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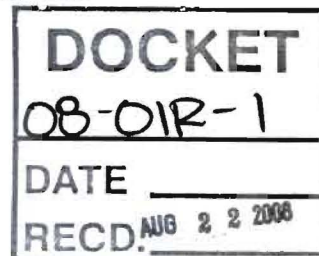
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In the matter of,
Proposed Adoption of Regulations for the
Administration of the Alternative and
Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology
Program

) Docket No. 08-OIR-1

) NOTICE OF COMMITTEE
) WORKSHOP



Notice of Committee Workshop

The California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) Transportation Committee will conduct a workshop to review regulatory language for the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program (Program) established by Assembly Bill (AB) 118 (Núñez, Chapter 750, Statutes of 2007). Commissioner and Vice Chair James D. Boyd, Presiding Member of the Transportation Committee, and Commissioner Karen Douglas, Associate Member of the Transportation Committee, will both be in attendance. Other Commissioners may attend and participate. The workshop will be held:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2008

9 a.m.

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First Floor, Hearing Room A

Sacramento, California

(Wheelchair Accessible)

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Purpose

On January 30, 2008, the Energy Commission approved an Order Instituting Rulemaking (OIR 06-0130-05) to adopt guidelines, definitions, and other provisions as deemed necessary for the administration of the Program. The primary purpose of the rulemaking is to develop and adopt regulations that are necessary to clarify ambiguities in statute and create certainty and transparency in the administration of the Program.

On July 8, 2008, the Committee held a workshop to discuss key provisions of AB 118 to determine whether existing statutory language provides sufficient guidance and clarity to effectively administer the Program. The workshop focused on the following five key provisions in AB 118:

1. Fuel and Vehicle Technology Definitions
2. Existing Law/Regulation Parameters
3. Advisory Committee
4. Investment Plan
5. Sustainability Goals

On August 11, 2008, the Committee convened a workshop to discuss draft regulation language for the provisions in AB 118 that relate to: Fuel and Vehicle Technology Definitions; Existing Law/Regulation Parameters; the Advisory Committee; and Investment Plan. The Committee decided that Sustainability Goals would be discussed at a subsequent workshop, which is the subject of this notice.

At the September 9, 2008 Committee workshop, the Energy Commission staff will present for discussion draft regulation language relating to Sustainability Goals. In addition, staff is revising regulation language for Fuel and Vehicle Technology Definitions; Existing Law/Regulation Parameters; the Advisory Committee; and Investment Plan based on comments received at the August 11, 2008 workshop. This revised language also will be presented at the September 9, 2008 workshop. The complete package of regulation language will be posted on the Energy Commission's website prior to the September 9 Committee Workshop.

Background

AB 118 (Núñez, Chapter 750, Statutes of 2007) created the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program (Program). The legislation authorizes the Energy Commission to spend approximately \$120 million per year for over seven years to develop and deploy innovative technologies that will transform California's fuel and vehicle types to help attain the state's climate change policies. The emphasis of this program is to deploy alternative and renewable fuels in the marketplace, without adopting any one preferred fuel or technology, and in doing so decrease, on a life-cycle basis, air and water pollutants, reduce or avoid multimedia environmental impacts, and maintain the sustainability of the state's natural resources.

Under the program, the following are eligible for funding:

- Alternative and renewable fuel projects to develop and improve alternative and renewable low-carbon fuels;
- Demonstration and deployment projects that optimize alternative and renewable fuels for existing and developing engine technologies;
- Projects to produce alternative and renewable low-carbon fuels in California;

- Projects to decrease the overall impact of an alternative and renewable fuels lifecycle carbon footprint and increase sustainability;
- Alternative and renewable fuel infrastructure, fueling stations, and equipment;
- Projects to develop and improve light-, medium-, and heavy-duty vehicle technologies that provide for better fuel efficiency and lower greenhouse gas emissions, alternative fuel usage and storage, or emission reductions;
- Programs and projects that accelerate the commercialization of vehicles and alternative and renewable fuels including buy-down programs through near-market and market-path deployments, advanced technology warranty or replacement insurance, development of market niches, and supply-chain development;
- Program and projects to retrofit medium-and heavy-duty on-road and non-road vehicle fleets with technologies that create higher fuel efficiencies, including alternative and renewable fuel vehicles and technologies, idle management technology, and aerodynamic retrofits that decrease fuel consumption;
- Infrastructure projects that promote alternative and renewable fuel infrastructure development connected with existing fleets, public transit, and existing transportation corridors;
- Workforce training programs related to alternative and renewable fuel feedstock production and extraction, renewable fuel production, distribution, transport, and storage, high-performance and low-emission vehicle technology and high tower electronics, automotive computer systems, mass transit fleet conversion, servicing, and maintenance, and other sectors or occupations related to the purpose of the Program; and
- Block grants administered by not-for-profit technology consortia for multiple projects, education and Program promotion within California, and development of alternative and renewable fuel and vehicle technology centers.

Schedule

The Energy Commission must complete its rulemaking before funds can be awarded. The regulations are expected to be approved by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) and published by the Secretary of State in April 2009.

The schedule for completing the rulemaking is:

September 9, 2008	Public Workshop to Review Draft Regulations
September 19, 2008	Written Comments Due on Draft Regulations
October 7, 2008	Draft Regulations Submitted to OAL
December 2, 2008	End of Public Comment and Review Period on Draft Regulations
January 14, 2009	Energy Commission Business Meeting to Adopt Regulations
January 15, 2009	Regulations Submitted to OAL
March 2, 2009	Earliest Possible Date for OAL to Approve and File Regulations with the Secretary of State

April 2, 2009

Earliest Possible Date for Regulations to Take Effect by
Publication of Regulations by Secretary of State

Written Comments

Written comments after the workshop must be submitted by 5 p.m. on September 19, 2008. Please include the docket number 08-OIR-1 and indicate Committee Workshop in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments. Please hand deliver or mail an original to:

California Energy Commission
Dockets Office, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 08-OIR-1
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

The Energy Commission encourages comments by electronic mail (e-mail). Please include your name or organization's in the name of the file. Those submitting comments by e-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

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 forum, 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 before the meeting.

The Energy Commission has set up an electronic list server to provide updates on the AB 118 incentive programs. If you want to receive notification by e-mail when information relating to AB 118 is posted in the websites, please sign up for e-mails at [<http://www.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index.html>].

Please direct all news media inquiries to the Media Office by phone at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at [mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us]. If you have questions regarding the workshop or the development of AB 118 regulations, please contact Aleecia Macias, Supervisor in the Emerging Fuels and Technology Office at (916) 654-4526, or

Peter Ward, AB 118 Project Manager at (916) 654-4639. Alternatively, you can e-mail your comments to [AB118@energy.state.ca.us].

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