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CARB's 15-day Package Does Not Provide the Clarity and Stability Needed to Ensure Continued Refining Operation in California

Marathon Petroleum Corporation (Marathon) appreciates California Air Resources Board's (CARB) efforts to modify the 45-day package to provide short term relief, but Marathon believes the 15-day Cap-and-Invest proposed amendments fall significantly short of providing the clarity needed for business planning. While the proposal provides much needed short term cost reduction between 2027 and 2030, the absence of a defined plan for 2031 and beyond introduces significant uncertainty and material economic risk to our California operations. Surprisingly, CARB's proposal directly conflicts with the California Energy Commission's June 27, 2025 letter¹ to Governor Newsom in which the Commission emphasized that sustaining a safe, affordable, and reliable transportation fuels supply requires a robust investment framework anchored in regulatory certainty, so that refiners continue to see long-term value in operating in the California market. The decisions to invest in long-term projects at our refineries are being made today and cannot wait for the next round of rulemaking. Without clear assurance that the state will provide regulatory certainty for in-state production of transportation fuels in these future years, long-term operation of our Los Angeles refinery is not anticipated – placing jobs, in-state fuel production, and, critically, economic stability in California at risk.

Marathon stands by our March 6 and March 9 letters, strongly urging CARB to adopt measures that achieve an equivalent cap adjustment factor of 0.85 for petroleum refineries and 1.0 for biorefineries, and increase the assistance factor for both to 100 percent from 2026 through 2045.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Henschen'.

Michael Henschen
Executive Vice President, MPC Refining

¹ [CEC's Response to Governor Newsom's Letter June-27-2025](#)

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The Honorable Monique Limón, Pro Tem, California State Senate

The Honorable Robert Rivas, Speaker, California State Assembly