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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REGULATORY OPTIONS FOR THE FUEL CELL NET ENERGY METERING PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Air Resources Board (ARB/Board) staff invites you to participate in a public workshop to discuss options to establish greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction standards for fuel cell “customer-generators” participating in the California Public Utilities Commission’s (CPUC) Fuel Cell Net Energy Metering (NEM) Program. ARB will be developing a regulation to establish GHG emission reduction standards for the program and to meet its responsibilities under Assembly Bill 1637 (Low, Stats. 2016, ch. 658).

AB 1637 directs ARB to establish a schedule of annual GHG emission reduction standards for the Fuel Cell NEM program in consultation with the California Energy Commission (CEC). ARB is further directed to update the schedule of standards every three years.

The emission reduction standards are to ensure that participating fuel cell resources reduce GHG emissions relative to the displaced electrical grid resources, including any renewable resources, and account for both procurement and operation of the electrical grid. Staff will use the information gathered at this workshop and throughout the rulemaking process to develop a proposed regulation and supporting rulemaking documents.

The public workshop will be held at the time and location shown below:

Date: May 30, 2017
Time: 1:30 PM
Location: Sierra Hearing Room
Cal/EPA Building
1001 I Street, 2nd Floor
Sierra Hearing Room
Sacramento, CA 95814
Directions: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPABldg/location.htm>

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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Website and Meeting Materials

The workshop will be webcast for those unable to attend in person. The broadcast can be accessed on the day of the workshop at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>. During the workshop, the webcast audience may submit questions and comments using the following e-mail address: sierrarm@calepa.ca.gov.

An agenda and other materials for the workshop will be posted on ARB's Fuel Cell Net Energy Metering, Greenhouse Gas Emission Standard webpage, at <https://www.arb.ca.gov/energy/nem/nem.htm>, prior to the workshop.

If you require special accommodation for the workshop or need this document in an alternate format (e.g. Braille, large print) or another language, please contact Gary Collord, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 324-5548 or via e-mail at gary.collord@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than 5 business days before the workshop. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

We welcome and appreciate your participation in this public workshop. If you have any questions regarding this workshop or the draft regulation, please contact Gary Collord, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 324-5548, or by e-mail at gcollord@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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