation where we could design our
4 architectural systems to really drop down the
5 loads like in a high-rise residential application
6 or dormitory, where we can really almost
7 eliminate cooling. And eliminate the, you know,
8 vertical pack achieve pumps, whatever you want to
9 talk about heating and cooling systems, and go to
10 a very efficient, low-wattage technology in a
11 radiant panel, electric panel.

12 And we're not able to do that in the code
13 right now. And that would be one way to really
14 eliminate refrigerant technologies in the
15 building. And if you pair those with, you know,
16 heat recovery, dedicated outside air units,
17 you're really getting down to a load that even if
18 you were to put the smallest available heat pump,
19 it would still be three or four times oversized
20 for that load.

21 And then you can effectively heat with a
22 radiant panel and zonally controlled. Very
23 effectively and way more cost effectively.

24 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: So I assume you
25 are talking with staff about this?

1 MR. SHELL: I'll show you a couple
2 examples.

3 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Okay.

4 MR. ROSALES: That was Ted Tiffany.

5 Geoff, before I get to you, I'm going to
6 give David an opportunity and then we'll wrap up
7 with you.

8 David, you've got a minute or two if you
9 want to make any closing remarks? David Lis, can
10 you hear me? I'm going to take that as a No.

11 Geoff, you're up.

12 MR. WICKES: Yeah, so I can't speak to
13 California so much because I just represent
14 Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. But I
15 would say I do talk to the major manufacturers
16 regularly, and I've talked to them about the idea
17 of helping California go from what they currently
18 have of about 85 percent gas to a higher
19 percentage of electric or electric heat pump.

20 And they said we're very interested in
21 doing that, but they would like to have a clear
22 number and direction of where that's going. So
23 I'm working with them on a 120-volt, 40-gallon
24 heat pump system.

25 But if California could say, yep, we're

1 going to be replacing this over the next ten
2 years and we need that help, I think you would
3 have product in distribution very quickly.

4 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: I think one of
5 the issues you're going to hear people talking
6 about pretty quickly is if it's a small tank, and
7 we are looking to use off-peak energy, then that
8 morning surge of power use is going to have to
9 wait until the evening to get recharged. At
10 least that's a possibility.

11 So like the load shape issues are real, I
12 think in California, and they're going to be
13 different from probably the Northwest.

14 MR. WICKES: I agree. And there are
15 solutions. There are mixing valves and demand
16 response for storage for shifting. So the
17 technology's here. It's not -- we just need to
18 show the demand and the product will appear. And
19 their R&D is ready to go.

20 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Yeah. We'd we
21 appreciate -- we haven't actually said anything
22 about comments, yet. Maybe Heather, you're going
23 to tell us at the end when comments are due,
24 since this is an IEPR workshop.

25 But there have been a lot of ideas

1 throughout the course of the day and, you know, I
2 want to get them on the record in more depth, if
3 you can at all bring yourself to write written
4 comments. And, you know put some links in there
5 -- and in attached documents, you know, whatever
6 the backup is. That's really important for us
7 and I think it will be helpful along a number of
8 different axes, including the conversations as we
9 get into it for the 2022 Building Code.

10 MR. ROSALES: Thank you, Commissioner.

11 Just to close this panel, I thank all of
12 you for your participation with your comments.
13 You guys were great tour guides. That concludes
14 Panel Two.

15 (Applause)

16 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: So we have a
17 few blue cards, for public comment, right
18 Heather, that's --

19 MS. RAITT: Right, we have.

20 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Okay. So Jim
21 Lutz.

22 MR. LUTZ: Thank you. I want to talk
23 about the heat pump water heaters and some sort
24 of my experiences with water heating. I do a lot
25 of research on hot water use, residential hot

1 water use and have about 30 years of experience
2 with it.

3 A lot of that was funded by the Energy
4 Commission. For those of you who don't know, the
5 Bradford White heat pump, the original field
6 tests on the concepts were paid for or some of
7 them were paid for by the Energy Commission.

8 I also want to draw your attention to a
9 report, about a decade ago: Super-Efficient Gas
10 Water Heating Appliance Initiative. It's got a
11 cute acronym, which fit with the times. The
12 SEGWHAI was an idea of trying to boost the
13 efficiency of gas water heaters.

