IN THE MATTER OF:	)	**Docket No.** 20-EPIC-01
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Implementation of the Investment Plans	)	JOINT SYMPOSIUM
for the Electric Program Investment	)	RE: ELECTRIC PROGRAM
Charge Program	)	INVESTMENT CHARGE PROGRAM

NOTICE OF JOINT SYMPOSIUM:
ELECTRIC PROGRAM INVESTMENT CHARGE (EPIC)

The California Energy Commission (CEC), Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Southern California Edison Company (SCE), and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) will host a two-day virtual symposium joined by clean energy leaders and entrepreneurs to explore the latest technology and policy innovations that can enable the state to:
- Expand the use of renewable energy.
- Build a safe and resilient electricity system.
- Advance electric technologies for buildings, businesses, and transportation.
- Enable a more decentralized electric grid.
- Improve the affordability and health of California's communities.
- Support California's local economies and businesses.

This symposium is part of the CEC's administration of the Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC). The EPIC invests approximately $160 million annually in new technology breakthroughs to transform the electricity sector to meet California's energy and climate policy goals and bring increased benefits to electric ratepayers of the state's three largest investor-owned utilities – PG&E, SCE, and SDG&E.

A quorum of commissioners from the CEC, California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), and Lithium Valley Commission, and members of the Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group (DACAG) may participate, but no votes will be taken. The symposium will be held remotely, consistent with Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas, Chapter 165, Statutes of 2021) to improve and enhance public access to state agency meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic by allowing broader access through teleconferencing options. The public can participate in the workshop consistent with the direction provided below. Please note that the CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time posted and the end time is an estimate based on the agenda proposed. The workshop may end sooner or later than the posted end time depending on various factors.

You must register for this complimentary event to access all sessions. To register, visit the EPIC Symposium Virtual Event

(https://www.energizeinnovation.fund/events/epic-symposium#tab-registration).

The symposium will be held:

Tuesday, December 14, and Wednesday, December 15, 2021
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Remote access is available by internet.
(Instructions below.)

Remote Access Only: Remote access is available by internet via the virtual platform Socio. For details, see the "remote attendance" section toward the end of this notice.

Agenda

The two-day symposium will offer interactive and thought-provoking discussions featuring technology developers, entrepreneurs, communities, researchers, energy service providers, policymakers, and other leaders.

The agenda features:
- Living Room Chats: Messages from state and federal leaders about clean energy investments that are driving innovation and tangible change for communities and creating new opportunities.
- Plenary Sessions: Deep dives into solutions that are accelerating grid decarbonization, enhancing reliability, improving environmental sustainability, and increasing access for California's under-resourced communities.
- Breakout Sessions: Featuring innovators and innovations in the areas of decarbonization, decreasing wildfire risk, energy storage, and renewable energy.
- A Focus on Equity and Diversity: Sessions discuss how to advance equity and diversity in clean energy innovation.

The full symposium agenda is posted on the EPIC Symposium Virtual Event site (https://www.energizeinnovation.fund/events/epic-symposium#tab-agenda).

Background

The deadly and destructive fires of the past few years as well as findings from California's Fourth Climate Change Assessment (http://www.climateassessment.ca.gov/) highlighted the increasingly dire impacts of climate change on California and its citizens if greenhouse gas emissions are not drastically reduced. California set an aggressive timeline to fully decarbonize its economy by 2045 while also taking steps to improve the resiliency of the electricity system to extreme weather events. As part of the state's transition to a low-carbon economy, California's leaders have made equity a policy priority. Innovation in key energy technologies, policies, and tools will be essential to

meet 21st century needs and ensure a more resilient, equitable, and decarbonized electrical system that services customers while addressing climate change.

Pursuant to Decision (D.) 12-05-037, the CPUC requires the four EPIC administrators to consult with interested stakeholders no less than twice a year, both during the development of each investment plan and during its execution. D.15-04-020 requires one of these two annual workshops to be an EPIC Innovation Symposium intended to achieve the following: share progress, results, and future plans; improve coordination and understanding among administrators, parties, and the CPUC; raise awareness and visibility of EPIC investments; connect administrators, policymakers and innovators; and promote program transparency. D.12-05-037 (Ordering Paragraph 15) requires EPIC administrators to provide notice of these biannual meetings to the parties on the service list of R.11-10-003 and any subsequent related proceedings.

Public Advisor and Other Commission Contacts

The CEC's Public Advisor's Office provides the public with assistance in participating in CEC proceedings. For information on how to participate in this proceeding, or to request interpreting services or other reasonable accommodations, please contact Public Advisor, Noemí O. Gallardo, at PublicAdvisor@energy.ca.gov, or by phone at (916) 957-7910. Requests for interpreting services and reasonable accommodations should be made at least five days in advance. The CEC will work diligently to accommodate late requests.

Media inquiries should be directed to MediaOffice@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4989.

Questions on the subject matter of this meeting should be directed to Rachel Salazar, Rachel.Salazar@energy.ca.gov, or (916) 776-0806.

Remote Attendance

The virtual symposium will use the Socio platform to provide online meeting services. To receive login information, please register for the event via the Energize Innovation Symposium page. (https://www.energizeinnovation.fund/events/epic-symposium#tab-registration)

Once registered, you will receive an email before the event from "CEC EPIC epic@gladstein.org" with instructions on how to access the virtual event via desktop web browser and download instructions for our official event app. To access the virtual event platform, you'll need to enter the same email you used to register for the event, create a password, and update your profile.

When attending virtually, presentations will appear on your device screen and audio may be heard via the device. Please be aware that the event will be recorded.

To access the site and each of the sessions, please ensure you are using the latest version of your internet browser. Socio works well with Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Safari, and Microsoft Edge browsers. We suggest you use Google Chrome for the best experience. We encourage participants to visit the LIVE Help Desk to view FAQs, chat with LIVE support via chat box or Zoom, or call the events help hotline (888) 993-0302 before the event to ensure a seamless user experience. The LIVE Help Desk support chat and Zoom Room will be available from 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. PT on December 14 and 15.

Via Computer: You'll receive an email before the event from "CEC EPIC epic@gladstein.org" with the link to access the virtual event via a desktop web browser. Once on the virtual event platform, you'll need to enter the same email you used to register for the event, create a password, and update your profile.

Via Mobile Device: Download the EPIC Virtual Events mobile application from the Apple App Store (https://apps.apple.com/us/app/id1569038769) or Google Play (https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=events.socio.app2178). You'll receive an email before the event from "CEC EPIC epic@gladstein.org" with download instructions for our official event app. Once you've downloaded the virtual event app, you'll need to enter the same email you used to register for the event, create a password, and update your profile. After you've signed up you can start browsing, networking, and ensuring you're equipped for success in the platform!

Socio: If you experience difficulties with the Socio platform, please check out the FAQs on the LIVE Help Desk page (accessible for registered attendees), visit the LIVE Help Desk Zoom Room on December 14 & 15, or contact the events support team at Epic@gladstein.org or (888) 993-0302.

Availability of Documents

Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available at the Energize Innovation Fund website (https://www.energizeinnovation.fund/).

Dated: December 2, 2021, at Sacramento, California

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A companion notice will be sent (on behalf of all four EPIC Administrators) to the service lists for the following CPUC proceedings: R. 19-10-005; Application (A). 19-08-013 et al.; A. 19-03-002 et al.; A. 21-06-021 et al.; A. 21-11-021 et al.; and R.11-10-003.