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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Address  
Utility Cost and Revenue Issues Associated  
with Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

Rulemaking 11-03-012  
(Filed March 24, 2011)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING  
REQUESTING INFORMATION ON TRACK 2  
LOW CARBON FUEL STANDARD ISSUES,  
AND ADDRESSING PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

**1. Summary**

This ruling requires parties to provide additional information related to Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) credit revenues. Specifically, investor-owned utilities are required to file data related to electric vehicle owners and electric vehicle tariffs within their service territories, and other parties are encouraged to provide related information, as described below. This ruling also confirms an extension granted via electronic mail and addresses other procedural matters.

**2. Requested Information**

On April 18, 2012, Commission staff held a workshop to discuss parties' proposals in Track 2 of this proceeding, which addresses the use of LCFS credit revenues that may accrue to investor-owned utilities under the California Air

Resources Board's (CARB) LCFS regulation.<sup>1</sup> This ruling requests that parties file information to answer questions suggested by that workshop. The information requested in this ruling shall be filed and served not later than May 8, 2012.

Investor-owned utilities shall, and other parties may, provide the following information:

- 1) What procedures does your utility use to identify customers that own electric or other alternative fuel vehicles?
- 2) How does your utility track data on customers that own alternative fuel vehicles? Is this information kept in utility computer systems? If so, please describe what relevant data is collected and how it is associated with the customer's account.
- 3) How, if at all, does your utility ensure that information on customers' electric and other alternative fuel vehicle ownership remains current?
- 4) How many customers in your service territory have you identified that own electric vehicles? Other alternative fuel vehicles? Please break this data down by the type of fuel used, if known.
- 5) How many customers in your service territory are on electric vehicle tariffs? Please report data for each relevant tariff separately, and summarize the terms of each tariff.
- 6) If known, how many customers with electric vehicles are on non-electric vehicle-specific tariffs? Please report both total data and data separately by tariff.

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<sup>1</sup> Note: Though federal courts ruled late last year that aspects of the California LCFS regulations may be unconstitutional, an injunction against enforcement of those regulations was lifted recently. We continue moving forward with Track 2 of R.11-03-012 at this time to ensure that we address the issues within our jurisdiction and are prepared when and if the LCFS regulations are implemented.

- 7) Please provide and explain the estimation method your utility expects to use to estimate electric usage from electric vehicle charging for use in calculating LCFS credits. Has this method been approved by the CARB?
- 8) Approximately what range of credits does your utility expect to receive under the LCFS regulation each year 2013-2020? Please explain the assumptions (e.g., number of vehicles, efficiency, etc.) that you use in estimating this range.
- 9) What range of credit revenue does your utility expect to receive under the LCFS regulation by year from 2013-2020? Please explain the assumptions (e.g., number of credits, credit value) you use in estimating this range.
- 10) What range of costs does your utility expect to incur from participation in the LCFS credit program from 2013-2020? Please explain the assumptions that you use in estimating this range.
- 11) If possible, please estimate the range of administrative costs you anticipate incurring while administering a program to return credit revenues to Electric Vehicle customers. Please provide separate estimates for the different return options suggested by parties to this proceeding. Please note any fixed and variable cost assumptions (e.g., information technology upgrades, personnel, direct mail to customers) you use in estimating this range.
- 12) What data or research is available on customer responses to up-front and ongoing monetary incentives to electric vehicle owners? Please summarize and provide citations to available sources of relevant information.

### **3. Confirmation of Extension for Filing of Revised LCFS Proposals**

A ruling issued in this proceeding on March 14, 2012, required parties to file and serve revised proposals for the use of LCFS revenues not later than May 2, 2012. On Thursday, April 26, 2012, a representative of the International

Council on Clean Transportation requested via electronic mail (e-mail) a brief (2-week) extension to the deadline for filing revised proposals. No parties subsequently objected to this extension request, and on Friday, April 27, 2012, Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Jessica T. Hecht granted, via e-mail, a 12-day extension for this filing. That ruling is hereby confirmed; revised proposals must be filed and served not later than close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Monday, May 14, 2012. All other dates established in the March 14, 2012, ruling remain unchanged.

#### **4. Additional Guidance for Proposals**

Statements made at the April 18, 2012, workshop are not a part of the formal record of this proceeding. For this reason, parties are encouraged to include any information or comments made at that workshop that they believe should be considered in this proceeding in either their revised proposals or in other written comments scheduled within this track of the proceeding.

In addition, because many aspects of the LCFS program are still uncertain, it is possible that different proposals for the use of credit revenues may be appropriate in the short term (the first two to three years after implementation) and in the longer term. Parties are encouraged to consider and, if appropriate, propose different approaches for the different time periods. In addition, parties are encouraged to work together to develop robust proposals.

#### **IT IS RULED that:**

1. Investor-owned utilities shall, and other parties may, provide information responding to the questions contained in this ruling.
2. Responses to the questions contained in this ruling shall be filed and served not later than May 8, 2012.

3. As provided in the April 27, 2012, electronic mail ruling of ALJ Jessica T. Hecht, revised proposals for the use of LCFS revenues must be filed and served not later than close of business (5:00 p.m.) on Monday, May 14, 2012. All other previously established dates in Track 2 of this proceeding remain unchanged.

Dated May 1, 2012, at San Francisco, California.

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