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| <i>IN THE MATTER OF:</i> |) | Docket No. 20-EPIC-01 |
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| Development of the California Energy |) | NOTICE OF STAFF WORKSHOP |
| Commission Electric Program Investment |) | RE: INTERIM INVESTMENT PLAN |
| Charge Investment Plans 2021-2025 |) | 2021-2022 |

Notice of Staff Workshop

Electric Program Investment Charge Interim Investment Plan 2021-2022

California Energy Commission (CEC) staff will conduct a workshop to discuss preliminary research themes and initiatives for the Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Interim Investment Plan for 2021 to 2022. The workshop will be held on:

December 14, 2020

1:30 p.m.

Remote Access Only

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 in the workshop consistent with the direction in these Executive Orders. Instructions for remote participation via Zoom are below.

Background

In 2012, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) established the EPIC Program to fund public investments in research to create and advance new clean energy solutions, foster regional innovation, and bring ideas from the lab to the marketplace. The CEC and the state's three largest investor-owned utilities (IOUs) were selected to administer the EPIC funds. The primary purpose of the EPIC Program is to provide benefits to electric ratepayers through greater reliability, lower costs, and increased safety, while unleashing innovation to aid our transition to a clean energy future.

On September 2, 2020, the CPUC renewed the EPIC Program for an additional ten years (January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2030) in Decision 20-08-042 of Rulemaking 19-

10-005. In Decision 20-08-042, the CPUC approved the CEC as an EPIC administrator with an annual budget of \$148 million for the first five years and ordered the IOUs to collect funds for the renewed EPIC Program starting January 1, 2021.

The CPUC's Decision 20-08-042 requires the CEC to file an investment plan to the CPUC by October 1, 2021 to cover the period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2025 (referred to as EPIC 4). Decision 20-08-042 allows the CEC to submit an interim investment plan to the CPUC in the event the CEC needs advance authorization of EPIC 4 funding while Rulemaking 19-10-005 progresses.

The CEC will submit to the CPUC an EPIC Interim Investment Plan for the year 2021 to 2022 to continue investing in clean energy research while the full EPIC 4 investment plan is developed by the CEC and approved by the CPUC. CEC staff anticipates that the CPUC will issue a decision on the EPIC 4 investment plan at the end of 2021 or early in 2022. Therefore, the CEC is proposing research initiatives in the Interim Investment Plan that have near-term importance. These initiatives will build on research conducted in the CEC's Third Triennial Investment Plan (2018-2020, EPIC 3), address key state priorities (for example, improving reliability and resilience), and support equity in our communities.

Agenda

The purpose of this workshop is to provide and solicit information needed to develop the EPIC Interim Investment Plan. For this workshop, CEC staff will

- Provide an overview of the EPIC Program.
- Describe the CEC's approach and research initiatives for the EPIC Interim Investment Plan for 2021 to 2022 and solicit public comment. Below are preliminary research themes that staff will discuss at the workshop:
 1. Decarbonization
 2. Resilience
 3. Reliability
 4. Entrepreneurship

Public Comment

Oral Comments: Staff will accept oral comments at the end of the workshop.

Comments may be limited to three minutes or less per speaker and one person per organization. If participating via Zoom's online platform, use the "raise hand" feature so the administrator can announce your name and unmute you. If you are participating by

telephone, press *9 to "raise your hand" and *6 to mute/unmute. See detailed instructions below.

Written comments: Written comments may be submitted at any time prior to **5:00 p.m. December 28, 2020**.

Comments may be submitted electronically at the [EPIC Interim Investment Plan docket page](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=20-EPIC-01) found at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=20-EPIC-01>.

Otherwise, written comments may be submitted for posting on the proceeding docket by emailing them to the [Public Advisor](mailto:public.advisor@energy.ca.gov) at public.advisor@energy.ca.gov or e-mailing them to the [docket unit](mailto:docket@energy.ca.gov) at docket@energy.ca.gov, or by U.S. Mail to:

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Docket Unit, MS-4
Docket No. 20-EPIC-01
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Sacramento, California 95814-5512

For all comments, please include docket number **20-EPIC-01** and "**EPIC Interim Investment Plan**" in the subject line and on the cover page.

Please note: Your written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (e.g., your address, phone, e-mail, etc.) become part of the viewable public record. Additionally, this information may become available via search engines such as Google and Yahoo.

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Direct media inquiries to MediaOffice@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4989.

Direct questions on the subject matter of this meeting to Misa Werner, misa.werner@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4895.

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If you experience difficulties, you may contact Zoom at (888) 799-9666 ext. 2, or the Public Advisor's Office via email or phone.

Availability of Documents

Documents and presentations for this workshop will be available at Docket 20-EPIC-01 found at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=20-EPIC-01>.

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