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In the matter of,)	Docket No. 07-FET-1
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Fuel Efficient Tire Program)	NOTICE OF COMMITTEE
(AB 844, Statutes of 2003))	WORKSHOP
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Notice of Committee Workshop on the Fuel Efficient Tire Program

The California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) Transportation Committee (Committee) will conduct a workshop to describe the implementation of the Energy Commission Fuel Efficient Tire Program. Vice Chair James D. Boyd is the Presiding Member and Commissioner Jeffrey D. Byron is the Associate Member. Other Commissioners may attend and participate in the workshop. The Fuel Efficient Tire Program is in response to directives contained in Assembly Bill 844 (Nation, Chapter 645, Statutes of 2003).

The workshop will be held:

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2007
10 a.m.
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
1516 Ninth Street
First Floor, Hearing Room A
Sacramento, California
(Wheelchair Accessible)

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Audio with visuals from this meeting will be broadcast over the Internet.

For details, please go to:

www.energy.ca.gov/webcast/

Parties unable to attend this committee workshop can comment by conference call.

The conference call information is:

USA Toll Free # 877-960-9066, at or after 10 a.m.

Passcode: AB 844 Call Leader: Ray Tuvell

Purpose

This workshop is being conducted to discuss with and receive input from members of the public and interested parties about the Energy Commission efforts to develop and implement a comprehensive fuel efficient tire program. At this workshop staff will describe the program elements, initial steps implementing the program, opportunities to provide input at the various stages of the program, and provide the public and interested parties an opportunity to raise questions and air any initial concerns or ideas as Energy Commission staff undertakes work on the program.

The workshop agenda will be posted on the Energy Commission's Website prior to the workshop at [\[http://www.energy.ca.gov/transportation/tire_efficiency/index.html\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/transportation/tire_efficiency/index.html).

Background

The Energy Commission's Fuel Efficient Tire Program was originally prompted from the results of a study conducted pursuant to SB 1170 (Sher, Chapter 912, Statutes of 2001) that concluded that there was a potential for substantial vehicle fuel savings from an increase in the use of properly inflated, low rolling resistance tires. Documents from the SB 1170 proceeding can be accessed at [\[http://www.energy.ca.gov/transportation/tire_efficiency/proceedings/index.html\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/transportation/tire_efficiency/proceedings/index.html).

The findings from the SB 1170 study led to AB 844 which provides the Energy Commission the authority to develop and implement a comprehensive fuel-efficient tire program, including standards, for passenger vehicles and light duty trucks.

AB 844 can be considered as consisting of three implementation phases:

Phase I, the Energy Commission shall:

1. Develop and adopt a database of the energy efficiency of a representative sample of replacement tires sold in the state, based on test procedures adopted by the Energy Commission.
2. Develop and adopt a rating system for the energy efficiency of replacement tires that will enable consumers to make more informed decisions when purchasing tires for their vehicles.
3. Establish requirements for tire manufacturers to report the energy efficiency of replacement tires.

Phase II, the Energy Commission, in consultation with the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB), shall adopt and implement:

1. A tire energy efficiency program for replacement tires designed to ensure that replacement tires sold in the state are at least as energy efficient, on average, as Original Equipment (OE) tires on new passenger cars and light-duty trucks except to the extent that the Energy Commission determines it is unable to do so in a manner that:
 - Is technically feasible and cost effective
 - Does not adversely affect tire safety
 - Does not adversely affect the average life of replacement tires
 - Does not adversely affect the state effort to manage scrap tires
2. Consumer information requirements for replacement tires for which standards have been adopted.

Phase III, the Energy Commission, in consultation with the CIWMB, shall:

Review and revise the program, including standards, as necessary not less than once every three years.

Written Comments

Written comments on the workshop topics must be submitted by 5 p.m. on December 21, 2007. Please include the docket number 07-FET-1 and indicate Fuel Efficient Tire Proceeding in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments. Please hand deliver or mail an original plus 10 paper copies to:

California Energy Commission
Dockets Office, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 07-FET-1
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name or organization's in the name of the file. Those submitting comments by electronic mail should provide them in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document (PDF) to [docket@energy.state.ca.us]. **One paper copy** must also be sent to the Energy Commission's Docket Unit.

Participants may also provide an original and 10 copies at the beginning of the workshop. All written materials relating to this workshop will be filed with the Dockets Unit and become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Public Participation and Additional Information

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser's Office provides the public assistance in participating in Energy Commission activities. If you want information on how to participate in this proceeding, please contact the Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or toll free at (800) 822-6228, by FAX at (916) 654-4493, or by e-mail at pao@energy.state.ca.us. If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance.

The service list for the fuel efficient tire program is handled electronically. Notices and documents for this program are posted to the Energy Commission website at [\[http://www.energy.ca.gov/transportation/tire_efficiency/index.html\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/transportation/tire_efficiency/index.html).

When new information is posted, an e-mail will be sent to those on the fuel efficient tire program e-mail list server. We encourage those who are interested in receiving these notices to sign up for the list server through the website at [\[http://www.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index.html\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index.html).

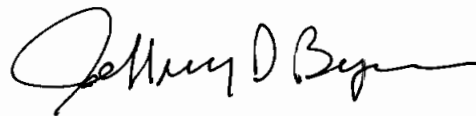
Please direct all news media inquiries to Claudia Chandler, Assistant Executive Director, (916) 654-4989, or [\[mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us).

Please direct all questions on the technical subject matter of the fuel efficient tire program to Ray Tuvell, Program Manager, (916) 654-4201 or [\[rtuvell@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:rtuvell@energy.state.ca.us).

Date: November 20, 2007



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