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Electric Program Investment Charge 2018 –	)	STAFF WORKSHOP
2020 Triennial Investment Plan	)	RE: Research Grant Funding
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## Notice of Staff Workshop Incorporating Community Focused Equity in Research Funding

California Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop to discuss energy research and development needs of disadvantaged communities for inclusion in future funding initiatives. Initially, feedback from this workshop will be considered for the Energy Commission's *Electric Program Investment Charge 2018 – 2020 Triennial Investment Plan*, which is currently being drafted. Stakeholders may participate in person or online. While this is a staff workshop, Commissioners may attend and participate. The workshop will be held on:

**Monday, March 20, 2017**

Beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Clovis Veterans Memorial District

808 Fourth Street

Freedom Room

Clovis, California

Wheelchair Accessible

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### Background

The Energy Commission is seeking input on energy research and development needs of disadvantaged and low-income communities in order to incorporate those needs, where possible, in its future funding initiatives. Building on the state's prior equity outreach efforts, the Energy Commission is seeking to engage with communities and stakeholders to help develop research, development, and demonstration that will keep communities involved and result in products that are better tailored to their needs.

As the Energy Commission is in the process of drafting the *Electric Program Investment Charge 2018 – 2020 Triennial Investment Plan*, this workshop will provide an opportunity to receive crucial feedback from communities on areas of the Investment Plan that target disadvantaged and low-income communities.

Additionally, the workshop will provide a quick overview describing the Energy Commission's application process and allow for a question and answer period. A networking session will follow the workshop, to provide a unique opportunity for community members and researchers to connect.

### **Background on Electric Program Investment Charge Program**

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) established the purposes and governance for the Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) in Decision 12-05-037 for 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).

In accordance with this decision, the Energy Commission, Pacific Gas and Electricity (PG&E), San Diego Gas & Electricity (SDG&E), and Southern California Edison (SCE), as the four administrators of the program, submitted separate and coordinated 2012-2014 investment plans to the CPUC for consideration on November 1, 2012. The portion of the EPIC Program administered by the Energy Commission provides funding for applied research and development, technology demonstration and deployment, and market facilitation for clean energy technologies and approaches for the benefit of electricity ratepayers of PG&E, SDG&E, and SCE.

The CPUC approved the 2012 – 2014 Triennial Investment Plan in November 2013, and approved the 2015 – 2017 Triennial Investment Plan in April 2015. The CPUC EPIC schedule calls for EPIC administrators, including the Energy Commission, to submit a proposed third EPIC Investment Plan by May 1, 2017. The Energy Commission is soliciting ideas now to inform the development of the third EPIC Investment Plan. The Energy Commission plans to release a draft plan in March 2017 and will provide an opportunity for stakeholders to comment on the draft plan.

### **Agenda**

The purpose of this workshop is to solicit information on equity centric research, development, and demonstration related to California's electricity sector. Where possible, this feedback will be incorporated into the Energy Commission's *2018 – 2020 EPIC Triennial Investment Plan*. For this workshop, Energy Commission staff will:

- Provide an overview of the multiple state initiatives that support equity.
- Provide an overview of the Energy Commission's EPIC Program, highlighting recent efforts that support disadvantaged communities.
- Discuss community driven energy research needs from the communities' perspective.
- Discuss challenges related to multi-family dwelling split incentives.
- Highlight proposed topic areas and concepts focusing on disadvantaged communities that are being explored as part of the development of the *2018 – 2020 EPIC Triennial Investment Plan*.
- Provide an overview of how to apply to EPIC funding opportunities.

Stakeholders wishing to submit comments on proposed funding initiatives should complete the form provided on the EPIC docket webpage by March 29, 2017: <http://bit.ly/EPICInvestmentPlanIdeas>.

## Public Comment

**Oral comments:** The Energy Commission will accept oral comments at the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes per speaker. Any comments will 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 March 29, 2017**. All written comments will become part of the public record of this proceeding.

For the Staff Workshop on *Incorporating Community Focused Equity in Research Funding* the Energy Commission is using an electronic commenting system. A form has been provided on the EPIC docket webpage: <http://bit.ly/EPICInvestmentPlanIdeas>.

You may include general comments in the box titled "Comment Text" or attach a file with your comments. Attached comments must be in a Microsoft® Word (.doc, .docx) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf) formatted file.

The Energy Commission encourages use of its electronic commenting system, but written comments may also be submitted by e-mailing them to the Dockets Office, or by U.S. Mail to:

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

If you choose not to use the electronic filing system, please include the appropriate docket number on any e-mailed or written comments. Comments may be e-mailed to [docket@energy.ca.gov](mailto:docket@energy.ca.gov).

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If you have questions on the *2018 – 2020 EPIC Triennial Investment Plan*, please contact Anthony Ng at: [Anthony.Ng@energy.ca.gov](mailto:Anthony.Ng@energy.ca.gov) or (916) 445-5297.

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## **Availability of Documents**

Documents and presentations for this meeting will be available online at:  
<http://energy.ca.gov/research/epic/documents/>.

March 8, 2017

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