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RE: Transportation Technology over the Next 10 Years, Docket No. 14-IEP-1B

Dear California Energy Commission:

UPS is submitting comments in response to the recent California Energy Commission (CEC) workshop held on April 10, 2014: *The State of Alternative Transportation Technologies over the Next 10 Years*. UPS strongly supports the use of natural gas as a transportation fuel for it not only offers reductions in fuel costs, but it also provides significant environmental benefits to the state by reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other pollutants harmful to public health. UPS also supports developing the necessary fueling infrastructure to maximize natural gas use in vehicles and equipment. Developing a network of natural gas fueling stations is a critical step towards greater adoption of natural gas-fueled vehicles, especially in the heavy-duty vehicle sector.

UPS has extensive experience operating and maintaining natural gas vehicles. We have been using natural gas vehicles in our fleet for 30 years. Currently, we have 450 natural gas vehicles that consist of our package cars and tractors. Our vehicles operate and fuel in the Bay Area, The Basin and the Valley.

It is well known that heavy-duty vehicles are the largest source of NOx pollution in southern California. Continuing to develop and deploy near-zero emission heavy-duty vehicles is essential to help California meet its air quality and climate protection goals. Natural gas is the most affordable, cleanest burning alternative to diesel for heavy-duty vehicle applications. UPS strongly supports continued funding from the CEC towards natural gas vehicle technology and infrastructure projects through 2024. History reveals that economics is a predominant driver for natural gas vehicle adoption, and the CEC should continue providing strategic funding opportunities for near-zero-emission natural gas engine and vehicle technologies. Natural gas-powered vehicles are a proven source of significant emissions reductions, and continued support of near-zero emission natural gas engine innovation will enable the CEC do its part to help achieve California's goals to reduce petroleum use, improve air quality, reduce carbon emissions, and protect public health.

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