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In the matter of:	)	Docket No. 17-EPIC-01 and Docket
	)	No. 17-MISC-02
Electric Program Investment Charge 2018 –	)	
2020 Triennial Investment Plan	)	LEAD COMMISSIONER
and	)	WORKSHOP
Natural Gas Research and Development	)	RE: Customers of Climate Science
Program 2017/18	)	Research
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## Notice of Lead Commissioner Workshop: Customers of Climate Science Research

California Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop to strengthen coordination with investor-owned electric utilities, local governments, and others to ensure Energy Commission funding for energy-related climate science research provides actionable results to inform decision-making in California's electricity and natural gas sectors.

Chair Robert B. Weisenmiller will participate in the workshop. Chair Weisenmiller is the Energy Commission's Lead Commissioner for Natural Gas and for Research and Development. A quorum of Commissioners from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and/or the Energy Commission may be in attendance, but no CPUC or Energy Commission votes will be taken. The workshop will be held on:

**April 11, 2017**  
Beginning at 1 p.m.  
CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION  
1516 Ninth Street  
First Floor, Imbrecht Hearing Room  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512  
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### Background

The CPUC established the purposes and governance for the Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) in Decision 12-05-037 of Rulemaking 11-10-003 on May 24, 2012, as modified, available online at:

[http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/WORD\\_PDF/FINAL\\_DECISION/167664.PDF](http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/WORD_PDF/FINAL_DECISION/167664.PDF).

A portion of the EPIC Program administered by the Energy Commission provides funding for: increasing the resiliency of the electricity system to climate change and extreme weather events; identifying optimal pathways for achieving California's energy and climate goals; evaluating strategies to mitigate the impacts of the electricity system on the environment and public health and safety; optimizing management practices associated with the water-energy nexus; enhancing climate adaptation planning; and developing emissions reduction approaches to produce actionable science for the benefit of electricity ratepayers.

The CPUC's EPIC schedule calls for EPIC administrators, including the Energy Commission, to submit a proposed 2018–2020 Triennial EPIC Investment Plan to the CPUC by May 1, 2017. The Energy Commission held a series of workshops in February and March of 2017 to discuss the framework and themes for the 2018–2020 Triennial EPIC Investment Plan, including workshops coordinated with the investor-owned utilities.

The Energy Commission also administers the Natural Gas Research Program funded by natural gas ratepayers. The Natural Gas R&D Program provides funding for climate research that produces actionable science for the benefit of natural gas ratepayers. The Energy Commission submits to the CPUC annually the Natural Gas Research Budget Plan, which outlines proposed natural gas research. The Energy Commission held a workshop on January 24, 2017 to review the proposed initiatives in the 2017- 2018 Natural Gas Research Budget Plan.

On March 16, 2017, the Energy Commission held a workshop on potential areas of research on climate change for the electricity and natural gas systems.

## **Agenda**

The purpose of this workshop is to seek agreement from investor-owned utilities, local governments, and other user groups on research topics to help meet their needs for climate adaptation planning and implementation. Recognizing climate adaptation affects a broad range of activities (risk assessment, electricity distribution, demand forecasting/procurement, emergency preparedness, supply chain, etc.), the workshop will include presentations on the following topics:

- A proposed approach for enhanced climate adaptation work with utilities.
- Cal-Adapt as a tool for collaboration.
- How to connect the climate adaptation work for the electricity and natural gas systems with emergency preparedness.

A panel of high-level representatives from the investor-owned utilities, local governments, and other user groups will provide comments on the presentations, discuss research priorities, and discuss commitment to work together to prepare the energy sector for a changing climate.

## Public Comment

Oral comments. Staff will accept oral comments during the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes per speaker. Any comments may become part of the public record in this proceeding.

Written comments. Written comments should be submitted to the Dockets Unit by 5:00 p.m. on April 14, 2017. Also, written comments will be accepted at the workshop; however, the Commission may not have time to review them before the conclusion of the meeting.

For the EPIC 2018-2020 Triennial Investment Plan, visit our website at: <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=17-EPIC-01> to add comments to the 17-EPIC-01 EPIC Ideas Exchange docket.

For the FY 2017-18 Natural Gas Research Budget Plan, visit our website at: <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Ecomment/Ecomment.aspx?docketnumber=17-MISC-02> to add comments to the 17-MISC-02 Potential Areas of Natural Gas Research and Development for the Proposed Program Plan and Funding Request for 2017/18 docket.

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California Energy Commission  
Dockets Office, MS-4  
Re: Docket No. 17-EPIC-01 or 17-MISC-02  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

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## **Availability of Documents**

Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available online at: and <http://www.energy.ca.gov/research/notices/index.html>.

Date: March 29, 2017



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Chair and Lead Commissioner for Research

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