Assembly Bill No. 1340

CHAPTER 692

An act to amend Sections 25354 and 25364 of the Public Resources Code, relating to energy.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

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Existing law establishes the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission in the Resources Agency, and specifies the powers and duties of the commission with respect to energy resources in the state. Existing law requires major oil producers, refiners, major marketers, major oil transporters, and major oil storers to supply to the commission each month certain designated information regarding petroleum supplies, as specified. Existing law permits any person required to submit this information to request that specific information be held in confidence. Existing law also permits the commission to request additional information as necessary.

This bill would require an oil refiner, oil producer, petroleum product transporter, petroleum product marketer, petroleum product pipeline operator, and terminal operator, as designated by the commission, to submit a report each week providing information, as required by the energy commission relating to receipts, inventory levels, imports, exports, transportation, sources, and prices. The bill would also permit any person required to submit this information to request that specific information be held in confidence.

This bill would provide that information requested to be held in confidence shall be presumed to be confidential.

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(1) Refiners shall report, for each of their refineries, feedstock inputs, origin of petroleum receipts, imports of finished petroleum products and blendstocks, by type, including the source of those imports, exports of finished petroleum products and blendstocks, by type, including the destination of those exports, refinery outputs, refinery stocks, and finished product supply and distribution, including all gasoline sold unbranded by the refiner, blender, or importer.

(2) Major marketers shall report on petroleum product receipts and the sources of these receipts, inventories of finished petroleum products and blendstocks, by type, distributions through branded and unbranded distribution networks, and exports of finished petroleum products and blendstocks, by type, from the state.

(b) Each major oil producer, refiner, marketer, oil transporter, and oil storer shall annually submit information to the commission in such form and extent as the commission prescribes pursuant to this section. The information shall be submitted within 30 days after the end of each reporting period, and shall include the following:

(1) Major oil transporters shall report on petroleum by reporting the capacities of each major transportation system, the amount transported by each system, and inventories thereof. The commission may prescribe rules and regulations that exclude pipeline and transportation modes operated entirely on property owned by major oil transporters from the reporting requirements of this section if the data or information is not needed to fulfill the purposes of this chapter. The provision of the information shall not be construed to increase or decrease any authority the Public Utilities Commission may otherwise have.

(2) Major oil storers shall report on storage capacity, inventories, receipts and distributions, and methods of transportation of receipts and distributions.

(3) Major oil producers shall, with respect to thermally enhanced oil recovery operations, report annually by designated oil field, the monthly use, as fuel, of crude oil and natural gas.

(4) Refiners shall report on facility capacity, and utilization and method of transportation of refinery receipts and distributions.

(5) Major oil marketers shall report on facility capacity and methods of transportation of receipts and distributions.

(c) Each person required to report pursuant to subdivision (a) shall submit a projection each month of the information to be submitted pursuant to subdivision (a) for the quarter following the month in which the information is submitted to the commission.

(d) In addition to the data required under subdivision (a), each integrated oil refiner (produces, refines, transports, and markets in interstate commerce) who supplies more than 500 branded retail outlets
in California shall submit to the commission an annual industry forecast for Petroleum Administration for Defense, District V (covering Arizona, Nevada, Washington, Oregon, California, Alaska, and Hawaii). The forecast shall include the information to be submitted under subdivision (a), and shall be submitted by March 15 of each year. The commission may require California-specific forecasts. However, those forecasts shall be required only if the commission finds them necessary to carry out its responsibilities.

(e) The commission may by order or regulation modify the reporting period as to any individual item of information setting forth in the order or regulation its reason for so doing.

(f) The commission may request additional information as necessary to perform its responsibilities under this chapter.

(g) Any person required to submit information or data under this chapter, in lieu thereof, may submit a report made to any other governmental agency, if:

1. The alternate report or reports contain all of the information or data required by specific request under this chapter.
2. The person clearly identifies the specific request to which the alternate report is responsive.

