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Implementation of the Electric Program)	VIRTUAL TOUR
Investment Charge)	RE: ELECTRIC PROGRAM
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**NOTICE OF ENERGY INNOVATION VIRTUAL TOUR:
LOW-CARBON SOLUTIONS FOR INCREASED RELIABILITY**

California Energy Commission (CEC) staff will co-host a virtual tour with the Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator and Cleantech San Diego to showcase new clean energy technology solutions that can improve the reliability of the electric grid while simultaneously reducing greenhouse gas emissions and air pollutants.

This virtual tour is part of the CEC's administration of the Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC). EPIC invests more than \$130 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 in the state's three largest investor-owned utilities – Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Southern California Edison (SCE), and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E).

A quorum of commissioners from the CEC and California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) may participate, but no votes will be taken.

The virtual tour 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 event consistent with the direction in these executive orders. Instructions for remote participation are provided below.

You must register for this complimentary event to access all sessions. To register, visit the EPIC Virtual Tour Event Portal, <https://www.energizeinnovation.fund/events/energy-innovation-virtual-tour-low-carbon-solutions-increased-reliability#tab-about>.

The virtual tour will be held:

**June 16, 2021
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Remote Access Only: Remote access is available by internet via the virtual platform Socio or call-in options. For details, see the “remote attendance” section toward the end of this notice.

Agenda

The virtual tour will offer a series of virtual demonstrations and tours from technology developers and entrepreneurs, as well as a thought-provoking discussion by the state’s primary energy agencies and presentations from two of the CEC’s regional energy innovation clusters.

The agenda features:

- Opening remarks from CEC Chair David Hochschild.
- A fireside chat with leaders from the CEC, the CPUC, and the California Independent Systems Operator, who will discuss near- and long-term reliability challenges facing California’s electric grid and opportunities to improve reliability through low-carbon approaches.
- A mainstage session with representatives from Cleantech San Diego and Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator on their work with startup companies developing reliability-focused technologies.
- Four parallel breakout sessions featuring virtual demonstrations by technology developers providing grid-reliability assets through energy storage, grid-interactive efficient buildings, microgrids and virtual power plants, and vehicle-grid integration. Presentations will be followed by a short question and answer session.
- Opportunities for networking between attendees as well as presenters.

The detailed event agenda is available on the [Energize Innovation Fund](https://www.energizeinnovation.fund/events/energy-innovation-virtual-tour-low-carbon-solutions-increased-reliability#tab-agenda) website, at <https://www.energizeinnovation.fund/events/energy-innovation-virtual-tour-low-carbon-solutions-increased-reliability#tab-agenda>.

Background

California’s electric system is critical to the state’s economic vitality and its residents’ well-being. Today, energy reliability is being challenged as severe weather and other threats to the system increase. To help address these challenges, the CEC and its partners are advancing new technology innovations that can improve the reliability of the electric grid while simultaneously reducing greenhouse gas emissions and air pollutants.

Remote Attendance

The virtual tour will use the Socio platform to provide online meeting services. To receive login information, please register at the [EPIC Virtual Tour Event Portal](#) at

<https://www.energizeinnovation.fund/events/energy-innovation-virtual-tour-low-carbon-solutions-increased-reliability#tab-registration>.

Once registered, you will receive an email prior to 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 remotely, 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 event platform's [LIVE Help Desk webpage](#), at <https://app.socio.events/MTA4MzE/Live%20Help%20Desk/145498>, to view FAQs or chat with LIVE support via Zoom. Additionally, participants can 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 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. PST June 15 and 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. PST on June 16. .

Via Computer: You will receive an email prior to the event from "CEC EPIC epic@gladstein.org" with the link to access the virtual event via desktop web browser. Once on the virtual event platform, 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](#), at <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/id1569038769>, or [Google Play](#), at <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=events.socio.app2178>. You'll receive an email prior to the event from "CEC EPIC epic@gladstein.org" with download instructions for our official event app. After downloading the virtual event app, enter the same email you used to register for the event, create a password, and update your profile. After signing up, start browsing, networking, and ensuring you are equipped for success in the platform!

Socio: If you experience difficulties with the Socio platform, please visit the [LIVE Help Desk page](#), at <https://app.socio.events/MTA4MzE/Live%20Help%20Desk/145498>, on June 15 and 16, or contact the events support team at Epic@Gladstein.org or (888) 993-0302.

To Participate by Telephone: Dial US: (669) 900-6833 (Toll Free). When prompted, enter the passcode for the appropriate session. You will need to dial into, and enter the passcode, for each session separately:

- Introduction and Welcome Remarks: 87547931455#
- Fireside Chat – Keeping the Lights On: Opportunities for Reliability: 87547931455#
- Perspectives from the Innovation Clusters: 87547931455#
- Breakout 1 Energy Storage: 83593417904#
- Breakout 2 Grid-Interactive Efficient Buildings: 82842704356#
- Breakout 3 Microgrid and Virtual Power Plants: 84647164466#
- Breakout 4 Vehicle to Grid Integration Technology: 89493922151#

To comment, dial *9 to “raise your hand” and *6 to mute/unmute your phone line.

Public Advisor and Other CEC Contacts

The CEC’s Public Advisor’s Office provides the public with assistance in participating in CEC proceedings. For information on participation or to request interpreting services or reasonable accommodations, please contact the Public Advisor’s Office at PublicAdvisor@energy.ca.gov, by phone at (916) 654-4489, or toll free at (800) 822-6228. 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.

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

Direct technical subject and general inquiries to Rachel Salazar at Rachel.Salazar@energy.ca.gov or (916) 776-0806.

Availability of Documents

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

Dated: June 7, 2021, at Sacramento, California

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