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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking on the Commission's own motion to consider alterative-fueled vehicle tariffs, infrastructure and policies to support California's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.

Rulemaking 09-08-009
(Filed August 20, 2009)

RULING SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE

The California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) will hold a prehearing conference (PHC) in the above-captioned proceeding on November 18, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission's Courtroom, Hearing Room A, at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California. Detailed information about the issues presented by this proceeding may be found in the document issued by the Commission on August 24, 2009 and referred to as *Rulemaking 09-08-009, Order Instituting Rulemaking on the Commission's Own Motion to Consider Alterative-Fueled Vehicle Tariffs, Infrastructure and Policies to Support California's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Goals*.¹

¹ An electronic copy of the Commission's Order Instituting Rulemaking 09-08-009 can be found at http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/word_pdf/FINAL_DECISION/106042.doc.

1. Purpose of PHC

The purpose of this PHC is to provide interested persons with the opportunity to discuss the scope and priorities raised by this proceeding and offer suggestions for the Commission to consider when developing a procedural schedule. We provided interested persons with an opportunity to submit written comments to Rulemaking 09-08-009 on October 5, 2009 and November 6, 2009.² At the upcoming PHC, we will address a variety of topics, including prioritizing the issues raised in these written comments, the specific interests of parties to the proceeding, and any further topics to assist the Commission in establishing the scope and schedule for this rulemaking. The Assigned Commissioner and Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) will preside over the PHC. Following this PHC, the Assigned Commissioner will issue a ruling, referred to as a scoping memo, identifying the specific issues to be addressed and adopting the procedural schedule for this proceeding.

2. Webcast of PHC

The PHC will be webcast and available for real-time viewing by the general public. The webcast will not provide for two-way communication. Access to the webcast for the PHC will be available at <http://www.californiaadmin.com/cgi-bin/cpuc.cgi>. You may also access this webcast via the Commission's home page at <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/puc/>. This webcast will be archived. You may access archived webcasts at <http://www.californiaadmin.com/cgi-bin/cpuc.cgi>. If you or a representative is unable to attend in person, you may contact the ALJ via email prior to the PHC

² Comments are posted on the Commission's website at <http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/published/proceedings/R0908009.htm>.

at rmd@cpuc.ca.gov with any written questions you have regarding the topics framed for discussion at the PHC. Your questions may be addressed during the PHC.

3. CPUC Agency Contact

General questions regarding this proceeding should be sent via email to Matthew Crosby, Staff Analyst Vehicle Electrification/Market-Based Climate Strategies Policy and Planning Division, California Public Utilities Commission mc4@cpuc.ca.gov.

4. Proposed Agenda for PHC

During the PHC, we will address a number of administrative matters, including establishing an official service list, the categorization of the proceeding under Pub. Util. Code section 1701.1, and the need for evidentiary hearings. We will also discuss a framework for organizing substantive issues raised in the October 5, 2009 and November 6, 2009 written comments.

For discussion purposes only, this ruling includes the below outline which prioritizes issues within several phases of this proceeding. The outline includes three sections: Phase I, Phase II, and Phase III. Within each phase, substantive issues are set forth first followed by the procedural means of reviewing these substantive issues. This outline serves as a starting point for discussions at the PHC on how to organize the substantive issues presented here.

Matters not on the outline may be addressed during this meeting at the discretion of the Assigned Commissioner or the ALJ. Following this PHC, the Assigned Commissioner will issue the scoping memo, which is the written ruling identifying the scope of the substantive issues to be addressed and the timetable for resolving these issues.

