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Amended
Notice of Staff Workshop
Public Interest Energy Research
Proposed Natural Gas Research Initiatives
For FY 2012/13

The California Energy Commission's Research and Development Division staff, in consultation with the California Public Utilities Commission staff, will hold a WebEx workshop for Public Interest Energy Research (PIER) Advisory Group (PAG) participants to discuss and advise the PIER program's proposed natural gas research initiatives for the 2012/13 fiscal year. The workshop will discuss research initiatives across all the natural gas technical subject areas in PIER and will bring together utilities, researchers, manufacturers, end users and policymakers from state agencies, federal agencies, and other members of the public. Commissioners may also attend the workshop.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2012

Beginning at 1:30 p.m.

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1516 Ninth Street

First Floor, Hearing Room A

Conference Room 3 (3rd Floor Fishbowl)

Sacramento, California

(Wheelchair Accessible)

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Purpose

The PIER program has instituted a public vetting process for its yearly electricity budgets that convenes three Advisory Groups, each addressing the technical research areas of Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, and Smart Infrastructure. This year, the Advisory Groups will be convened to provide similar input for natural gas research. The

role of the Advisory Groups is to provide feedback on proposed research initiatives, particularly focused on the following:

- Advice on the initiatives to Energy Commission staff;
- Alerting Energy Commission staff to possible duplication of efforts;
- Advising Energy Commission staff on opportunities to gain synergies in research efforts; and
- Assisting effective transfer and use of research results.

Members of the public will be provided an opportunity to comment at the workshop.

Background

In 2004, the California Public Utilities Commission designated the Energy Commission to be the administrator for the natural gas research funds (Decision 04-08-010). The Energy Commission manages these funds through its PIER Natural Gas Program.

The results from the workshop will assist PIER staff in developing the proposed natural gas research plan for FY 2012/13. This plan will be presented to the California Public Utilities Commission for final approval.

Public Participation

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If you have questions on the technical subject matter of this meeting, please call Fernando Pina at (916) 327-2388, or by e-mail at fpina@energy.state.ca.us.

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Staff Workshop
Public Interest Energy Research Program
Proposed Natural Gas Research Initiatives for FY 2012/13
January 24, 2012
DRAFT AGENDA

Time	Topic
1:30 p.m.	Introductions and Overview
1:45 p.m.	Purpose of the Workshop
2:00 p.m.	PIER Staff Presentation on Proposed FY 2012/13 Natural Gas Budget <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Energy Efficiency• Renewable Energy• Smart Infrastructure
3:00 p.m.	Advisory Group Presentations/Discussions
4:30 p.m.	Public Comments
5:00 pm	Closing/Next Steps