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To Whom It May Concern;

California Energy Commission (CEC) staff aims to improve the quality of its natural gas demand forecasts. To support this effort, the CEC is requiring natural gas utilities with annual natural gas deliveries of 200 million therms or more to provide natural gas information identified in Sections 1345 of Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations for its Integrated Energy Policy Report. Section 1348 of Title 20 of the California Code Regulations requires gas utilities to submit a forecast of retail gas prices. CEC staff is seeking input and comments from the gas utilities on the draft forms and instructions, which are attached to this email.

The email attachments outline the information that CEC staff is proposing to collect, the format for data collection, information on requesting confidentiality, key definitions, and relevant regulatory language. Attached to this email are a Microsoft Word document entitled, "2020-12-18 Natural Gas Demand Forecast Forms And Instructions Sent to Utilities" and a Microsoft Excel workbook entitled, "2020-12-18 IEPR Gas Utility Forms Sent To Utilities." These documents are draft versions that CEC staff is sending out for review. CEC staff is requesting gas utilities look over these materials and provide input and comments.

To facilitate gas utility input, CEC staff has scheduled a webinar on **Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 1 PM** to ask questions and to present concerns. An agenda for this workshop will be forthcoming. Subsequent to the workshop, CEC staff is requesting that gas utilities provide written comments on this proposed data collection by close of business, **Thursday, January 14, 2021**.

The forms and instructions will need to be adopted at a CEC Business Meeting before they are sent out to the gas utilities for completion. CEC staff will consider the comments and input provided by gas utilities on the materials and may propose modifications to the forms and instructions in response to input. Staff tentatively expects to submit these materials for approval at the March 2021 Business Meeting.

CEC staff looks forward to your input and comments. If you have any questions, please contact Jason Orta at Jason.orta@energy.ca.gov.

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