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California Energy Commission
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Re: Docket No. 10-ALT-1
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Subject: 10-ALT-1- 2011-2012 Investment Plan

The Governor's Office of Economic Development (GoED) has been engaged with working with businesses throughout California to create jobs as well as accelerate the deployment of alternative fuel technologies.

The Northern California region is in the process of completing a sector strategy through the Regional Clusters of Opportunity Project focused on Alternative Renewable Fuels and Vehicle Technologies. GoED has had the opportunity to work with local economic development, workforce development, and key businesses in the propane value chain, specifically Roush, Ferrellgas and Transfer Flow Inc in a strategy to deployment propane as a primary alternative fuel in the North State.

GoED supports the concept of a Propane Autogas Pilot Project in Northern California. This project will work to implement a propane infrastructure and fleet conversions which will result in jobs, local investment and reduction of green house gas emissions. Roush has a conversion kit for Ford vehicles that will not void any warranties, Flowtech in Chico is an authorized installer for Roush and Ferrellgas has offered to work on the implementation and installation of the propane network.

Most of Northern California does not have an alternative fuel available like natural gas. Propane is currently what fuels most homes and businesses. This project will piggyback on the network that is already in place, help it grow, all the while reducing greenhouse gases by using an alternative fuel.

The collaboration of public entities and private business is a model for success which would be beneficial to this part of the state.

Sincerely,

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