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IN THE MATTER OF:

PRE-SOLICITATION CONCEPT FOR VEHICLE-GRID INNOVATION LAB (VIGIL)

Docket No. 19-TRAN-02

NOTICE OF STAFF SOLICITATION SCOPING WORKSHOP

RE: Vehicle-Grid Innovation Lab (ViGIL)

Notice of Staff Workshop

California Energy Commission (CEC) staff will host a remote-access scoping workshop to solicit feedback on a draft concept for the Vehicle-Grid Innovation Lab (ViGIL).

Staff has released a "Draft Solicitation Concept" document, which details the concept under consideration for a competitive grant solicitation to be issued by the Clean Transportation Program. The purpose of this solicitation is to fund the Vehicle-Grid Innovation Lab (ViGIL). ViGIL will address testing, certification, data, and technology gaps for electric vehicle (EV) charging equipment, by offering funding to support the expansion of an existing EV charging testing facility within California and provide local, cost-effective, and convenient testing.

Please refer to the CEC's docket log for 19-TRAN-02 at https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=19-TRAN-02 for the draft solicitation concept document. Commissioners from the CEC may attend, but no votes will be taken.

The workshop will be held remotely, consistent with Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20 and the recommendations from the California Department of Public Health to encourage physical distancing to slow the spread of COVID-19. The public can participate and observe the workshop consistent with the direction in these Executive Orders. Instructions for remote participation are below.

May 13, 2020 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Remote Access Only

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Agenda

- 1. Introductions
- 2. Vehicle-Grid Innovation Lab (ViGIL) Overview
 - ViGIL solicitation concept and background
 - Proposed funding
 - Proposed eligibility
 - Proposed project requirements
 - Proposed evaluation process and criteria
 - Proposed schedule
- 3. Questions and discussion

Background

Assembly Bill 118 (Núñez, Chapter 750, Statutes of 2007), created the Clean Transportation Program (formerly known as the Alternative and Renewable Fuels and Vehicle Technology Program). The statute authorizes the CEC to develop and deploy alternative and renewable fuels and advanced transportation technologies to help attain the state's climate change and clean air goals. Assembly Bill 8 (Perea, Chapter 401, Statutes of 2013) reauthorized the funding program through January 1, 2024.

Staff is developing a grant funding opportunity (GFO) solicitation that will provide up to \$3 million from the Clean Transportation Program funds for the Vehicle-Grid Innovation Lab (ViGIL). The goal of ViGIL is to provide local testing capacity and accelerated throughput for near-commercial charging technologies in order to help build a competitive market for charging equipment and their testing. ViGIL will focus on bringing more advanced and smarter charging solutions to the market by providing testing for key standards like ISO 15118 and Open Charge Point Protocol (OCPP). This diverse and innovative market will help reduce the cost of charging, protect our grid infrastructure, and help consumer adoption of EVs to achieve California's transportation, climate, and equity goals. In addition, ViGIL will serve as an innovation hub for electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging infrastructure through market-wide knowledge building and convening key stakeholders.

Public Comment

Oral Comments:

Staff will accept oral comments at the end of the workshop. Public comments may be limited to three minutes or less per speaker and one person per organization. If participating via WebEx, use the "raise hand feature" so the administrator can introduce you and unmute your microphone.

Written comments.

Written comments must be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on May 27, 2020.

Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine.

The CEC encourages use of its electronic commenting system.

Visit the CEC's e-filing system at

https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=19-TRAN-02, which links to the comment page for this docket. Enter your contact information and a comment title describing the subject of your comment(s). Comments may be included in the "Comment Text" box or attached as a downloadable, searchable document in Microsoft® Word (.doc, .docx) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf) file. The maximum file size allowed is 10 MB.

Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include docket number 19-TRAN-02 and "Vehicle-Grid Innovation Lab (ViGIL)" in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

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Questions on the subject matter of this meeting, should be directed to Matt Alexander at matt.alexander@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4466.

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Availability of Documents

Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available at the CEC's Docket Log for 19-TRAN-02 at 19-TRAN-02 and on the Clean Transportation Program's Workshops and Notices page at https://ww2.energy.ca.gov/altfuels/notices/.

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