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AB 32: California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006

Public Meeting: Including Imported Electricity in a California Cap-and-Trade Program

Topic and Purpose: The Air Resources Board (ARB) invites you to participate in a public meeting to discuss alternative approaches for identifying the point of regulation for imported electricity in a cap-and-trade system. Default emission rates for calculating unspecified power brought into California will also be discussed.

AB 32 requires California to account for all electricity consumed in the State, including imported electricity. On January 1, 2009, ARB's mandatory reporting regulation took effect. The regulation requires significant California industrial and commercial sources of carbon dioxide (CO₂) to annually report their greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. These sources include in-State generation and imports from electricity generating facilities, electricity retail providers, and electricity marketers.

Addressing the more specific question of who holds allowances for imported electricity in a cap-and-trade program, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and the California Energy Commission (CEC) recommended that the allowance holder (point of regulation) should be the entity that owns the power as it is first delivered to the California electricity grid. The Western Climate Initiative (WCI) is also considering how individual partner jurisdictions will account for power imported from outside WCI jurisdictions.

Where and When is the Meeting?

This meeting will be held at Cal/EPA Headquarters in Sacramento and will also be webcast.

Date: Friday, June 05, 2009
Time: 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Location: Sierra Hearing Room, 2nd Floor
Address: Cal/EPA Headquarters Building
1001 "I" Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

[WEBCAST LINK](#) (see details below)

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>.

California Environmental Protection Agency

All Interested Parties

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More Information on Public Meetings

This meeting continues discussion on the development of a cap-and-trade program. ARB is posting these and other public meetings to discuss program design issues on our website at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/capandtrade.htm>.

Meeting Materials

ARB will post meeting materials and an agenda prior to this meeting at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/capandtrade/meetings/meetings.htm>. At this website, you may also join our electronic mailing list to receive further notices of ARB activities and public meetings related to the implementation of AB 32.

Can't Make It to the Meeting?

ARB will webcast this meeting. Viewers can email written comments or questions during the session to ccworkshops@arb.ca.gov. Webcast links are posted at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast/>. ARB recommends that you do not run other programs while viewing the webcast, as it may interrupt or lower the quality of the signal.

Directions to Cal/EPA

There are many ways to arrive at the Cal/EPA Headquarters Building. We encourage you to take public transportation or drive low emission/high efficiency vehicles whenever possible. Use the following link for directions and information on public transit: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPAbldg/location.htm>

Special Accommodations or Language Assistance

Please contact Claudia Orlando at (916) 322-7492 or corlando@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible if you require special accommodations or language needs. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

We Value Your Input

We welcome and encourage your participation in this important effort. If you have any questions, please contact Claudia Orlando, ARB Office of Climate Change, at (916) 322-7492 or corlando@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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