Proposed Issue Prioritization and Schedule -For Discussion at PHC

Phase I of the Proceeding:

- **Pub. Util. Code sections 216 & 218:** Consider how Pub. Util. Code sections 216 and 218 impact electric vehicle charging stations. Consider whether currently regulated electric corporations should be authorized by the CPUC to own and/or operate electric vehicle charging stations.
- **Residential Charging Readiness Issues:** To what extent can the Commission ensure that the residential electrical vehicle supply equipment needed to accommodate electric vehicle charging is installed promptly in customer premises? How can the installation process for residential charging equipment, including permitting and building inspections, be streamlined through intergovernmental coordination or “utility guidelines”? What kinds of education and outreach should the utilities conduct with regards to residential charging?
- **Ongoing and Near-Term Utility Activities:** What activities do the utilities currently have ongoing related to alternative fueled vehicles? How are expenses associated with these activities being recovered from ratepayers? What activities do the utilities need to undertake to accommodate near-term growth (2010-2015) in the electric and natural gas vehicle markets?
- **Procedure:** Schedule workshops in January - February 2010 and/or written briefs and reply briefs. Determine whether evidentiary hearings or discovery is needed? Estimated date for final Commission decision is April 2010.

**Phase II of the Proceeding:
Estimated start date - October 2010**

- **Rates:** Whether rate designs should be modified or developed for owners of electric vehicles and/or electric vehicle charging stations? What characteristics should these rate designs have, e.g. encouraging off peak charging? What metering arrangements are needed to support rate designs?
- **Distribution System Upgrades:** Whether electrical distribution system upgrades will be needed to accommodate the near-term (2010-2015) growth of the electric vehicle market and, if so, whether the Commission should authorize utilities to recover costs for these upgrades in general rate cases, separate rate applications, or through other procedural mechanisms?
- **Direct Load Management:** Whether the Commission should consider mechanisms other than rates to encourage owners of electric vehicles to charge in a manner that avoids detrimental impacts on the distribution system, transmission system, or bulk power system?
- **Procedure:** Schedule workshops in April-December 2010

**Phase III or New Proceeding:
Estimated start date - January 2011**

- The issues identified for Phase III or, perhaps, for a new proceeding, would include all matters that the Commission may decide not to address until at least January 2011. These issues could include, issues related to the value of the Low Carbon Fuel Standard credits under different scenarios, other matters related to natural gas vehicles, Smart Grid and interoperability issues, the need for separate residential meters and the related questions of whether upgrades to the AMI infrastructure are needed, billing system upgrades, ratepayer cost allocation for capacity increases related to commercial charging stations or electric system upgrades, and any other matters.

- **Procedure**: To be determined at a later date.

5. Staff White Paper

The evidentiary record in this proceeding will include the Commission's Staff White Paper and comments submitted to the Commission's Staff in response to the White Paper. Any party to this proceeding that objects to incorporating this document and the related comments into the record must raise those objections at the PHC. The Commission's Staff White Paper is entitled *Light-Duty Vehicle Electrification in California: Potential Barriers and Opportunities*, Commission Policy and Planning Division (May 22, 2009) and can be found on the Commission's website at

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/NR/rdonlyres/AD8A4A5E-6ED9-4493-BDB6-326AB86A028E/0/CPUCPPDElectricVehicleWhitePaper2.pdf>.

6. Intervenor Compensation – Pub. Util Code § 1801

Any party that expects to claim intervenor compensation for its participation in this rulemaking may file its notice of intent to claim intervenor compensation pursuant to Pub. Util. Code section 1804 within 30 days after the first PHC. Any potential intervenors with questions about intervenor compensation should contact the Commission's Public Advisor's Office.

IT IS SO RULED.

Dated November 5, 2009, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ CHARLOTTE TERKEURST for

Regina DeAngelis
Administrative Law Judge

INFORMATION REGARDING SERVICE

I have provided notification of filing to the electronic mail addresses on the attached service list.

Upon confirmation of this document's acceptance for filing, I will cause a Notice of Availability of the filed document to be served upon the service list to this proceeding by U.S. mail. The service list I will use to serve the Notice of Availability of the filed document is current as of today's date.

Dated November 5, 2009, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ TERESITA C. GALLARDO
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