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WORKSHOP NOTICE

Public Workshop on U.S. EPA's Clean Power Plan

Dear Sir or Madam:

The California Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) in collaboration with the California Energy Commission (CEC), and California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) invites you to participate in a public meeting to discuss the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (U.S. EPA) proposed Clean Power Plan, also known as 111(d), to regulate carbon dioxide emissions from existing fossil fueled power plants. The meeting is open to the public and participation by all interested parties is encouraged. The meeting will be held at the following date, time and location:

Date: Tuesday, September 9, 2014

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Location: California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA)
Byron Sher Auditorium
1001 I Street, 2nd Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

Directions to the Cal/EPA headquarters building and public transit options can be found at the Cal/EPA website at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/epabldg/location.htm>.

Background:

As part of President Obama's 2013 Climate Action Plan, U.S. EPA proposed on June 2, 2014 the Clean Power Plan (proposed rule), also known as 111(d), to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from existing fossil fueled power plants. The proposed rule can be found at: <http://www2.epa.gov/carbon-pollution-standards/clean-power-plan-proposed-rule>. Using four general measures called "building blocks", the proposed rule looks beyond traditional source-specific measures, and seeks to reduce carbon emissions from the power sector as a whole through mechanisms such as improved energy efficiency, both on the generation and demand sides, and encourages the development of renewable energy resources. Because of the interconnectedness of the western power grid, the proposed rule allows states the option to work together in developing compliance plans. ARB and state energy agency staff are currently exploring these opportunities for coordination with other western states that participate in the Western

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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Electricity Coordinating Council and/or Pacific Coast Collaborative. ARB and state energy staff are also having discussions with a broader coalition of states to promote support for U.S. EPA's effort and find common ground on issues that will support a rigorous federal target for emissions reductions while giving states flexibility to innovate as they improve existing programs and develop new ones.

At the Workshop, staff plans to present an overview of U.S. EPA's proposed rule, including a brief discussion of how U.S. EPA applied the four building blocks to establish California's emission limits. In addition, staff will share their analysis of the impacts of the proposed rule on existing energy and AB 32 programs and discuss our preliminary comments on elements of the proposed rule we plan to support and where we have identified concerns. The workshop is an opportunity to hear the views of stakeholders and to reflect/incorporate these views, where possible, in the State's comment letter that will be submitted to U.S. EPA prior to the October 16, 2014 deadline. Potential issues for discussion include enforceability, interstate energy efficiency and renewable energy crediting, and potential strategies for collaboration with other western states as a part of joint compliance options. Staff from the ARB, CEC, and CPUC will be present to answer questions from workshop attendees.

An agenda and presentation material will be posted at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/powerplants/powerplants.htm> prior to the public meeting.

Live Video/Audio Webcast:

The meeting will be webcast for those unable to attend in person. The broadcast can be accessed on the day of the workshop at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Broadcast>. Information on submitting questions or comments will be provided during the webcast for remote participants.

Special Accommodations:

If you require special accommodation for the scheduled meeting or need this document in an alternate format (e.g. Braille, large print) or another language, please contact Mr. Chris Gallenstein, Staff Air Pollution Specialist, at (916) 324-8017 or via e-mail at cgallens@arb.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than 5 business days before the scheduled meeting. TTY/TDD/Speech to Speech users may dial 711 for the California Relay Service.

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We welcome and encourage your participation in this public meeting. If you have questions regarding the meeting, please contact me at (916) 322-6026 or via e-mail at mtollstr@arb.ca.gov, or Mr. Tung Le, Manager, at (916) 445-1818 or via e-mail at ttle@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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