

DOCKETED

Docket Number:	23-ERDD-01
Project Title:	Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC)
TN #:	272411
Document Title:	Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Symposium
Description:	N/A
Filer:	Doris Yamamoto
Organization:	California Energy Commission
Submitter Role:	Commission Staff
Submission Date:	9/10/2026 7:17:45 AM
Docketed Date:	9/10/2026

CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

715 P Street
Sacramento, California, 95814

energy.ca.gov

CEC-70 (Revised 4/26)



Joint Notice
Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Symposium
In
Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) (Docket No. 23-ERDD-01)
September 29, 2026
7:45 a.m. – 5:20 p.m.
In-person 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 Access via Zoom Events™

See remote participation 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 pioneering technology and policy innovations funded by the Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) program that are advancing California's affordable, equitable, zero-carbon, safe, and resilient energy future. Certain sessions will be livestreamed to an online audience. 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 2026 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. The workshop may end sooner or later than the posted end time. Specific session times are available on the symposium agenda linked below.

Agenda

The EPIC Symposium will showcase highlights and lessons learned from California's electricity ratepayer-funded research, development, and deployment program. Discussions will offer insights into priority research topics and areas of rapid market growth and interest, with a focus on ratepayer benefits, affordability, energy equity, reliability, and safety. The event will include interactive and thought-provoking panels featuring technology developers, entrepreneurs, researchers, energy service providers, policymakers, and other clean energy leaders.

A detailed agenda and additional information are available at the CEC [event page](https://www.energy.ca.gov/event/outreach/2026-09/2026-electric-program-investment-charge-epic-symposium) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/event/outreach/2026-09/2026-electric-program-investment-charge-epic-symposium>.

The agenda features:

- A Living Room Chat: an engaging discussion with government and private sector leaders shining a light on how California is leading the charge toward a clean energy economy across the nation despite federal headwinds.
- Plenary Sessions: focused discussions on how EPIC investments are helping cultivate affordable clean energy innovation in California, overcoming access and scale-up barriers to benefit ratepayers through first-of-a-kind commercial deployments, lowering bidirectional charging system costs to support grid reliability and resilience for ratepayers, and enhancing benefits to ratepayers across the energy system by advancing economically feasible solutions for the industrial sector.
- Breakout Sessions: concurrent panels featuring EPIC projects that: 1) advance electric vehicle and energy storage circularity, 2) create energy-efficient retrofit strategies and technologies to accelerate affordable building decarbonization, 3) enable long-duration energy storage scale-up, and 4) deploy an advanced energy community model to increase affordable access to distributed energy resources coupled with zero net energy measures to improve grid reliability and resiliency.

The symposium is an opportunity to convene 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 bring new technologies and services to market, improve affordability and performance, and expand clean energy access and benefits to all Californians.

EPIC invests in new technology breakthroughs to transform the electricity sector to meet California's energy and climate policy goals and to 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 CPUC, and administered by the CEC, PG&E, SCE, and SDG&E. The administrators are currently administering their EPIC 4 plans. Their respective 2026-2030 (EPIC 5) Investment

Plans were submitted to the CPUC in August 2026 for consideration. Once approved by the CPUC, the administrators' initial funding opportunities are expected to be issued in 2027.

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 [Zoom Event webpage](https://events.zoom.us/j/9tjKtZuRfa_4NR~AkIGvSMOh5ECjvgKq6mgC8VS8BHGGu8xzk2E_nRa_Cyipz8kgk9XVEMb-A), which can be accessed at https://events.zoom.us/ev/ApsA4UvXuu6BpTeCIXFgJrqdAeXND7vgENkmwpB-XAZuRfa_4NR~AkIGvSMOh5ECjvgKq6mgC8VS8BHGGu8xzk2E_nRa_Cyipz8kgk9XVEMb-A. Choose to register either by entering your Zoom login email and password or with an email address if you do not already have an account.
- A confirmation email will be sent with instructions on how to access the virtual event via web browser.

In-person capacity is limited. Participants are encouraged to join the event in-person at 715 P Street, Sacramento, California, in the first-floor auditorium and atrium and second floor conference rooms.

If participants bring a device to join the meeting via Zoom Events at the physical location, the system audio must be muted, or the audio should not be joined. This is to avoid disruptive feedback during the meeting. Audio will be provided through an onsite sound system.

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 Events 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 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM on the day of the event at (480) 770-6317 for all Zoom Events 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. If audience questions are accepted, 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 916-269-9595 or email 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 or call (916) 654-4989.

General and Technical Subject Inquiries. Email Rachel Salazar at Rachel.Salazar@energy.ca.gov or call (916) 776-0806.

Availability of Documents: Documents and presentations for this event will be available at the [CEC's event webpage](https://www.energy.ca.gov/event/outreach/2026-09/2026-electric-program-investment-charge-epic-symposium) at <https://www.energy.ca.gov/event/outreach/2026-09/2026-electric-program-investment-charge-epic-symposium>.

When new information is posted, an email will be sent to those subscribed to the CEC's 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 10, 2026, at Sacramento, California.

Cammy Peterson
Deputy Director, Energy Research & Development Division

Subscriptions:

EPIC, Research, Distributed Generation, Commission News Releases, Diversity Outreach Program, 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, California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project (CALeVIP), Energy Infrastructure Incentives for Zero-Emission Commercial Vehicles (EnergIIZE Commercial Vehicles), Federal EV Infrastructure Programs; SB 59 Bidirectional-Capable EV.

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.26-08-017, A.23-05-010, A.22-05-016, A.25-05-009.