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Implementation of the Investment Plans)	JOINT SYMPOSIUM
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**NOTICE OF JOINT SYMPOSIUM:
ELECTRIC PROGRAM INVESTMENT CHARGE (EPIC)**

The California Energy Commission (CEC), Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Southern California Edison Company (SCE), and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) will host a three-day virtual symposium, joined by more than 1,000 clean energy leaders to explore the latest technology and policy innovations that can enable the state to:

- Improve the affordability, health, and comfort of California’s communities.
- Build a safer and more resilient electricity system.
- Support California’s local economies and businesses.
- Advance zero-carbon technologies for homes, businesses, and transportation.
- Expand the use of renewable energy.
- Implement a more decentralized electric grid.

This symposium is part of the CEC’s administration of the Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC). The EPIC program invests approximately \$160 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 – PG&E, SCE, and SDG&E.

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

The symposium 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 Symposium Virtual Event](https://symposium.meetatepic.com/page/1617531/register) (<https://symposium.meetatepic.com/page/1617531/register>).

The symposium will be held:

October 19-21, 2020

Remote access is available by internet.
(Instructions below.)

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

Agenda

The three-day symposium will offer interactive and thought-provoking discussions by technology developers, entrepreneurs, communities, researchers, energy service providers, leaders in the state, and other policymakers.

The agenda features:

- **Community Talks:** These moderated round-table discussions will offer insights from local jurisdictions, tribes, and community representatives on how clean energy solutions can be used to help address the different environmental and socio-economic issues affecting their communities.
- **Lightning Talks Presentations:** A series of fast-paced, five-minute presentations will bring innovation to the forefront throughout the event. Lightning Talks feature leading technology visionaries and industry disruptors sharing the latest innovations to help California achieve its climate goals.
- **Virtual Exhibit Hall:** Featuring technology and policy innovators driving the push to California’s clean energy future in a unique virtual showcase experience. Attendees can explore the Forum’s Virtual Exhibit Hall and hear technology demonstrations, download collateral materials, and speak one-on-one with exhibitors.
- **The First Annual California Energy Visionary Awards:** A three-part rapid-fire, cleantech pitch competition and award showcasing California’s most promising entrepreneurs and their projects advancing the state’s transition to a clean energy future and how EPIC is helping technologies move from the lab to the marketplace.
- **Conversations with California legislative members and other key policymakers.**

The full [symposium agenda](https://symposium.meetatepic.com/agenda) is posted on the EPIC Symposium Virtual Event site (<https://symposium.meetatepic.com/agenda>).

Background

The deadly and destructive fires of the past few years as well as findings from California's Fourth Climate Change Assessment have highlighted the dire impacts expected from climate change on California and its citizens if greenhouse gas emissions are not drastically reduced. California has set an aggressive timeline to fully decarbonize its energy sector by 2045 while also taking steps to improve the resiliency of the electricity system to extreme weather events. In the state's transition to a low-carbon economy, California's leaders have made the equity of clean-energy benefits a policy priority. Innovation in key energy technologies, policies, and tools will be essential to meet 21st century demands and ensure a more resilient, equitable, and decarbonized electrical system that services customers while addressing climate needs.

Pursuant to Decision (D.) 12-05-037, the CPUC requires the four EPIC administrators to consult with interested stakeholders no less than twice a year, both during the development of each investment plan and during its execution. D.15-04-020 requires one of these two annual workshops to be an EPIC Innovation Symposium intended to achieve the following: share progress, results, and future plans; improve coordination and understanding among administrators, parties, and the CPUC; raise awareness and visibility of EPIC investments; connect administrators, policymakers and innovators; and promote program transparency. D.12-05-037 (Ordering Paragraph 15) requires EPIC administrators to provide notice of these biannual meetings to the parties on the service list of R.11-10-003 and any subsequent related proceedings.

Public Advisor and Other Commission Contacts

The CEC's Public Advisor's Office provides the public assistance in participating in CEC proceedings. For information on how to participate in this proceeding, or to request interpreting services or other reasonable accommodations, please contact Public Advisor, Noemí O. Gallardo, at PublicAdvisor@energy.ca.gov, or 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.

Media inquiries should be directed to MediaOffice@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4989.

Questions on the subject matter of this meeting should be directed to Rachel Salazar, Rachel.Salazar@energy.ca.gov or (916) 445-5316.

Remote Attendance

The Symposium will use the Bizzabo platform to provide online meeting services. To receive login information, please register at the link below. Once registered, you will

receive a confirmation email from EPIC Symposium registrations@bizzabo.com containing your unique event access link and a ticket number. **You will need either the link or ticket number to log into the event. Make sure to keep your confirmation email.** You must be logged in to attend the sessions, update your profile, and connect with other attendees in the virtual community.

When attending remotely, presentations will appear on your device screen and audio may be heard via the device. Please be aware that the Symposium may be recorded.

To access the site and each of the sessions, please ensure you are using the latest version of the Chrome or Firefox internet browsers. Safari and Internet Explorer are not supported. We encourage participants to visit the [Attendee Troubleshooting Guide](https://welcome.bizzabo.com/en/bizzabos-virtualexperience-attendee-troubleshooting-guide) (<https://welcome.bizzabo.com/en/bizzabos-virtualexperience-attendee-troubleshooting-guide>) before the event to confirm the system requirements and run the [technical check](https://smart.newrow.com/room/testPage/) (<https://smart.newrow.com/room/testPage/>) to ensure the electronic device's current settings are compatible.

To register for remote attendance via the virtual platform, visit the [EPIC Symposium Registration page](https://symposium.meetatepic.com/page/1617531/register) (<https://symposium.meetatepic.com/page/1617531/register>).

Via Computer: Please click on your unique link provided in the confirmation email. When prompted, enter the ticket number to login and familiarize yourself with the agenda, network in the community, and edit your profile.

Via Mobile Device: You may download the Bizzabo mobile application from the [Apple App Store](https://apps.apple.com/us/app/bizzabo/id408705047) (<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/bizzabo/id408705047>) or [Google Play](https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.bizzabo.client&hl=en_US) (https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.bizzabo.client&hl=en_US). Enter your event registration email and ticket number provided in the confirmation email to access the event.

Bizzabo: If you experience difficulties with the Bizzabo platform, please review the Attendee FAQ page (<https://symposium.meetatepic.com/page/1617621/faq>) or contact the events support team at Epic@Gladstein.org or (888) 993-0302.

Muting: We greatly appreciate your cooperation in reducing background noise on the audio connection. To keep background noise at a minimum, the line will be muted during presentation.

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: October 8, 2020, at Sacramento, California

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A companion notice will be sent (on behalf of all four EPIC Administrators) to the service lists for the following CPUC proceedings: R.11-10-003; Application (A). 12-11-001 et. al.; A.14-04-034 et. al.; A.17-10-007 et. al.; A.18-12-009; A.17-06-030; and A.17-04-028 et. al.