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Subject: FW: E-Mail Notice of Prehearing Conference and Initial Workshop in Biomethane OIR 13-02-008

To the Service List in R.13-03-008:

I am the Administrative Law Judge assigned to Order Instituting Rulemaking (OIR) 13-02-008. This e-mail provides advance notice that a **Prehearing Conference (PHC)** and an **Initial Workshop** will be held on **Wednesday, March 27, 2013**, at the Commission's offices at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco. A written ruling will issue in the coming days.

The PHC will start at 10:00 am on March 27, 2013 in the Commission's Hearing Room. The purpose of the PHC will be to discuss, among other things, the scope of issues to be covered in this proceeding, the schedule for the processing of these issues, and whether there is a need for evidentiary hearings. As referenced in the OIR, parties may file a PHC statement with the Commission's Docket Office. This PHC statement shall be filed with the Docket Office by March 22, 2013. As stated in the OIR, parties with similar positions are encouraged to file a joint PHC statement. (See OIR at 14.)

I also noticed that some of the entities or persons who have requested to be added as a “party” to this proceeding did not state the extent of their expected participation, and their brief statement of interest, as the OIR stated should be included. (See OIR at 21.) This information is needed in order to decide whether a person should be allowed to participate as a party to this proceeding. (See Rules 1.4. and 1.9.(f).) Accordingly, if you failed to include such information, I may change your status from a “party” to “information only” at some future date. The entities or persons who failed to include this type of information in their request to be added to the service list shall be allowed to include this additional information in a letter (and e-mail) addressed to me by March 22, 2013, and e-mailed on the service list to this proceeding. In the alternative, the letter can request that the entity or person be listed as “information only”.

The Initial Workshop will be held following the Prehearing Conference on March 27. Tentatively, the start time of the Initial Workshop will be 11:00 am. This time may change depending on when the PHC is concluded. This workshop will also be held at 505 Van Ness Avenue, and is expected to continue into the late afternoon. At this workshop, it is anticipated that there will be presentations by at least two of the other state agencies, the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, and the California Air Resources Board, as well as by the CPUC staff. It is expected that these presentations will discuss the process they are following to develop the list of constituents of concern, the appropriate concentration levels, and provide a status update. This may be followed by a presentation by the gas utilities, and a question and answer session. The CPUC staff person to contact about the workshop is Franz Cheng (franz.cheng@cpuc.ca.gov) (415) 703-1536.

A written ruling summarizing the above, and providing written notification of the March 27, 2013 PHC and Initial Workshop will issue in the coming days.

Since the service list as of yesterday looks incomplete (See OIR, section 6.1.1.), this e-mail ruling will also be served on the OIR’s initial temporary service list to those who have e-mail addresses. I apologize in advance if you receive extra copies of this e-mail notice.

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Administrative Law Judge

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