



September 26, 2012

Commissioner Carla Peterman
California Energy Commission
Dockets Office, MS-4
RE: Docket No. 12-ALT-02
1516 Ninth Street, MS-29
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Dear Commissioner Peterman:

I am writing to urge you to support continued funding for propane vehicle incentives through the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program (ARFVT Program). This program has helped numerous fleets in our region reduce emissions, lower our dependence on foreign oil and save money through lower fuel costs by replacing older gasoline or diesel vehicles with ones that run on propane autogas.

The San Diego Regional Clean Cities Coalition encourages energy efficiency in transportation, reduction of petroleum usage and the use of alternative fuels in the transportation sector. As Part of the U.S Department of Energy's Clean Cities Program, Coalition Members include public and private fleets, fuel providers, and other organizations who work together to overcome the barriers to greater deployment and use of clean and alternative fuel vehicles. Members of the Coalition support controlling fleet operating costs, improving air quality, and promoting energy independence through the use of alternative fuels such as propane autogas.

The ARVFT gaseous vehicle buy-down program has enabled companies in our region to adopt alternative fuel vehicles, supporting state goals around air quality, climate change, and energy independence. Propane autogas reduces significantly emissions of greenhouse gasses, criteria pollutants, and air toxics compared to gasoline or diesel. We strongly believe that propane is a viable fuel choice for many fleets.

The ARFVT Program also helped make a difference in the economic justification for the switch to this cleaner, domestically produced fuel. With the incentive, companies can see a positive return on our investment in the near term by switching to propane autogas. In the current economic climate, this makes a big difference, and could be the difference between continuing to purchase propane autogas powered vehicles or not.

Commissioner Peterman, while no single alternative fuel can completely displace conventional fuels in the short term, propane autogas offers Californians significant environmental and economic benefits. Please continue funding propane vehicle incentives through the ARFVT Program, and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at Kevin.Wood@energycenter.org or 858-244-7295

Sincerely,

Kevin C. Wood
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