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TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

SUBJECT: HYBRID-ELECTRIC TEST PROCEDURES WORKSHOP

At a public hearing held on February 24, 2000, the Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) adopted the public transit bus fleet rule and emission standards for new urban buses. The Board, through discussion at this hearing and Resolution 00-2, directed staff to provide regular updates on the progress of implementation of the regulation. In particular, staff was directed to update the Board on the development of heavy-duty hybrid-electric vehicle (HEV) test procedures.

The purpose of this workshop is to present staff's initial concepts of a regulatory proposal designed to certify heavy-duty HEV. This public workshop is the first in a series of formal meetings that will be conducted by ARB. This meeting will provide the public and industry with the opportunity to comment on the proposed concepts or bring forth new ideas for consideration. Attached to this notice is a summary of ARB's proposed concepts.

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

Date: May 3, 2002
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Location: Air Resources Board
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 "I" Street
Sacramento, California 95814

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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If you would like to make a formal presentation during the workshop, please contact Ms. Erin Dooley, Alternative Strategies Section, at (916) 323-8975. In the interest of time, presentations should be limited to 15 minutes. This facility is accessible to persons with disabilities. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may call the Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) at (916) 324-9531, or call (800) 700-8326 for TDD calls from outside the Sacramento area) 14 days prior to May 3, 2002.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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