(h) Each refiner shall submit to the commission, within 30 days after the end of each monthly reporting period, all of the following information in such form and extent as the commission prescribes:

1. Monthly California weighted average prices and sales volumes of finished leaded regular, unleaded regular, and premium motor gasoline sold through company-operated retail outlets, to other end-users, and to wholesale customers.
2. Monthly California weighted average prices and sales volumes for residential sales, commercial and institutional sales, industrial sales, sales through company-operated retail outlets, sales to other end-users, and wholesale sales of No. 2 diesel fuel and No. 2 fuel oil.
3. Monthly California weighted average prices and sales volumes for retail sales and wholesale sales of No. 1 distillate, kerosene, finished aviation gasoline, kerosene-type jet fuel, No. 4 fuel oil, residual fuel oil with 1 percent or less sulfur, residual fuel oil with greater than 1 percent sulfur and consumer grade propane.

(i) Beginning the first week after the effective date of the act that added this subdivision, and each week thereafter, an oil refiner, oil producer, petroleum product transporter, petroleum product marketer, petroleum product pipeline operator, and terminal operator, as designated by the commission, shall submit a report in the form and extent as the commission prescribes pursuant to this section. The
commission may determine the form and extent necessary by order or by regulation.

(2) A report may include any of the following information:
   (A) Receipts and inventory levels of crude oil and petroleum products at each refinery and terminal location.
   (B) Amount of gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, blending components, and other petroleum products imported and exported.
   (C) Amount of gasoline, diesel, jet fuel, blending components, and other petroleum products transported intrastate by marine vessel.
   (D) Amount of crude oil imported, including information identifying the source of the crude oil.
   (E) The regional average of invoiced retailer buying price. This subparagraph does not either preclude or augment the current authority of the commission to collect additional data under subdivision (f).

(3) This subdivision is intended to clarify the commission’s existing authority under subdivision (f) to collect specific information. This subdivision does not either preclude or augment the existing authority of the commission to collect information.

SEC. 2. Section 25364 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

25364. (a) Any person required to present information to the commission pursuant to Section 25354 may request that specific information be held in confidence. Information requested to be held in confidence shall be presumed to be confidential.

(b) Information presented to the commission pursuant to Section 25354 shall be held in confidence by the commission or aggregated to the extent necessary to assure confidentiality if public disclosure of the specific information or data would result in unfair competitive disadvantage to the person supplying the information.

(c) (1) Whenever the commission receives a request to publicly disclose unaggregated information, or otherwise proposes to publicly disclose information submitted pursuant to Section 25354, notice of the request or proposal shall be provided to the person submitting the information. The notice shall indicate the form in which the information is to be released. Upon receipt of notice, the person submitting the information shall have 10 working days in which to respond to the notice to justify the claim of confidentiality on each specific item of information covered by the notice on the basis that public disclosure of the specific information would result in unfair competitive disadvantage to the person supplying the information.

(2) The commission shall consider the respondent's submittal in determining whether to publicly disclose the information submitted to it to which a claim of confidentiality is made. The commission shall
issue a written decision which sets forth its reasons for making the
determination whether each item of information for which a claim of
confidentiality is made shall remain confidential or shall be publicly
disclosed.

(d) The commission shall not make public disclosure of information
submitted to it pursuant to Section 25354 within 10 working days after
the commission has issued its written decision required in this section.

(e) No information submitted to the commission pursuant to Section
25354 shall be deemed confidential if the person submitting the
information or data has made it public.

(f) With respect to petroleum products and blendstocks reported by
type pursuant to paragraph (1) or (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 25354
and information provided pursuant to subdivision (h) or (i) of Section
25354, neither the commission nor any employee of the commission
may do any of the following:

1. Use the information furnished under paragraph (1) or (2) of
   subdivision (a) of Section 25354 or under subdivision (h) or (i) of
   Section 25354 for any purpose other than the statistical purposes for
   which it is supplied.

2. Make any publication whereby the information furnished by any
   particular establishment or individual under paragraph (1) or (2) of
   subdivision (a) of Section 25354 or under subdivision (h) or (i) of
   Section 25354 can be identified.

3. Permit anyone other than commission members and employees of
   the commission to examine the individual reports provided under
   paragraph (1) or (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 25354 or under
   subdivision (h) or (i) of Section 25354.

(g) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the commission may
disclose confidential information received pursuant to subdivision (a) of
Section 25304 or Section 25354 to the State Air Resources Board if the
state board agrees to keep the information confidential. With respect to
the information it receives, the state board shall be subject to all pertinent
provisions of this section.