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#### IN THE MATTER OF:

Implementation of the Investment Plans for the Electric Program Investment Charge Program DOCKET NO. 23-ERDD-01 NOTICE OF JOINT SYMPOSIUM RE: ELECTRIC PROGRAM INVESTMENT CHARGE PROGRAM

# **Joint Notice:**

# Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Symposium Tuesday, October 7, 2025

8:45 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## **In-Person Location at:**

California Natural Resources Agency Building Auditorium, First Floor and Conference Room 2-221, Second Floor 715 P Street, Sacramento, California 95814 (Wheelchair Accessible)

# Remote Option via Zoom Events™

See attendance instructions below.

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) program that are advancing California's affordable, equitable, zero-carbon, and climate-resilient energy future. Certain sessions will be livestreamed to an online audience, and a recording will be posted on the CEC website after the event. A majority 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 2025 EPIC Symposium consistent with the attendance instructions below. The CEC aims to open the Symposium at the start time posted, and the end time is an estimate based on the proposed agenda. Specific session times are available in the Symposium agenda linked below.

## 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 is available at the CEC's <u>2025 EPIC Symposium event page</u> at https://www.energy.ca.gov/event/outreach/2025-10/2025-electric-program-investment-charge-epic-symposium.

### The agenda features:

- A Living Room Chat: an engaging discussion with government, utility, and private sector leaders shining a light on how EPIC investments will be critical in maintaining California's momentum to meet clean energy and climate action goals. Priority areas to be addressed include grid resilience and reliability for an equitable and just clean energy transition.
- Plenary Sessions: focused discussions on how public funding is enabling more equitable and
  affordable climate solutions through power efficient design for residential building
  electrification; bolstering battery safety to continue building critical storage capacity; and
  fostering a successful entrepreneurial ecosystem that helps accelerate the
  commercialization of innovative clean energy technologies and increase economic
  development in California.
- Breakout Sessions: panels featuring EPIC projects that: 1) advance strategies for the next generation of electric vehicle charging, 2) overcome challenges to drive affordable decarbonization of the large building sector, 3) demonstrate how climate data products can optimize grid system planning and infrastructure buildout to enhance reliable, cost-effective energy services, and 4) support utilities developing, surveying, and managing grid resources at the transmission and distribution level while avoiding additional costs.

The symposium is an opportunity to connect with a broad spectrum of policy, community, and industry thought leaders, forge new partnerships, explore future endeavors, and more!

# **Background**

The state's clean energy investments through EPIC and other innovation programs bring new technologies and services to market, improve affordability and performance, and expand access and benefits to all Californians. The next five-year EPIC Investment Plan will span 2025 through 2030.

EPIC invests in new technology breakthroughs to transform the electricity sector to meet California's energy and climate policy goals and drive greater affordability, equity, safety, and resilience, among other benefits, for 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 parties 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 for all attendees, both in-person and virtual, through the Zoom Events platform.

- Register at the <u>Zoom Event webpage</u>, which can be accessed at https://events.zoom.us/ev/AgOQwwZ-yA4OvnQpb-A6lb2DyMK\_pYwewkG5Nm2fEur-Qdvs-9Yd~Ao5PCqTDOy6uOVb8Hy4JUbWYkTAgqU-azLktyhKj0TohL2BdtMhjSoXqiA.
- Choose to register either by entering your Zoom login email and password. If you do not have a Zoom account, enter your email address, and follow the instructions to verify your information.
- A confirmation email will be sent from Zoom Events with instructions on how to access the virtual event via web browser.

**In-person capacity is limited.** Participants are encouraged to join the event at 715 P Street, First Floor Auditorium and Atrium, Sacramento, California 95814.

**Remote** participants may join via Zoom Events.

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, 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 in to access the Zoom 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 the event tech support hotline between 8:15 AM – 2:00 PM on the day of the event at (877) 853-5247 for all Zoom Event related issues. For general assistance, you may call the CEC Public Advisor at the number listed below.

**Public Comment.** Verbal and written questions from the audience may be accepted during the breakout sessions, as directed by the moderators. Panelists will do their best to respond to as many as possible. When instructed, the online audience can pose questions through the Zoom Events platform.

**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 <a href="mailto:publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov">publicadvisor@energy.ca.gov</a> as soon as possible but at least five days in advance of the event. The CEC will work diligently to meet all requests based on availability.

**Media Inquiries.** Email <u>mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov</u> or call (916) 654-4989.

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

**Availability of Documents:** Documents and presentations for this event will be available at the <u>CEC's event webpage</u> at https://www.energy.ca.gov/event/outreach/2025-10/2025-electric-program-investment-charge-epic-symposium.

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 <u>Subscriptions</u>, at https://www.energy.ca.gov/subscriptions.

**Dated:** September 25, 2025, at Sacramento, California.

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#### **Subscriptions:**

EPIC, Research, Distributed Generation, Commission News Releases, Diversity Outreach Program, Integrated Energy Policy Report, Tribal Program, Climate Change Issues, Green Building, Renewable Energy Executive Order, Decarbonization Topics, Efficiency Topics, 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, General Renewable Energy Info and CEC Renewable Energy Programs, Joint-Agency Report - SB 100, Long Duration Energy Storage (LDES), Clean Transportation Program, 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.23-05-010, A.22-05-016, A.25-05-009