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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: ALTERNATIVE-FUEL PATH PURCHASING REQUIREMENTS OF THE  
URBAN BUS REGULATION

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is to remind transit agencies of the requirements of the Urban Bus Regulation contained in title 13, California Code of Regulations, section 2023.1(a), which requires transit agencies with urban bus fleets to follow either the diesel or the alternative-fuel path. Either path directs the fuel type that must be used to power any urban buses new to the fleet.

For transit agencies that have chosen the alternative-fuel path, at least 85 percent of all urban buses new to the fleet each calendar year must be powered by an alternative fuel. Urban buses new to the fleet include any leased vehicles, vehicles under contract, and newly purchased or acquired vehicles (new or used). This also includes all urban buses provided by private companies under contract to a transit agency. In addition, for any urban bus removed from service, its replacement must also meet the applicable fuel path requirements. Repowering of existing vehicles are not subject to the fuel path requirements, provided that the replaced, remanufactured, or rebuilt engine meets an equivalent or cleaner engine emission standard relative to the original engine. Transit agencies on the diesel fuel path may purchase diesel or alternative fuel vehicles without limitation.

Questions regarding these requirements should be directed to Ms. Kathleen Mead, Manager, at (916) 324-9550, or by e-mail at [kmead@arb.ca.gov](mailto:kmead@arb.ca.gov); or Mr. Eric Bissing, Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 324-9424, or by e-mail [ebissing@arb.ca.gov](mailto:ebissing@arb.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

/s/

Robert H. Cross, Chief  
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cc: See Attached

*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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