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In the matter of,)	Docket No. 11-IEP-1K
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Preparation of the)	STAFF WORKSHOP
<i>2011 Integrated Energy Policy Report</i>)	
<i>(2011 IEPR)</i>)	RE: Natural Gas

DOCKET**11-IEP-1K**

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Staff Workshop on Natural Gas Market Assessment, Reference Case, Proposed Scenarios, and San Bruno Incident Safety and Reliability Implications

California Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop to discuss and take public comments on its proposed *2011 IEPR* assessment of key supply, demand, infrastructure, pricing, and policy issues of current relevance in the natural gas market. Staff will present its analysis of recent market trends; describe the inputs to and results of its reference case modeling efforts; describe and request further comments on its proposed input assumptions for modeling additional natural gas market scenarios; and describe its proposed efforts to assess potential impacts on gas system reliability that may result from reduced pressure and other directives from the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in response to the September 2010 pipeline incident in San Bruno. In addition, staff will address how they analyze the local impacts and risk from gas connection lines to new power plants.

Although this is a staff workshop, Commissioners may attend and participate. Commissioners and staff from the California Public Utilities Commission may also attend and participate in the workshop.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2011

Beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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First Floor, Hearing Room A

Sacramento, California

(Wheelchair Accessible)

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Purpose

Staff will make presentations on observed current trends in natural gas market conditions: demand, supply, infrastructure, and price. Staff will also present the inputs, assumptions, and results of a gas market model reference case that simulates a future outcome of natural gas activities. Staff is using a reference case developed by the Baker Institute at Rice University, modified to disaggregate reference prices and quantities for the Western United States and Canada. Staff will seek comments from stakeholders on alternative input assumptions about future conditions with which to conduct additional market modeling scenarios that will be useful for policymaking or implementation purposes.

Since the September 2010 San Bruno incident could have lasting consequences on the operation of and planning for California’s natural gas infrastructure, staff will also present a description of its proposed efforts to assess potential impacts on gas system reliability that may result from reduced pressure and other directives from the NTSB and CPUC. Staff is also soliciting comments and suggestions in this area.

Background and Context

Senate Bill 1389 (Bowen, Chapter 568, Statutes of 2002) mandates the Energy Commission to:

“At least every two years, the commission shall conduct assessments and forecasts of all aspects of energy industry supply, production, transportation, delivery and distribution, demand, and prices.” (Pub. Resources Code, § 25301(a).)

At the February 24, 2011, *Joint Committee Workshop on Economic, Demographic, and Energy Price Inputs for Electricity, Natural Gas, and Transportation Fuel Demand Forecasts*, Staff gave presentations about the background to staff’s *2011 IEPR Natural Gas Assessment* (Tavares); key drivers of the *World Gas Trade Model* which staff uses for its modeling efforts (Brathwaite); and the proposed purpose, scope, and structure of

the alternative scenarios analyses (Miller). Public comments on this material were requested at the workshop and received by March 11, 2011:
www.energy.ca.gov/2011_energypolicy/documents/2011-02-24_workshop/presentations/

Any comments we receive from stakeholders at the workshop, or by May 3, 2011, will be considered in modeling additional natural gas market scenarios. The results of these scenarios and a complete draft report on California's natural gas market assessment will be presented at a Committee workshop on July 25, 2011. Staff will consider any comments and suggestions received at the July workshop for inclusion in the final staff report. The final report is currently scheduled for August 2011.

Written Comments

Written comments on the meeting topics must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on May 3, 2011. Please include the docket number 11-IEP-1K and indicate *"2011 IEPR – Natural Gas Market Assessment, Reference Case and Possible Scenarios"* in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments.

All filings in the IEPR proceeding are now done electronically. Please send your comments in either Microsoft Word format or as a Portable Document File (PDF) by electronic mail to [docket@energy.state.ca.us] or send them on a Compact Disk to:

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Re: Docket No. 11-IEP-1K
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The service list for the 2011 *IEPR* is handled electronically. Notices and documents for this proceeding are posted to the Energy Commission website at [www.energy.ca.gov/2011_energypolicy/index.html]. 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 these notices to sign up for the list server through the website [www.energy.ca.gov/listservers/index.html].

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Date: April 5, 2011

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