

Memorandum

To: Robert P. Oglesby,
Executive Director

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From: **California Energy Commission – Sylvia Bender, Deputy Director**
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Energy Assessments Division

Subject: REQUEST FOR PURCHASE OF THE PORT IMPORT EXPORT REPORTING SERVICE
SUBSCRIPTION FOR FUEL PRODUCT MOVEMENT TRACKING

The Energy Assessments Division is requesting the Executive Director's signature on the attached agreement. Staff is requesting a purchase of the Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS) subscription for calendar year 2015 at a cost of \$22,375.00 in ERPA funds, which will be provided to the Petroleum Market Advisory Committee (PMAC) to support their investigations into the California petroleum market. This subscription service provides detailed reporting of shipments of fuel products by marine vessels to all California ports.

The Energy Commission currently pays \$22,375.00 for its subscription to PIERS. This purchase will be in addition to the current subscription and will result in a total expenditure of \$44,750.

The primary use of this service is to track import and export data on petroleum products, alternative fuels, and feedstocks. Specifically, this will allow the committee to analyze the volumes, fuel types, and origin/destination of petroleum products. On approval, the agreement will supply information on the importing and exporting activities since the beginning of the year to the moment of purchase, then updates will be provided for the rest of 2015.

The renewal of the PIERS subscription is included in the Energy Assessments Division's fiscal year 2015-2016 work plans. The Executive Director's signature is required on the first page of the PIERS Data License Agreement for final approval. PMAC members will also be required to sign the subscription agreements as acknowledgement of their acceptance of the terms, as, under the terms of the amendments, the PMAC members will be solely and individually responsible for the nondisclosure and confidentiality of the subscription data.

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