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RE: Comments on Proposed Draft Regulatory Language for administration of the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program, Docket No. 08-OIR-1 and AB 118 Regulations

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On behalf of CALSTART, I am writing to provide comment on Sections XXXX Advisory Committee Duties of the Proposed Draft Regulatory Language for the administration of the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program. The section is as follows:

Section XXXX Advisory Committee Duties.

(a) The advisory committee shall meet at least twice a year to assist in the development of an investment plan and its updates. The presiding member, in consultation with advisory committee members, shall decide when to hold advisory committee meetings and whether additional meetings are needed.

(b) The role of the advisory committee shall be to participate in one or more public discussions and arrive at public recommendations, whether by consensus or otherwise, regarding one or more elements of the investment plan. All public discussions and recommendations shall serve to inform and advise the assigned policy committee in the drafting of a proposed investment plan. The assigned policy committee shall annually propose an investment plan, its update, or the lack of need for an update to the commission for approval.

(c) Each advisory committee meeting shall be open to the public. No less than 10 calendar days prior to each meeting, notice of the meeting shall be posted on the commission's website and mailed or otherwise sent to interested persons. The commission shall establish a list of persons who request notice in writing.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 25211, 25213 and 25214, Public Resources Code. Section 44271.5(a), (b), Health and Safety Code. Reference: Sections 44271.5(a), (b), Health and Safety Code.

We support your efforts to develop the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program and appreciate the opportunity to submit comments regarding the proposed draft regulatory language which will, among many things, clarify the role of the advisory committee in implementing the program. CALSTART would like to offer the following comment:



- The regulatory language should indicate that it is the purpose of the advisory committee to explore and provide information on non-state investments in alternative and renewable fuel and vehicle technology. This information will help the advisory committee determine where significant investments have already occurred preventing duplication of efforts and potentially leading to increased leveraging of funds.

In addition to our comment regarding the purpose of the advisory committee, we would like to add the following comment:

- We believe that any marketable green house gas emissions credits should be split proportionately between the private investor and the state. Specifically, no private entity can receive credits for that portion of a project that was paid for with funds from AB 118.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the draft proposed regulatory language for the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program. We look forward to working with you as this process continues.

Sincerely,

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President and CEO, CALSTART