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In the matter of:	)	Docket No. 09-OII-1
	)	
Order Instituting Informational Proceeding	)	NOTICE OF STAFF
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act	)	WORKSHOP

## The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Staff Workshop

### California's State Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program Guidelines

California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) staff will conduct a workshop to discuss the State Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (SEEARP) guidelines. The SEEARP is funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). Staff will seek public and stakeholder input on the guidelines for California's participation in the SEEARP. Commissioners may attend and participate in this workshop. The workshop will be held:

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2009**  
10 a.m.  
**CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION**  
1516 Ninth Street  
First Floor, Hearing Room A  
Sacramento, California  
(Wheelchair Accessible)

**DOCKET**  
**09-OII-1**

DATE	OCT 30 2009
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### Remote Attendance

**Web Conferencing** - Presentations and audio from the meeting will be broadcast by WebEx 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 inform various stakeholders of the Energy Commission's proposed program guidelines. Stakeholders will have an opportunity to learn about the appliances to be included in California's SEEARP, rebate amounts, the program requirements for receiving rebates, and the schedule for rebate offerings.

## Background

On June 3, 2009, the Energy Commission adopted an order instituting an informational proceeding to gather information to develop guidelines that will govern the administration and award of federal funds received pursuant to ARRA. The order establishes an ad hoc committee to preside over the proceeding. The Committee is referred to as the "Ad-Hoc Committee on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009." Chairman Karen Douglas is the Presiding Member of the Committee and Commissioner Arthur Rosenfeld is the Associate Member.

ARRA provides \$787 billion nationally in economic investment to stimulate the economy and create jobs. The Energy Commission is administering several ARRA-related programs for California, including the SEEARP, which provides approximately \$35 million for energy efficient appliance rebates to residential consumers.

The guidelines focus on the Energy Commission's implementation of the SEEARP and program eligibility requirements and limitations, available funding, evaluation criteria, and administrative procedures. The full Commission will consider the guidelines and an environmental assessment for adoption at the regularly scheduled Business Meeting on December 2, 2009. The guidelines, environmental assessment, and additional information about the proposed SEEARP are available at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/recovery/energystar.html>.

Eligible residential consumers must purchase selected appliances during the rebate offer period and meet other requirements as specified in the guidelines. The Energy Commission has selected three appliance categories for California's SEEARP – clothes washers, refrigerators, and room air conditioners. All eligible appliance brands and models must be certified to the Energy Commission, in compliance with California's Appliance Energy Efficiency Regulations (Title 20 of the California Code of Regulations), be ENERGY STAR® listed and meet additional criteria listed below by December 15, 2009 in order to be considered for inclusion in the SEEARP:

- Clothes Washers: Must have a modified energy factor greater or equal to 2.0 and a water factor less than or equal to 6.0. Rebate Amount: \$100
- Refrigerators: Must meet the Super-efficient Home Appliance Initiative TIER 2 and TIER 3 criteria established by the Consortium for Energy Efficiency (CEE). Rebate Amount: \$75
- Room Air Conditioners: Must meet the Super-efficient Home Appliance Initiative TIER 1 and TIER 2 criteria established by the CEE. Rebate Amount: \$50

The Energy Commission will publish a complete list of brands and models that meet these requirements by January 1, 2010. These appliance categories and efficiency requirements will provide significant energy savings, water savings, and greenhouse gas emission reductions.

The Energy Commission developed the guidelines based on direction from the U.S. Department of Energy. The development of these guidelines has been expedited,

consistent with the purposes of ARRA and Governor Schwarzenegger's Executive Order S-02-09, which created the Federal Economic Stimulus Task Force (California Recovery Task Force).

## Written Comments

Written comments on the workshop topics must be submitted by 5 p.m. on November 16, 2009. Please include the docket number (09-OII-1) and indicate ARRA SEEARP 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. 09-OII-1  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name or organization 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 File (PDF) to [\[docket@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:docket@energy.state.ca.us). **One paper copy** must also be sent to the Energy Commission's Docket Office.

Participants may also provide an original and ten copies at the beginning of the workshop. All written materials relating to this workshop will be filed with the Dockets Office 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 would like 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 [\[PublicAdviser@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto: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.

Please direct all news media inquiries to the Media and Public Communications Office at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at [\[mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us). If you have questions on the technical subject matter of this forum, please contact Lorraine White, SEEARP-California Program Manager, at (916) 654-4075 or via e-mail at [\[lwhite@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:lwhite@energy.state.ca.us).

Notices and documents for this proceeding are posted to the Energy Commission website at [\[www.energy.ca.gov/recovery\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/recovery). When new information is posted, an e-mail will be sent to those on the energy policy e-mail list server. We encourage those who are interested in receiving updates and notices to sign up for the List Server at [\[www.energy.ca.gov/recovery\]](http://www.energy.ca.gov/recovery).

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4. You will receive a confirmation email message that contains the details to join the event.

**JOIN THE LIVE WEBINAR ON NOVEMBER 19, 2009 AT 10 AM.**

### **COMPUTER LOGON**

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WebEx attendees will be able to submit questions on areas of interest during the meeting to be addressed by workshop participants via email at [\[recovery@energy.state.ca.us\]](mailto:recovery@energy.state.ca.us).

Date: October 30, 2009

Mail Lists: Recovery List Server

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