14 That initiative did not really succeed,
15 but a lot of the messages in that are still
16 applicable. They're sort of repeats of what
17 Geoff was saying.

18 That part of the problem is the programs
19 or building codes depend on a cost-effective
20 product, and it's not there. The manufacturers
21 could do it, but they need to see a large enough
22 market that it justifies them spending that R&D
23 money.

24 From the SEGWHAI study and looking at
25 what's happened in the heat pump water heater

1 market in the past few years, from the numbers
2 Geoff was talking about, in the SEGWHAI study we
3 talked to the manufacturers. And they were
4 saying they were looking for a market of about
5 50,000 units a year, for about five years. It
6 had to be long enough and big enough for them to
7 justify the spending on it.

8 What Geoff just said makes it sound like
9 it may not be that large anymore.

10 So I want to bring up a couple of things
11 I was thinking about why I think the heat pump
12 water heater initiative in California might be a
13 different position than the SEGWHAI was about ten
14 years ago, trying to get a super-efficient gas
15 water heater appliance.

16 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Try to be
17 pretty quick about that because you're going to
18 run out of time.

19 MR. LUTZ: Well, then I'll -- well, okay.

20 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Yeah.

21 MR. LUTZ: Two things. One is the -- you
22 need to get a product that's targeted to the gas
23 replacement market and the 120 volts is a big
24 issue. And I think California has a big enough
25 market, we probably have more than half-a-million

1 product a year.

2 And then the other one is there's a new
3 set of motivation, a new set of resources behind
4 the people that could run the programs. And
5 that's the greenhouse emission policies. It's
6 also the adoption of the CCAs. And so there's a
7 lot more resources there now than there were for
8 the gas ones.

9 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Okay, thanks.

10 MR. LUTZ: What I would suggest is that
11 we call a workshop for the CCAs and the muni's
12 that want to run these programs and to get the
13 manufacturers that Geoff was talking about
14 together, and do it. And if the CEC could host
15 that, that would be great. I suspect we could do
16 it within a month or two.

17 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Thanks for your
18 time, Jim. Appreciate it.

19 Pierre Delforge.

20 MR. DELFORGE: Good afternoon,
21 Commissioner. Thank you so much for hosting,
22 convening this workshop. It's been a remarkable
23 day, both on the substance and the energy, but
24 the thermal energy and the human energy in the
25 room I think today.

1 We appreciate the Commission's
2 willingness and determination to take this on.
3 This is a challenging topic, but one which is
4 essential to help us achieve our climate goal.

5 I'd like to step back a little bit and
6 put this in the context of some of the clean
7 energy revolutions that we are witnessing today.
8 You know, in power generation 20 years ago we had
9 very little renewable energy. It was expensive.
10 And now it's a growing, rapidly growing and it's
11 cost-competitive with gas generation.

12 On transportation, you know, ten years
13 ago there was virtually no electric cars on the
14 road. Now, we have the choice between electric
15 cars, hybrids, even natural gas, gasoline and
16 fuel cells. So we have a whole host of choices,
17 clean energy choices.

18 And I think we can achieve the same thing
19 with clean heating technology. We have, you know
20 we heard today the technology exists that it can
21 be used. You know, whether it's air source heat
22 pumps, geothermal, solar thermal, this is the
23 next -- potentially, the next clean energy
24 revolution in California and nationwide. We've
25 got the potential to dramatically reduce GHGs,

1 especially as we clean up our grid. It can lower
2 costs for people, especially for -- you know,
3 with the housing affordability crisis, if you
4 have solar and heat pumps, you can cut your bills
5 in more than half.

6 It's got a potential to help integrate
7 renewable energy on the grid. So it's a huge
8 potential and I think we -- unfortunately, we
9 have market barriers. But if we can give
10 ourselves the choice by developing this market
11 and ensuring that people who want to switch to
12 heat pumps have -- you know, have them available,
13 affordable and, you know, heat pumps can compete
14 on their merits with existing technologies.

15 So this is going to require forward-
16 thinking qualities and we think that the IEPR and
17 the work in this proceeding is going to be
18 essential to some of the open questions that we
19 have. First, how do we do it at the scale and
20 pace needed to meet our goals? How do we
21 establish investments, innovation to be able to
22 bring these products to the market at scale? How
23 do we do it in an equitable and cost-effective
24 manner so we can address the housing
25 affordability crisis?

1 And as I said all along, I think heat
2 pumps have a real potential to help do that
3 significantly.

4 How to integrate them into the grid? I
5 mean, you raised this question early on. There
6 was some good discussion about the potential to
7 do this and how we do this.

8 How do we manage the existing gas
9 infrastructure in a way that makes sense for
10 taxpayers and utility customers as we ramp up
11 clean energy electric heating?

12 How do we have the right greenhouse gas
13 emissions accounting? And it's critical that we
14 have the right accounting to inform our policies,
15 like both the Building Code incentive programs,
16 and we use to need marginal emissions. And we
17 don't yet have the right type of emissions
18 accounting that really factor in the -- what's
19 happening with the grid as we go forward.

20 So I was going to close it as I'm over
21 time. And thank you so much for taking the lead
22 on this issue in California. And, hopefully,
23 that will leverage across the nation.

24 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: You bet.
25 Thanks.

1 (Applause)

2 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Tim Carmichael
3 from SoCalGas.

4 MR. CARMICHAEL: Good afternoon,
5 Commissioner. Tim Carmichael of Southern
6 California Gas Company. Though I wasn't able to
7 be here for most of the day, I was listening to
8 most of it.

9 And let me start by saying that you made
10 some very good comments this morning to kick off
11 the discussion, including the point that
12 decarbonization is harder than building a net
13 zero energy building.

14 Internationally, the UN Climate Change
15 Council and the World Green Building Council have
16 come to a similar conclusion. They have recently
17 set goals for buildings to achieve net zero
18 carbon, not net zero energy or zero emissions, by
19 2050.

20 In Europe, countries are looking at
21 renewable electricity and renewable gas to
22 deliver energy needs to the building sector.

23 California is a national and
24 international leader in addressing climate change
25 and reducing GHG emissions. We are leaders in

1 setting targets, leaders in spurring technology
2 development and leaders in setting new standards
3 for buildings. For decades many, if not most, of
4 the strategies that we have developed in
5 California in the energy and environmental arena
6 have had a ripple benefit across the country and
7 beyond.

8 But the question arises, if California
9 continues to go all in on electrification are we
10 limiting our State's ability to lead across the
11 energy spectrum and thus our strategy may have
12 less of a ripple benefit beyond our borders.

13 A recent *Forbes* article, earlier this
14 month noted that there are many unique
15 characteristics about California that make it
16 challenging for other states to replicate our
17 activities. They noted that Californians use
18 less energy than the average American.
19 California has a higher GGP than most of the
20 country.

21 The article also discussed the advantages
22 California has with the availability of solar and
23 other renewables, noting other regions have not
24 adopted renewable portfolio standards in part due
25 to the lack of available renewable resources in

1 parts of the country.

2 If other states cannot achieve the same
3 level of renewables in the electric sector, then
4 focusing only on electrification of buildings is
5 not likely to have -- is not likely to be as an
6 effective a strategy in other parts of the
7 country.

8 Over 90 percent of customers in Southern
9 California use natural gas for space and water
10 heating. The American Gas Association estimates
11 that over 60 percent of homes nationally are
12 using natural gas.

13 The Commission should consider that
14 continuing to encourage efficiency improvements
15 in gas appliances and a reduction in the carbon
16 intensity of natural gas in California could have
17 a greater benefit in reducing GHG emissions in
18 buildings across the nation.

19 California's unique circumstances, solar
20 PV, high renewable portfolio standards cannot
21 always be replicated in other states.

22 In short, by continuing to develop a
23 variety of renewable technologies and high-
24 efficiency appliance alternatives that can be
25 adopted by consumers across the country, our

1 leadership will have a bigger impact.

2 Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Thanks.

4 Let's see, North Lennox from Greenbanc.

5 MR. LENNOX: Hi. Thank you for the time.

6 I'm North Lennox. I founded Greenbanc, with a

7 "c".

8 And building energy scorecards are
9 required in the 28-member states of the European
10 Union, and have been since 2009. They are
11 required because they educate people that
12 building energy performance impacts climate
13 change. And they provide data to policymakers to
14 provide incentives for people to do things like
15 replacing gas water heaters with heat pump water
16 heaters.

17 In the United States, we have a
18 methodology that's similar to the one that was
19 developed in Europe. It's called the Home Energy
20 Score. It was actually created in California at
21 the Berkeley Lab. Billy, who's here, created the
22 first ordinance that required Home Energy scores
23 at time of sale for homes.

24 And in Portland, Oregon they actually
25 have an even more robust program for home energy

1 scores.

2 Massachusetts has legislation to require
3 Home Energy scores statewide starting in 2021.

4 And my question really, for the
5 Commission and for the other people in the room
6 is really why doesn't California have a building
7 energy scorecard policy in place? And is there
8 somebody who's working on it? Because I've tried
9 to find people who are working on it and have had
10 trouble doing so.

11 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: That's a long
12 answer. But, yeah, I think maybe a little
13 archeology after this over is good. But Martha
14 can probably help you after the session.

15 Obadiah Bartholomy.

16 MR. BARTHOLOMY: Hi. Obadiah Bartholomy
17 with SMUD. Thank you for the opportunity to make
18 comments and expand on our comments from the
19 earlier panel.

20 One of the questions that wasn't reached
21 by the panel was: What are the critical areas you
22 need help from the State government? So I wanted
23 to expand on a couple of those areas.

24 First off, we appreciate the positive
25 movement, and direction, and support towards all-

1 electric buildings in the Title 24 2019 version.
2 However, we think in preparation for the next
3 round some further changes could be made.

4 So in terms of Title 24 changes for
5 utilities applying for a case study cost
6 justification should be able to include the cost
7 avoidance of natural gas infrastructure in that
8 cost justification. That would make a huge
9 difference.

10 As well, in thinking about the TDV
11 complement, there's currently a retail adder
12 complement dealing with fixed costs for things
13 like call centers, which currently has a much
14 higher waiting factor for electricity than
15 natural gas.

16 Those costs typically don't expand with
17 the addition of electric loads and so we would
18 suggest they be removed to avoid that barrier
19 that exists in TDV today.

20 And then lastly, considering the deep de-
21 carbonization goals that we have for the State,
22 we feel that Title 24 should consider the cost of
23 switching or getting to zero in buildings, as
24 well as the cost of stranded gas infrastructure
25 in the future as it's thinking about the cost

1 effectiveness of gas versus electric.

2 In short, as Title 24 is influencing new
3 construction, we really feel like expanding the
4 gas infrastructure beyond what we have today is
5 really just digging a deeper hole for ourselves
6 and it's going to be an expensive hole to climb
7 out of. So we really encourage Title 24 to do
8 everything possible in the next round to push for
9 an all-electric mandate.

10 For SB 350, we've been in discussion with
11 staff on the fuel substitution framework and
12 certainly applaud the Commission for inclusion of
13 that, as well as the authors of SB 350 for
14 inclusion of that.

15 However, we feel like maybe there's more
16 focus and motivation that needs to happen somehow
17 to drive that to a faster conclusion. You know,
18 it's certainly a barrier for us internally in
19 seeking approval for our electrification
20 programs. And we expect for the utilities that
21 will be a barrier, as well. So really encourage
22 the CEC to do everything they can to try and
23 accelerate that fuel substitution rule
24 development.

25 And then, finally, to the extent you're

1 interfacing with the CPUC, we really feel like
2 there can be some encouragement to think about an
3 equivalent of a distribution resource plan for
4 natural gas. There's been a tremendous focus on
5 that for electricity, which is great.

6 We feel like a similar focus on that for
7 natural gas to look at avoiding future
8 investments, which are going to potentially face
9 stranded asset risks is equally important. And
10 so, I'd encourage you to comment on that fashion
11 to your colleagues.

12 Thank you very much.

13 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Thank you.
14 Right on time, appreciate it.

15 (Applause)

16 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Rachel Golden
17 from Sierra Club.

18 MS. GOLDEN: Thank you. This is Rachel
19 Golden with the Sierra Club.

20 I just want to thank you Commissioners
21 and staff for hosting this workshop, and thank
22 you to all the leaders in the room who are
23 charting a course to zero emission buildings and
24 a fossil-free future. So thank you to everyone.

