REQUEST FOR EARLY EFFECTIVE DATE

REGULATION FOR REDUCING SULFUR HEXAFLUORIDE (SF_6) EMISSIONS FROM GAS INSULATED SWITCHGEAR

Pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4, the Air Resources Board requests that sections 95350 to 95359, title 17, California Code of Regulation, become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State. Good cause for this request exists.

This regulation will reduce greenhouse gas emissions from gas insulated switchgear (GIS). Sections 95354 and 95355 state that the requirements set forth in these sections will apply beginning on January 1, 2011. Section 95354 requires GIS owners to establish SF_6 inventory measurement procedures, and section 95355 requires GIS owners to establish and maintain a current and complete inventory of GIS equipment and gas containers.

These are important components of the regulation, and ARB would like them to become legally effective as close to January 1, 2011, as possible. Due to delays in completing the final rulemaking package, it will not be submitted to OAL with enough lead time for OAL to approve the package by January 1, 2011. ARB is therefore requesting an early effective date to minimize the delay in the applicability of the regulation. ARB will of course make no attempt to enforce the regulation until such time as it is approved by OAL and becomes legally effective, despite the January 1, 2011 date contained in sections 95354 and 95355.

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