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**IN THE MATTER OF:**

*2021 Integrated Energy Policy Report
 (2021 IEPR)*

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

RE: *Draft 2021 Integrated Energy Policy Report*, Volume III: Decarbonizing the State's Gas System

Notice of Availability and Request for Comments on the *Draft 2021 Integrated Energy Policy Report, Volume III: Decarbonizing the State's Gas System*

The lead California Energy Commission (CEC) commissioner for the *2021 Integrated Energy Policy Report (2021 IEPR)*, J. Andrew McAllister, seeks public comments on the *Draft 2021 Integrated Energy Policy Report (Draft 2021 IEPR), Volume III: Decarbonizing the State's Gas System*. The *Draft 2021 IEPR* is available on the CEC's 2021 IEPR [web page](https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/integrated-energy-policy-report/2021-integrated-energy-policy-report) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/integrated-energy-policy-report/2021-integrated-energy-policy-report>. A prior notice (dated December 7, 2021) requested comments on the other three out of the four volumes and the appendix that comprise the *Draft 2021 IEPR*.

Background

Public Resources Code Section 25301 requires the CEC to prepare an IEPR every two years that includes assessments and forecasts of all aspects of energy industry supply, production, transportation, delivery and distribution, demand, and prices. The CEC uses these assessments and forecasts to develop and evaluate energy policies and programs that conserve resources, protect the environment, ensure energy reliability, enhance the state's economy, and protect public health and safety.

Public Resources Code Section 25302(e) directs state government entities to use the information and analyses contained in the adopted IEPR to carry out their energy-related duties and responsibilities. The CEC has coordinated closely with other agencies to ensure consistency in the underlying information used to develop this report.

The IEPR lead commissioner issued a scoping order on March 16, 2021, identifying topics to cover in the report. As detailed in the scoping order, the *2021 IEPR* is composed of four volumes and an appendix:

- **Volume I** addresses actions needed to reduce the greenhouse gases (GHG) related to the buildings in which Californians live and work, with an emphasis on energy efficiency. It also addresses reducing GHGs from the industrial and agricultural sectors.
- **Volume II** examines actions needed to increase the reliability and resiliency of California's energy system.
- **Volume III** looks at the evolving role of gas in California's energy system, both the importance in near-term reliability and the need for the system to evolve as California works to achieve carbon neutrality — the point at which the removal of carbon pollution from the atmosphere equals or exceeds emissions — by 2045. *This volume is available for comment with this notice.*
- **Volume IV** reports on California's energy demand outlook, including a forecast to 2035 and long-term energy demand scenarios to 2050. The analysis includes the electricity, gas, and transportation sectors.
- **Appendix** evaluates the benefits of California's clean transportation system.

The CEC held 21 workshops between January 2021 and December 16, 2021, on the topics identified in the scoping order. Information from the workshops and public comments were key inputs in developing the *Draft 2021 IEPR*. All workshop documents including agendas, background material, transcripts, presentations, and public comments, are available on the CEC's 2021 IEPR [web page](https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/integrated-energy-policy-report/2021-integrated-energy-policy-report/2021-iepr) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/data-reports/reports/integrated-energy-policy-report/2021-integrated-energy-policy-report/2021-iepr>.

Under the direction of the lead commissioner, the CEC will carefully review comments received on the *Draft 2021 IEPR* and make changes as needed in response to comments. The report will also be updated to include forecast results (Volume IV) and to reflect market updates as needed. The final draft of the *2021 IEPR*, Volumes I, II, IV, and the Appendix are expected to be available by early February 2022 to be considered for adoption at the CEC's business meeting on February 16, 2022.

The CEC will consider public comments on the draft of Volume III and plans to release a final draft in February 2022. The CEC may consider Volume III for adoption at its regular business meeting on March 9, 2022.

Public Comment

Written comments must be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 26, 2022. Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, and email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine.

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Written comments may be submitted by email. Include docket number 21-IEPR-01 and Draft 2021 IEPR in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

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Availability of Documents

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Dated: Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at Sacramento, California

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