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California Energy Commission
Dockets Office, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 10-ALT-1
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Dear Sir:

Regarding the 2011-2012 CEC Investment Plan, Docket Number 10-ALT-1, we have the following suggestions for the commission to consider. Since the State of California is mandating that alternative fuel vehicles are a requirement for California fleets, it is our opinion at Transfer Flow Inc. that California based companies be given preferential treatment to make those conversions over and above companies outside our state boundaries. Few OEM automotive manufacturers have immediate plans to develop alternative fuel vehicles in their assembly plants. Rather, the OEMs are relying on upfitters to perform those conversions. Those upfitters are for the most part not California companies.

There are competent upfitters throughout California that can perform the work of converting vehicles to hybrid, CNG and LPG. Not only would the conversion of vehicles to alternative fuel create needed new California jobs (green jobs), but when the customers need service on their alternative fuel vehicles, that could be done by those same local California companies that are familiar with the conversions.

Alternative fuel vehicles are an emerging technology that is being propelled forward by California regulation. The private sector in California that is involved in alternative fuel conversions should be incentivized by the California government, so they too can grow at that same pace. In our opinion, offering alternative fuel conversions and the repair of those vehicles should be done by local California companies. If the State of California offers a voucher program to the vehicle purchaser, that voucher should be only offered if the conversion is done in California and by a California company.

Should you have any questions about our suggestion, feel free to contact us either via email or by phone. The email address you should use is bgaines@transferflow.com. The phone number is 530-864-2021.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Gaines
Chairman