

AB 1900 and CPUC Scoping Memo Questions Regarding Biomethane for Gas Utility Systems

Questions taken directly from AB 1900

1. What standards should be adopted for biomethane that specify the concentrations of constituents of concern that are reasonably necessary to protect public health and ensure pipeline integrity and safety?
2. What requirements should be adopted for monitoring, testing, reporting, and recordkeeping related to biomethane injection projects?
3. What changes must be made to gas utility tariffs to comply with the standards and requirements adopted by the Commission?
4. What policies and programs should the Commission adopt to promote the in-state production and distribution of biomethane?
5. What rules should the Commission adopt to ensure that gas utilities provide nondiscriminatory open access to gas pipeline systems to any party for the purposes of physically interconnecting with the gas pipeline system and effectuating the delivery of gas?
6. What standards should the Commission adopt that specify, for constituents that may be found in biomethane, concentrations that are reasonably necessary to ensure public health and safety?
7. What standards should the Commission adopt that specify, for constituents that may be found in biomethane, concentrations that are reasonably necessary to ensure the integrity and safety of pipelines and pipeline facilities?
8. What policies and programs should be adopted to promote the in-state production and distribution of biomethane?

Gas Quality and Monitoring

1. What gas quality testing protocols must be developed?
2. Who should be responsible for paying for testing?
3. Should gas quality protocols be utility-specific or be standardized for all gas utilities?
4. Should gas quality protocols be feedstock-specific or be standardized across all feedstocks?
5. How should utility gas quality tariffs be revised to permit acceptance of biomethane into utility pipelines?
6. What procedures should be followed if biomethane does not conform to utility gas quality tariffs?
7. What policies must be developed to monitor ongoing operations of the biomethane project?
8. Who should bear the cost of ensuring the safety and merchantability of contemplated or processed biogas feedstocks?

Infrastructure

1. How can biomethane impact utility infrastructure?
2. How can biomethane impact end-use customer equipment?

Public Health and Safety

1. How can biomethane impact public health?
2. How can biomethane impact public safety?

Interconnection Agreement

What terms and conditions should be included in a biomethane interconnection agreement between the utility and the project developer?

Other

1. Would a cost benefit analysis help to inform the Commission and parties on the acceptance of biomethane into utility gas systems?
2. How should AB 1900 and Prop 65 directives together be addressed?
3. How is the introduction of biomethane into gas utility systems affected by CEQA?