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Notice of IEPR Commissioner Workshop on Natural Gas Scenarios

The California Energy Commission Lead Commissioner for the 2017 Integrated Energy Policy Report (2017 IEPR) will conduct a workshop to review preliminary results of its natural gas market modeling efforts and describe inputs and assumptions used in various natural gas market scenarios. The workshop will also address the proposed scope of the 2017 Natural Gas Outlook Report.

Chair Robert B. Weisenmiller is the Lead Commissioner. Other Commissioners at the Energy Commission and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) may also attend and participate in the workshop. A quorum of Commissioners from the CPUC and/or the Energy Commission may be in attendance, but no votes will be taken.

Tuesday, April 25, 2017
10:00am
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
1516 Ninth Street
First Floor, Art Rosenfeld Hearing Room
Sacramento, California
(Wheelchair Accessible)

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Background

As required by Senate Bill 1389 (Bowen, Chapter 568, Statutes of 2002), the Energy Commission conducts “assessments and forecasts of all aspects of energy industry supply, production, transportation, delivery and distribution, demand and prices.” The Energy Commission uses these assessments and forecasts to provide an analytic foundation for developing energy policies that conserve resources, protect the environment, ensure energy reliability, enhance the state’s economy and protect public health and safety. Public Resources Code Sections 25302(a) and (b) direct the
Energy Commission to adopt an IEPR every odd-numbered year and an update in even-numbered years. Developing energy policy recommendations about the most current and pressing energy issues facing the state, and across different markets and systems, requires an evaluation of potential tradeoffs with an in-depth and integrated analysis that explicitly addresses inter-fuel and inter-market effects.

Energy Commission staff has developed a preliminary annual natural gas price forecast through the year 2030 for each major natural gas hub within North America using the North American Market Gas Trade Model (NAMGas). The preliminary results include natural gas supply cases and trends that represent three possible future scenarios: a mid or reference case, a high demand case, and a low demand case.

The mid case represents a future where the economy and commercial activity remain consistent with the trends experienced over the past several years. Energy Commission staff developed the high and low demand cases by adjusting assumptions on economic growth, technology improvements, generation changes in relation to various state and national policy goals, natural gas cost curves, and demand costs.

Following this workshop, staff will consider stakeholder comments along with direction from the 2017 IEPR Lead Commissioner, and make revisions or additions as appropriate. The 2017 Natural Gas Outlook will be used in a variety of energy policy and planning activities, notably the 2017 IEPR.

**Agenda**

The topics for this workshop include an Energy Commission staff presentation of the preliminary NAMGas model results which will describe inputs and assumptions used in the natural gas market scenarios. Energy Commission staff will also present their proposed scope for the 2017 Natural Gas Outlook Report. Experts from the industry will also be in attendance to discuss their efforts to address gas issues, such as in the California Gas Report. There will be opportunity for stakeholders to ask questions and comment on the staff presentations.

**Public Comment**

**Oral Comments:** Commissioners will accept oral comments during the workshop. Public comments may be limited to three minutes or less 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 5:00 p.m. on May 9, 2017. All written comments will become part of the public record of this proceeding. For the 2017 IEPR, the Energy Commission is using an electronic commenting system. Visit the website at [http://www.energy.ca.gov/2017_energypolicy/](http://www.energy.ca.gov/2017_energypolicy/) and click on the “Submit e-Comment” link in the “Proceeding Information” box. From the drop down menu, please select the appropriate docket number. For this workshop, please select docket 17-IEPR-04- Natural Gas Outlook.

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Dockets Office, MS-4
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Date: April 13, 2017

Original Signed by

Chair Robert B. Weisenmiller
Lead Commissioner

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