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To: Researchers and Other Interested Parties:

Since 2008, the California Energy Commission has developed annual budget plans for natural gas research, development and demonstration (RD&D) activities. Currently, the Energy Commission is developing the budget plan for fiscal year 2014-15 and estimates that a total of \$24 million will be available for natural gas RD&D. As part of this process, we seek ideas for natural gas research initiatives in the following areas: energy efficiency, renewable energy, natural gas infrastructure, natural gas related environmental research, and natural gas related transportation research.

This is not a solicitation for funding. Ideas received will be considered by Energy Commission staff in developing the plan for fiscal year 2014-15.

If you have research ideas, please complete the attached initiative template. This template asks you to discuss your research idea, why it's important and needed, and the issues/barriers you hope to overcome. All ideas will be posted on the following Energy Commission website: www.energy.ca.gov/research/notices/index.html

Here are some guidelines for completing the template:

1. The information contained in your template should be no more than two pages.
2. Complete one template per initiative.
3. **Do not identify your organization on the template.**
4. All research ideas must advance science or technology and offer a reasonable probability of providing benefits to natural gas ratepayers and must meet the following criteria:
 - Focus on energy efficiency, renewable technologies, conservation, and environmental issues.
 - Support state energy policy.
 - Consider opportunities for collaboration and co-funding opportunities with other entities.

Please email your suggested initiatives by **December 6, 2013**, to Johann Karkheck at Johann.Karkheck@energy.ca.gov. A public workshop will be scheduled on January 28, 2014 to discuss the proposed natural gas research initiatives.

Sincerely,

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