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CPUC CONTINUES WORK TOWARD EXPANDING THE USE OF ALTERNATIVE-FUEL VEHICLES IN CALIFORNIA

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 14, 2013 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today said it will further its work in supporting the use of alternative-fuel vehicles in California in order to bring benefits to ratepayers, increase electric system reliability, and help achieve the Governor's target of 1.5 million zero-emission vehicles on the roads in California by 2025.

The Rulemaking opened today will primarily focus on specific ongoing issues such as financing options, appropriate rate design, and development of new policies related to alternative-fuel vehicles. The proceeding will have two tracks. The first track will evaluate the potential value to ratepayers and the electric grid of vehicle-grid integration, including the use of vehicle batteries for Demand Response or energy storage. The second track will focus on the development of new alternative-fuel vehicle tariffs in each of the investor-owned utility service territories. Specifically, this may include new rate designs for plug-in electric and natural gas vehicles, including light-duty and medium/heavy-duty vehicles, and policies for residential, multi-family, workplace, and fleet plug-in electric vehicles.

“Our new alternative-fuel vehicle Rulemaking recognizes the critical role clean transportation plays in meeting the state's environmental goals and responds to the Governor's target for zero-emission vehicle adoption,” said Commissioner Peterman. “This will be an opportunity for the CPUC to take a mid-stream assessment of the alternative-fuel vehicle market and the role of the utility.”

“I am pleased that we will continue our work to expand the use of alternative-fuel vehicles in California,” said CPUC President Michael R. Peevey. “The proceeding we opened today will

explore how financing opportunities can unlock long-term value in plug-in electric vehicles, or reduce upfront costs as a means of accelerating plug-in electric vehicle adoption and infrastructure deployment.”

Said Commissioner Catherine J.K. Sandoval, “This Rulemaking is the next critical step toward hitting the Governor’s target of 1.5 million zero-emission vehicles in our state by 2025. Finding innovative financing mechanisms to make zero-emission vehicles more affordable for all Californians is key to quicker adoption and infrastructure development. Pollution from today’s fossil-fuel vehicles contributes to childhood asthma and missed school days. Zero-emission vehicles can increase the health of our children and the environment, and increase opportunities for education and the economy.”

Said Commissioner Mark J. Ferron, “I fully support doing all that we can to push electric vehicle technology forward. Our decision today includes examining the role, if any, that financing could play in accelerating the adoption of alternative-fuel vehicles. We will also evaluate changes that could be made in order to better integrate charging of electric vehicles with efficient operation of the electric grid.”

The proposal voted on is available at

<http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M081/K612/81612173.PDF>.

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