25 And in listening to the presentations and

1 comments so far, I think that we can all agree
2 that we need to deeply decarbonize the building
3 sector and that this is, indeed, the next clean
4 energy frontier.

5 We can debate over the exact percent of
6 how much building electrification is needed. In
7 the analysis that I've seen it lands at around 95
8 percent. But by and large, most of the building
9 sector will need to be electrified to stay within
10 our greenhouse gas budget. And we do need to be
11 all in and support policies that are needed to
12 leverage and scale this change.

13 We're seeing a lot of important activity
14 locally, we heard about this today, to support
15 building electrification. And these really
16 provide the examples for the State to leverage,
17 to lead to market transformation.

18 So we feel that building electrification
19 really warrants a similar level of attention and
20 funding as California has put in to supporting
21 the growth of rooftop solar and as it does today
22 to support transportation electrification.

23 And when we do this, it is critical that
24 these policies to electrify buildings are
25 centered in energy equity and ensure that low-

1 income families and environmental justice
2 communities get access to these clean, zero
3 emission buildings first, and they're not treated
4 sort of as a trickledown effect to get these
5 clean, zero emission buildings at the tail end.

6 And I want to quickly share two thoughts
7 that I had while listening to the presentations
8 today, and we're going to be following up with
9 more detailed, written comments.

10 One is we heard from SoCalGas today that
11 decarbonized fuels are the easiest and lowest
12 cost pathway to decarbonizing the building
13 sector. And I have not seeing any data showing
14 that renewable natural gas at scale is either
15 feasible, cost effective or sustainable, nor will
16 it reduce hazardous criteria pollutants.

17 So two things I want to highlight on
18 that. One is not enough supply. So NREL
19 estimates that all of California's sources of
20 waste can only produce biomethane to replace
21 about two and a half percent of California's
22 current demand for natural gas.

23 Even the American Gas Foundation found
24 that supply could only serve two to four percent.
25 Relying on biomethane credits from outside the

1 State is not compatible with California's
2 greenhouse gas strategy and it's not an available
3 to model for other states.

4 So that brings us to power to gas. And
5 I'm running out of time. But I just want us to
6 think about what power to gas is. Basically,
7 it's creating synthetic methane using a clean
8 energy source. Methane, a highly potent
9 greenhouse gas. They're piping that through a
10 leaky and aging pipe system.

11 So we do not think that using synthetic
12 methane or power to the gas is a sufficient or
13 scalable option for California.

14 And we also need to keep in mind that
15 when we talk about renewable natural gas it has
16 the same air quality impacts and safety impacts
17 as fossil gas.

18 So there's a lot more to say on this and
19 we'll be following up with written comments.

20 Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: I'm looking
22 forward to reading them.

23 (Applause)

24 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Adam Chrisman,
25 SunEarth.

1 MR. CHRISMAN: So thank you. So I'm with
2 SunEarth. We manufacture solar hot water heating
3 equipment in California. Thank you for the time
4 to talk. I didn't have much time to prepare
5 anything, but I wanted to make a couple of
6 statements about solar water heating and its
7 ability to help in decarbonization of California.

8 It's applicable not only to electric or
9 gas water heating. It can supplement both and
10 helps both. You know, with onsite storage and
11 onsite generation that goes a long ways to
12 helping our carbon neutral goals. And solar
13 water heating in itself being maybe an order
14 technology has been well-proven and around for a
15 long time. Some of it is 40 years old, with
16 equipment aging to 30, 40 years old in some
17 applications. So it's really a proven technology
18 that lasts.

19 And I wanted to make sure that that was
20 clear. Just like maybe heat pumps or some other
21 sources of equipment, solar water heating there's
22 not a knowledge around it. It's longevity, how
23 it works, the actual types of systems. And so
24 that we also ask for help in that education as we
25 try to reach a carbon neutral future it will

1 involve a lot of learning. And even the
2 technology as old as solar water heating still
3 needs education. And we hope to have your help
4 on that. Thank you.

5 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Thanks very
6 much.

7 The last card, Jonathan Changus, NCPA.
8 And then we'll go to WebEx and I think we have
9 two or three people on WebEx.

