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Dear California Energy Commission Staff,

The Western Propane Gas Association respectfully submits these comments in response to the California Energy Commission's draft staff report, "Transportation Energy Forecasts and Analyses for the 2011 Integrated Energy Policy Report."

The California Energy Commission is to be commended for the outstanding work it has produced in the draft staff report. However, we believe the report can be improved with the inclusion of additional information regarding the propane industry's growing on-road market. Propane – which is the third most commonly used engine fuel behind gasoline and diesel – is rapidly growing in California thanks to the introduction over the past few years of a number of medium- and heavy-duty vehicle options. Further, the industry has a significant existing infrastructure of refueling locations, serving millions of propane customers in every county of California. The growth of propane as a widely used alternative fuel in California is also being spurred by an AB 118 incentive program, which began distributing funds earlier this year.

While propane was included in many of the price forecasts, it has come to our attention that additional information in other portions of the report might have been excluded due to a lack of available data. I would appreciate the opportunity to meet with CEC staff to determine the data needs and serve as a resource so this information could be included in future drafts. Our association serves as the industry's voice in several existing CEC activities, most notably on the AB 118 advisory committee.

On behalf of the more than 125 propane companies across California, I again commend the California Energy Commission for its work and look forward to contributing to the IEPR.

Sincerely,

Lesley Brown Garland
President and CEO