



Notice of Staff Workshop to Discuss Proposed Natural Gas Research Initiatives for FY 2018-19 and Proposed Natural Gas Research Program Expansion Request

California Energy Commission staff will conduct a public workshop to discuss the Public Interest Natural Gas Research and Development (Natural Gas R&D) program's proposed energy-related natural gas research initiatives for the 2018-19 fiscal year (FY) and the program's proposed expansion request on:

THURSDAY, January 25, 2018

9:00 a.m.

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

1516 9th Street

First Floor, Rosenfeld Hearing Room

Sacramento, California

(Wheelchair Accessible)

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Background

In 2004, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) designated the Energy Commission to be the administrator for the natural gas research funds (Decision 04-08-010). The Energy Commission manages these funds through its Natural Gas R&D program. The workshop will discuss research initiatives across all of the natural gas research areas including: energy efficiency, renewable energy, natural gas infrastructure and safety, natural gas-related environmental research, and natural gas-related transportation research.

The first half of the workshop will be used to gather feedback on the proposed natural gas research initiatives by bringing together utilities, researchers, manufacturers, end users, environmental and consumer representatives, policymakers from state agencies, federal agencies, and other members of the public. Commissioners may also attend the workshop.

The results from the workshop will assist Energy Commission staff in developing the proposed natural gas research plan for FY 2018-19. This plan will be presented to the CPUC for final approval.

In the second half of the workshop, Energy Commission staff will present draft initiatives and research scope for the proposed funding increase and expansion of the Natural Gas R&D program, followed by a discussion with stakeholders to gather input on the research scope and priorities for the Energy Commission's proposed plan. Stakeholder feedback on these program changes will be considered when developing the final expansion plan to the CPUC.

Public Comment

Oral comments: Staff will accept oral comments during the workshop. Comments may be limited to five minutes per speaker. Any comments may become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Public feedback should focus on:

- Advice and comments on the initiatives.
- Alerting Energy Commission staff to possible duplication of efforts.
- Advising Energy Commission staff on opportunities to gain synergies in research efforts.
- Facilitating the effective transfer and use of research results.

Written comments: Written comments will be accepted at the workshop, however, the Energy Commission may not have time to review them before the conclusion of the meeting.

Please note that written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g. address, phone, and email) become part of the viewable public record. This information may become available via Google, Yahoo, and any other search engines.

The Energy Commission encourages comments by email. Please include your name and any organization name. Comments should be in a downloadable, **searchable format** such as Microsoft® Word (.doc). Maximum file size is 10 MB.

For comments related to the FY 2018-19 proposed initiatives, please indicate "FY 2018-19 Natural Gas R&D Budget Plan" in the subject line and send comments to Tiffany.Solorio@energy.ca.gov. **Comments for this plan must be received by 5:00 pm on February 1, 2018.**

For comments related to the proposed natural gas research expansion request, including suggestions for future research topics, please indicate “Proposed Natural Gas R&D Program Expansion Request” in the subject line and send comments to Kevin.Uy@energy.ca.gov. **Comments for the proposed program expansion plan must be received by 5:00 pm on February 9, 2018.**

Public Adviser and Other Commission Contacts

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If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Poneh Jones at poneh.jones@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4425 at least five days in advance.

Media inquiries should be sent to the Media and Public Communications Office at mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4989.

If you have questions on the subject matter of this meeting, please contact Tiffany Solorio at Tiffany.Solorio@energy.ca.gov or (916) 327-1354.

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