State of California AIR RESOURCES BOARD

Notice of Public Availability of Second Modified Text

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED AB 32 COST OF IMPLEMENTATION FEE REGULATION AND A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING REGULATION FOR THE MANDATORY REPORTING OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

First Public Hearing Date: June 25, 2009 Second Public Hearing Date: September 25, 2009 First Public Comment Period: February 26, 2010 - March 15, 2010 Public Availability of Second Modified Text Date: March 18, 2010 Deadline for Second Public Comment Period: April 2, 2010

At its September 25, 2009 public hearing, the Air Resources Board (ARB or Board) approved the proposed adoption of sections 95200 to 95207, title 17, California Code of Regulations (CCR), which comprise the AB 32 Cost of Implementation Fee Regulation (fee regulation). The fee regulation imposes fees on sources of greenhouse gas emissions to carry out Assembly Bill 32 (AB 32; Chapter 488, Statutes of 2006). The Board also approved a proposed amendment to section 95104, title 17, CCR, which requires use of the ARB Greenhouse Gas Reporting Tool, or another reporting tool approved by the ARB Executive Officer, to report greenhouse gas emissions.

At the hearing, the Board adopted Resolution 09-36, which approved the fee regulation originally proposed in the Staff Report: Initial Statement of Reasons released on May 8, 2009, with a number of modifications proposed by staff. The Board also approved the proposed amendment to section 95104, title 17, CCR, with modifications identified at the hearing. Resolution 09-36 and other regulatory documents for this rulemaking action are available online at the following ARB website:

http://www.arb.ca.gov/regact/2009/feereg09/feereg09.htm

Summary of Proposed Modifications

This second set of proposed modifications to the originally proposed regulation consists of four changes (see pages 7, 8, 16, and 28-29) to correct errors discovered after the release of the first set of modifications. The new modifications are marked in **bold double strikeout** for deletions and **bold double underline** for additions in the Attachment to this notice.

A. Modifications to section 95202. Definitions.

In response to public comments: section 95202(a)(10)(A) was modified to correct a typographical error; section 95202(a)(11) was modified to clarify the definition and make it consistent with other definitions including section 95202(a)(68); and section 95202(a)(71) was modified to make the definition of "Operational Control" identical to that in the Mandatory Reporting Regulation for clarity purposes.

B. Modifications to section 95204. Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements.

Section 95204(b)(3) was modified in response to comments to correct the reference for certification purposes to reflect the fee regulation instead of the Mandatory Reporting Regulation. The words "AB 32 Cost of Implementation Fee Regulation" were also added for clarity purposes.

Availability of the Attachment

By this notice, the modified regulatory language (attached to this notice) is being made available for public comment prior to final action by the Board's Executive Officer.

Comments

Written comments will only be accepted on the aforementioned four changes and may be submitted by postal mail or electronic mail submittal as follows:

Postal mail: Clerk of the Board, Air Resources Board 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Electronic submittal: <u>http://www.arb.ca.gov/lispub/comm/bclist.php</u>

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In order to be considered by the Executive Officer, comments must be directed to ARB in one of the two forms described above and received by ARB by 5:00 p.m., on the deadline date for public comment listed at the beginning of this notice. Only comments relating to the attached document and the modifications identified in this notice will be considered by the Executive Officer.

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Attachment

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see ARB's website at [www.arb.ca.gov].