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TO: All Interested Parties

SUBJECT: WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS UPDATES TO THE ZERO-EMISSION BUS
REGULATIONS

The Air Resources Board (ARB or the Board) invites you to participate in a public workshop on May 20, 2009 in Diamond Bar, California and May 21, 2009 in Sacramento, California, to assess implementation of the Zero-Emission Bus (ZBus) purchasing requirements. During the last rulemaking the Board directed staff to review the technology and report to the Board on the status of the technology and the feasibility of implementing the purchase requirements as currently required.

At the workshop, staff will provide an update on the ZBus technology. Staff will also take comments on suggested program changes that would enhance successful commercialization of ZBus', and promote reductions in smog and green house gas emission from transit fleets. The ZBus regulation can be found in Title 13, Section 2023.1 – 2023.4 of the California Code of Regulations.

Details of the workshops are as follows:

Date: May 20, 2009
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Location: Conference Room GB
South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Drive
Diamond Bar, California 91765

Date: May 21, 2009
Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.
Location: Conference Room North and South
First Floor
Monitoring and Laboratory Division
1927 13th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

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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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Participants unable to attend in person may take part via conference call. Please contact Abby Estebat at (916) 322-6971 or by email at aestebat@arb.ca.gov to request call information.

A copy of the workshop agenda and presentation will be available on the ZEB website (<http://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/zbus06/zbus06.htm>) the week prior to the workshop. The ZEB Program list serve will be used to notify stakeholders of upcoming events relating to the ZEB regulations. If you would like to receive notification by email of updates to the ZEB regulations, please sign up at:
http://www.arb.ca.gov/listserv/listserv_ind.php?listname=zeb.

If you have a disability-related accommodation need, please go to <http://www.arb.ca.gov/html/ada/ada.htm> for assistance, or contact the ADA Coordinator at (916) 323-4916. If you require special accommodations or language needs, please contact Craig Duehring at (916) 323-2361 or cduehrin@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than 10 business days before the scheduled event/meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

We welcome and encourage your participation in this effort. If you have questions regarding the workshops, please contact Gerhard Achtelik, Manager, at (916) 323-8973 or via email at gachteli@arb.ca.gov or Craig Duehring, Air Resources Engineer, at (916) 323-2361 or via email at cduehrin@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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