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In the matter of,)	Docket No. 13-IEP-1M
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<i>2013 Integrated Energy Policy Report</i>)	WORKSHOP
<i>(2013 IEPR)</i>)	RE: Biomethane Procurement
_____)	Challenges

Notice of Staff Workshop on Challenges to Procuring Biomethane in California

California Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop to assess the challenges to biomethane procurement in California and the potential solutions. This workshop will focus on the requirements of Assembly Bill 1900 (Gatto, Statutes 2012, Chapter 602).

Energy Commission staff is seeking input from stakeholders, industry experts, and the public to identify challenges that limit the procurement of biomethane in California. Public input from this workshop will inform the development of the *2013 Progress-to-Plan for the Bioenergy Action Plan*.

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.

May 31, 2013

9:00 a.m.

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Background

Prior to the passage of AB 1900, pipeline injection of landfill-derived biomethane in California was prohibited in utility tariffs even if the gas was treated to meet all applicable health and safety standards. This prohibition can be traced back to Assembly Bill 4037 (Hayden, Statutes 1988, Chapter 932), which required the Public Utilities Commission

(PUC) to specify the maximum amount of vinyl chloride that may be found in landfill gas. Existing law prohibits a gas producer from knowingly selling, supplying, or transporting landfill gas containing vinyl chloride in a concentration exceeding the maximum amount determined by the PUC. Existing law also prohibits a gas corporation from knowingly purchasing landfill gas containing vinyl chloride in a concentration exceeding the maximum amount determined by the PUC. Existing law requires a person who produces, sells, supplies, or releases landfill gas for sale offsite to a gas corporation to sample and test, bimonthly, the gas at the point of distribution for chemicals known to the state to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity.

AB 1900 was passed to address these challenges. AB 1900 also added Section 25326 (a) to the Public Resources Code and requires the Energy Commission to identify challenges that limit procurement of biomethane in California. Section 25326 (a) provides as follows:

25326. (a) The commission shall hold public hearings to identify impediments that limit procurement of biomethane in California, including, but not limited to, impediments to interconnection. The commission shall offer solutions to those impediments as part of the integrated energy policy report prepared pursuant to Section 25302.

Public Comment

Oral Comments. Staff will accept oral comments during the workshop. Comments may be limited to 3 minutes per speaker. Any comments will become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Written Comments. Written comments should be submitted to the Dockets Unit by **June 14, 2013**. Written comments will also be accepted at the workshop, however, the Energy Commission may not have time to review them before the conclusion of the workshop. All written comments will become part of the public record of this proceeding. Additionally, written comments may be posted to the Energy Commission's website for this proceeding.

The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name and any organization name. Comments should be in a downloadable, searchable format such as Microsoft® Word (.doc) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf). Please include the docket number 13-IEP-1M and indicate *Biomethane Procurement Challenges* in the subject line. Send comments to **docket@energy.ca.gov** and copy the technical lead staff at **Garry.Oneill@energy.ca.gov**.

If you prefer, you may send a paper copy of your comments to:

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Date: May 17, 2013

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