

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

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In the matter of:

Fuel Efficient Tire Program
(AB 844, Statutes of 2003)

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Docket No. 07-FET-1

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE
WORKSHOP

Committee Workshop on the Fuel Efficient Tire Program

The Transportation Policy Committee of the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) will conduct a workshop regarding the Energy Commission Fuel Efficient Tire Program (Program). Vice Chair James D. Boyd is the Presiding Member and Chairman Karen Douglas is the Associate Member of the Transportation Policy Committee. Other Commissioners from the Energy Commission may attend and participate in this workshop.

The workshop will be held:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2009
10 a.m.
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
1516 Ninth Street
First Floor, Hearing Room A
Sacramento, California
(Wheelchair Accessible)

DOCKET
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DATE June 10 2009

RECD. May 27 2009

Remote Attendance

Web Conferencing - Presentations and audio from the meeting will be broadcast via our WebEx web conferencing system. For details on how to participate via WebEx, please see the "Participation through WebEx" section at the end of this notice.

Purpose

This workshop will discuss 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. The workshop is divided into two sessions.

The Committee will preside during the first session of the workshop, consisting of a presentation and discussion of the staff draft proposal for Phase I of the program:

- Scope,
- Test protocol,
- Determining tire efficiency,
- Rating system for tire efficiency,
- Tire manufacturer reporting requirements,
- Regulations governing the program.

The second session will have opportunity for staff and the other workshop participants to engage in more detailed discussion of the program components as well as the specific language of the staff draft regulations. The Committee may or may not participate in this session of the workshop, but encourages those interested in this program to offer their comments and suggestions for improving the draft regulatory language.

The workshop agenda will be posted on the Energy Commission's website before the workshop at [http://www.energy.ca.gov/transportation/tire_efficiency/index.html].

Background

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

The findings from the SB 1170 study led to Assembly Bill 844 ((AB 844) Nation, Chapter 645, Statutes of 2003) 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.

The Program is being implemented in three phases:

Phase I, the Energy Commission will:

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), will 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 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, will:

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 June 24, 2009. 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

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 [PublicAdviser@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 [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 [www.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index.html].

Please direct all news media inquiries to the Media and Public Communications Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at [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 by e-mail at [rtuvell@energy.state.ca.us].

Participation through WebEx, the Energy Commission's on-line meeting service

For computer logon with a direct phone number go to [https://energy.webex.com] and enter the unique meeting number **922 772 776**, when prompted, enter your information and the meeting password **TIRES#4June**.

After you login, a prompt will appear on-screen for you to provide your phone number. In the Number box, type your area code and phone number and click OK to receive a call back on your phone for the audio of the meeting. International callers can use the "Country/Region" button to help make their connection.

Participation for callers with an extension phone number

Go to [https://energy.webex.com] and enter the unique meeting number **922 772 776**. When prompted, enter your information and the meeting password **TIRES#4June**. After you login, a prompt will ask for your phone number. CLICK CANCEL. Instead call (866) 469-3239 (toll-free in the U.S. and Canada). When prompted, enter the meeting number above and your unique Attendee ID number which is listed in the top left area of your screen after you login. International callers can dial in using the "Show all global call-in numbers" link (also in the top left area).

Participation through audio only (no computer access)

Call (866) 469-3239 (toll-free in the U.S. and Canada) and when prompted enter the unique meeting number above. International callers can select their number from [energy.webex.com/energy/globalcallin.php].

If you have difficulty joining the meeting, please call the WebEx Technical Support number at (866) 229-3239. Please be aware that the meeting's WebEx audio and on-screen activity may be recorded.

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Mail Lists: Fuel Efficient Tire Program List Server

Note: California Energy Commission's formal name is State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission.