

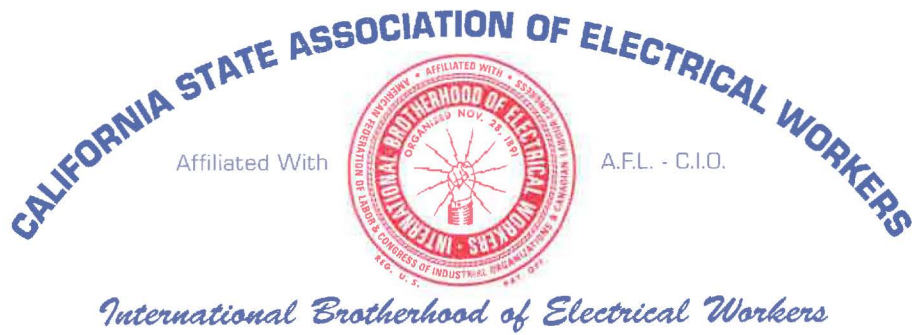
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Additional submitted attachment is included below.



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On behalf of over 80,000 members of the CA State Association of Electrical Workers and our affiliated IBEW Local Unions, we submit these comments on the California Energy Commission's (CEC) *Draft 2026–2027 Investment Plan Update for the Clean Transportation Program*.

The clean transportation sector is creating union electrical work hours and we strongly support its growth and expansion. IBEW electricians have installed thousands of electric vehicle charging stations as well as supporting electrical grid infrastructure throughout California. This includes charging infrastructure for public and commercial use, residential homes, electric truck stops as well as chargers deployed through California's Investor-Owned Utility programs. With our industry partners, IBEW Local Unions also operate electrical training centers where apprenticeship programs are delivered as well as continuing education for Journey-level workers. Our training facilities participate in the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program (EVITP) and there are thousands of IBEW electricians certified in EVITP in California.

The focus of our comments relates to Workforce Training and Development funding. The Draft Investment Plan references the development of an upcoming Charger Service Skills Accelerator grant funding opportunity to fund projects that will increase the workforce to service charging equipment. Servicing, maintaining and repairing charging infrastructure requires skilled electrical training. We are concerned if this funding is not structured correctly, it could result in safety hazards for workers, waste resources by duplicating existing electrical training programs and miss the objective to keep charging stations up and running. Consequently, we urge the CEC to incorporate the following into any grant funding related to charger service, repair and maintenance:

- To participate in training, as a pre-requisite, individuals must be state certified electricians who hold an EVITP certification.
- Grant funding efforts must not duplicate existing electrical apprenticeship programs.

These are preliminary comments and we anticipate further engagement if the CEC pursues this grant funding concept.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Doherty". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "D".

John Doherty
Secretary/Treasurer

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