10 MR. CHANGUS: Great. Thank you.
11 Jonathan Changus with the Northern California
12 Power Agency. And in the progress, we'll get
13 into a little more detail in written comments but
14 just in general want to -- appreciate the
15 progress that's being made through the Title 24
16 process with 2019. There have been some key
17 steps taken in response to concerns that have
18 been previously raised.

19 I think, you know, there's additional
20 progress that we can continue to make, but do
21 want to recognize that steps are going in the
22 right direction and we do appreciate that.

23 Secondly, NCPA supports some of the
24 comments earlier about the important of a
25 regional effort. CCAs and TOUs working together,

1 especially in the heat pump space, and that's
2 very much we'd very much like to be supportive of
3 and work with your staff, if there's any way. I
4 think it was mentioned by an earlier speaking
5 about working together to try and bring the
6 forces together with manufacturers. We
7 absolutely want to be a part of that.

8 And thirdly, a small issue, I don't know
9 if it's come up previously, we've raised it. In
10 certain communities, one of the main
11 decarbonization efforts is actually transitioning
12 away from propane and wood-burning fuels.
13 Understand and appreciate that wasn't in the
14 letter of the law in what was passed in SB 350,
15 with regards to the doubling goal. But as we're
16 talking decarbonization on a statewide basis,
17 especially for some of those more rural and low-
18 income places, being able to transition away from
19 propane and wood-burning can have transformative
20 effects, both for a cost perspective as well as
21 from a comfort and health perspective.

22 So want to make sure we keep that on the
23 table as well, recognizing some of the
24 legislative limitations with that doubling goal,
25 in particular. It's near and dear to some POU's

1 in particular. So thank you very much.

2 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Thank you for
3 those comments.

4 All right, anybody else in the room want
5 to make comments that did not submit a blue card.
6 All right, let's move on to WebEx.

7 MS. RAITT: Okay, so Claire Broome. Do
8 you want to go ahead and open up your line?
9 Claire, if you're there, please go ahead and
10 start your comments.

11 MS. BROOME: Hello?

12 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Go ahead, we
13 can hear you.

14 MS. BROOME: Okay. I want to
15 congratulate the CEC for an excellent program. I
16 would like to ask the CEC and the CPUC for
17 creative thinking.

18 As we heard from the E3, time is of the
19 essence in accelerating the transition to all-
20 electric buildings. And we also heard from
21 multiple presenters that the current Title 24
22 standards and the three-prong tests are
23 substantial barriers.

24 It seems to me it is time for something
25 other than business as usual and that both

1 agencies should commit to an accelerated time
2 table for removing those barriers so that
3 building electrification can move ahead without
4 these artificial constraints.

5 My second point is that only Southern
6 California Gas argued for pursuing the renewable
7 gas approach. And I think this is a very
8 counterproductive strategy for the State to
9 consider. It would be absolutely necessary for
10 Southern California Gas to include that three
11 percent leakage figure in any consideration of
12 the greenhouse gas impact of their proposed
13 strategy.

14 And I think as we heard from Sean
15 Armstrong that that methane leakage in the
16 distribution system would essentially wipe out
17 the feasibility of that.

18 Finally, when you look at cost
19 effectiveness it's really important that the
20 externalities for gas costs are factored in. As
21 we heard from UC Berkeley, the economic impact of
22 the health effects of gas are real economic
23 costs. And when you talk about cost
24 effectiveness that needs to be factored into the
25 equation so that there's a level playing field

1 between gas and renewable energy.

2 Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Thank you.

4 MS. RAITT: Okay. Next is Bruce Hodge.

5 If he's on the line, go ahead.

6 MR. ANDERSON: Yes, can you hear us?

7 MS. RAITT: Yes.

8 MR. ANDESON: Yeah, so this is Fred
9 Anderson and I'm speaking, and it's Bruce Hodge
10 from Carbon Free Palo Alto. We've been watching
11 from Palo Alto here.

12 And we're very encouraged to see a lot of
13 those very similar strategies and views of the
14 marketplace for electrification that we're seeing
15 in Palo Alto.

