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*IN THE MATTER OF:*Implementation of the Investment  
Plans for the Electric Program  
Investment Charge ProgramDOCKET NO. 23-ERDD-01  
NOTICE OF JOINT SYMPOSIUM  
RE: ELECTRIC PROGRAM INVESTMENT  
CHARGE PROGRAM**Notice of Joint Symposium:  
Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC)****October 3 and 4, 2023**

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Remote Access Only.  
See Attendance Instructions.

The California Energy Commission (CEC), in collaboration with Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Southern California Edison Company (SCE), and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E), will host a symposium to explore the latest technology and policy innovations funded by the Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) that are catalyzing California's equitable, zero-carbon, and climate-resilient energy future. A quorum of commissioners from the CEC and California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) may participate, but no votes will be taken. The public can participate in the 2023 EPIC Symposium consistent with the attendance instructions below. The CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time posted and the end time is an estimate based on the proposed agenda.

**Agenda**

The EPIC symposium will highlight the latest updates to California's electricity ratepayer-funded research and deployment program, offering discussions about priority research topics and areas of rapid market growth and interest. The event offers interactive and thought-provoking panels featuring technology developers, entrepreneurs, researchers, energy service providers, policymakers, and other leaders.

A detailed agenda and additional information for the symposium is posted at the [CEC's 2023 EPIC Symposium event site](https://www.energy.ca.gov/event/webinar/2023-10/epic-symposium) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/event/webinar/2023-10/epic-symposium>.

The agenda features:

- A Living Room Chat: an engaging conversation with top government and utility leaders focused on how the unprecedented state of public investment in California is scaling the development and deployment of clean energy technologies.
- Plenary Sessions: panels will feature discussions with state, federal, and industry leaders, on California's entrepreneurial ecosystem and the ongoing partnership between the CEC and the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy. Additionally, EPIC recipients will explore California's energy equity policies and how EPIC research is supporting meaningful impacts in environmental justice communities.
- Breakout Sessions: panels will feature innovators in the areas of building electrification, load flexibility, battery safety, decreasing wildfire risk, and electric vehicle infrastructure. Attendees will receive a behind-the-scenes look at emerging technologies and commercialization challenges, and strategies for overcoming those barriers.

The symposium will be an opportunity to connect with industry thought leaders, forge new partnerships, explore future endeavors, and more!

## **Background**

With an unprecedented state climate budget and an infusion of federal incentives, California is rapidly transitioning to a clean, resilient, and inclusive energy economy. As a foundation for this transition, the state is continuing its investment through EPIC – the Electric Program Investment Charge – and other innovation programs, bringing new energy products and services to market, driving technology performance and cost improvements, and expanding opportunities to all Californians.

EPIC 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 of the state's three largest investor-owned utilities – PG&E, SCE, and SDG&E. EPIC is funded by California utility customers under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission, and administered by the CEC, PG&E, SCE, and SDG&E.

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.

## **Attendance Instructions**

Registration is free and is required to attend this event.

## **Remote Attendance**

The virtual symposium will use the Zoom Events platform to provide online meeting services. To receive login information, please register for the remote event at the [Zoom Event webpage](https://events.zoom.us/ev/AhIGwBUu54E37bR2RIZI8Kg0w59mskVberoyWBh4buq6esrqsGDU~AggLXsr32QYFjq8BIYLZ5I06Dg) at <https://events.zoom.us/ev/AhIGwBUu54E37bR2RIZI8Kg0w59mskVberoyWBh4buq6esrqsGDU~AggLXsr32QYFjq8BIYLZ5I06Dg>. Choose to register either by entering your normal Zoom login email and password or with an email address if you do not already have an account.

Registered individuals will receive a confirmation email with instructions on how to access the virtual event via web browser.

**To ensure the best access to the site and each of the sessions, use the latest version of your internet browser and the Zoom Events software. Zoom Events works well with Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Safari, and Microsoft Edge browsers.**

To join the Zoom Events platform once you are registered, you can click the "Join" link in the confirmation email, calendar appointment, or your Zoom Events account. You can also join Zoom Events from the Zoom desktop client, Zoom mobile app, or the events detail page.

When logging into the access the platform, you'll need to enter the **same email address and password** you used to register for the event. If no password was set up, follow the prompts to create a new one.

**Zoom Closed Captioning Service.** At the bottom of the screen, click the Live Transcript CC icon and choose "Show Subtitle" or "View Full Transcript" from the pop-up menu. To stop closed captioning, close the "Live Transcript" or select "Hide Subtitle" from the pop-up menu. While closed captioning is available in real-time, it can include errors.

**Zoom Difficulty.** Contact Zoom Events at (754) 778-9960.

**Audience Questions During Sessions.** Written questions from the audience may be accepted during the plenary and breakout sessions and panelists will do their best to respond to as many as possible. When enabled, provide questions by clicking on the "Q&A" button in the Zoom window and enter your inquiry in the pop-up box.

**Public Advisor.** The CEC's Public Advisor assists the public with participation in CEC proceedings. To request assistance, interpreting services, or reasonable modifications and accommodations, call (916) 957-7910 or email [publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov](mailto:publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov) as soon as possible but at least five days in advance of the workshop. The CEC will work diligently to meet all requests based on availability.

**Media Inquiries.** Email [mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov](mailto:mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov) or call (916) 654-4989.

**General and Technical Subject Inquiries:** Fritz Foo at [Fritz.Foo@energy.ca.gov](mailto:Fritz.Foo@energy.ca.gov) or (916) 599-8293.

**Availability of Documents:** Documents and materials for this event will be available at the [CEC's event webpage](https://www.energy.ca.gov/event/webinar/2023-10/epic-symposium) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/event/webinar/2023-10/epic-symposium>, or at the [CEC Docket log for 23-ERDD-01](https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=23-ERDD-01) at <https://efiling.energy.ca.gov/Lists/DocketLog.aspx?docketnumber=23-ERDD-01>.

When new information is posted, an email will be sent to those subscribed to the EPIC list. To receive these notices or notices of other email subscription topics, visit [Subscriptions](https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions), at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions>.

**Dated:** September 21, 2023, at Sacramento, California

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**Subscriptions:**

EPIC, Research, Distributed Generation, Commission News Releases, Diversity Outreach Program, Energy Emergencies in California and Contingency Planning, Energy Emergency Planning, Integrated Energy Policy Report, Tribal Program, Adaptation, Climate Change Issues, Green Building, Renewable Energy Executive Order, Waste Heat and Carbon Emissions Reduction, Decarbonization Topics, Efficiency Topics, Energy Efficiency Program for Existing Buildings, Flexible Demand Appliances and Load Management and Demand Response, Order Instituting Informational Proceeding on Distributed Energy Resources in California's Energy Future, Distributed Electricity Backup Assets, Energy System Infrastructure Planning, General Renewable Energy Info and CEC Renewable Energy Programs, Joint-Agency Report - SB 100, Solar Equipment, Long Duration Energy Storage (LDES), Developing Regulations, Guidelines, and Policies for Implementing SB 350 and AB 802, Clean Transportation Program, General Transportation and Petroleum Issues, V2G Equipment, Vehicle-Grid Integration, Disadvantaged Communities Advisory Group, Healthy, Equitable Energy Transition (HEET) Working Group

A companion notice will be sent (on behalf of all four EPIC Administrators) to the service lists for the following CPUC proceedings: R.19-10-005; A.22-10-001; A.22-10-002; A.22-10-003.