16 A few of the barriers that came up from
17 the very first presentation of the development of
18 this market for beneficial electrification
19 included customer acceptance, the up-front costs,
20 the hassle and the complexity of installing heat
21 pump water heaters, and heat pump space heaters.
22 And also, the issue with the disadvantaged
23 communities, where early replacement of their
24 devices may mean trends, and also the up-front
25 costs are difficult for them to handle.

1 So, Carbon Free Palo Alto put forth a
2 proposal that's on the docket. It's called Be
3 Smart. It's about beneficial electrification and
4 it basically is a plan for mass market rollouts,
5 so to address these barriers, such that everyone
6 can adopt them on an economic basis.

7 And so what it is, is it's basically a
8 package of inclusive financing, based on tariffs,
9 on-bill financing. So we're hoping that's going
10 to be looked at by the CEC going forward.

11 As well as a proactive service to replace
12 these devices before failure. When they're
13 replaced at failure it's always business as usual
14 and it's all natural gas devices. So we really
15 need to get out of that mode.

16 And then, finally, a concierge service
17 that makes it very easy for the customers who
18 basically check a box, yes, I'd like heat pump
19 water heater with clean energy water heating, put
20 that on my bill. It's a \$5 charge, or whatever
21 it's going to be. But it allows them to finance
22 on an infrastructure basis for mass adoption, and
23 includes all of those that have been
24 traditionally disadvantaged.

25 So hopefully we'll get more exposure as

1 we go along and talk to others on the workshop
2 agenda. But we'd like to put that forth as
3 something to think about and invite anyone to
4 contact us after they read the paper on the
5 docket.

6 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Thank you. You
7 know, it appears to me there's a paper that's
8 fairly recent from the (indiscernible) Project on
9 beneficial electrification. You probably have to
10 bring up the docket.

11 MS. RAITT: Okay, the next one is Sarah
12 Wiltfong. Oh, okay, it sounds like she's off the
13 line.

14 So we will go ahead and open up the phone
15 lines, so if anyone's on the phones and wanted to
16 make comments, we'll open up your line. So we'll
17 just wait a moment.

18 MS. WILTFONG: This is Sarah Wiltfong,
19 can you hear me?

20 MS. RAITT: Oh, go ahead. Yeah.

21 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Yeah.

22 MS. WILTFONG: Okay, sorry about that.
23 It didn't work.

24 My comment's really brief. My name is
25 Sarah Wiltfong and I'm calling on behalf of the

1 Los Angeles County Business Federation, also
2 known as BizFed. We're an alliance of over 170
3 business organizations, representing over 390,000
4 employers, with 3 and a half million employees in
5 Los Angeles County.

6 As the United Federation, we advocate for
7 policies and projects that strengthen our
8 regional economy. And we just wanted to let you
9 know that BizFed supports an all-electric
10 solution for energy needs and recognize the
11 importance electrification brings to reduce
12 greenhouse emissions. But several of our members
13 rely and prefer natural gas over electrification
14 for supportability and reliability.

15 A diverse energy portfolio that includes
16 multiple fuels and technology is needed to meet
17 California's energy needs, economic needs, and
18 climate change targets in a cost effective and
19 timely manner.

20 It is important that the State of
21 California seeks to find technology and fuel
22 solutions that are quick to market and cost
23 efficient so that we can reduce our emissions and
24 meet our energy goals without impacting the
25 economy.

1 It is our hope that the State does not
2 prematurely advocate for positions that it is not
3 ready for.

4 And just really appreciate you guys
5 listening to our concerns and we look forward to
6 working with you to find active solutions to our
7 energy needs. Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Thanks for your
9 comments.

10 MS. RAITT: I think that's everybody on
11 WebEx and the phone lines.

12 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Okay. Boy you
13 guys are stellar. It looks like we've got almost
14 a full room still with us and it's 4:30.

15 Well, I'm not going to comment much. I
16 don't have anything to add to what's been said at
17 the moment.

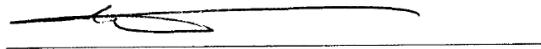
18 But I really want to thank staff for
19 putting this together. I felt this was a really
20 productive day and just a lot of substance there
21 for us to chew on and a lot of things for us to
22 pursue going forward. And just a lot of optimism
23 in the room and a lot of creative thing, which is
24 great, which is exactly what we need. That's our
25 lifeblood here.

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