



Staff Workshop

Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC): Checking in on the Implementation of the First-Triennial Investment Plan

February 24, 2015 – 1:00 p.m.

Sacramento, California

Art Rosenfeld Hearing Room (Hearing Room A)

Introduction and Overview by Laurie ten Hope

EPIC Implementation and Processes by Virginia Lew and Lorraine Gonzalez

Discussion Topic #1: EPIC Implementation and Processes Moderated by Laurie ten Hope

- What more can the Energy Commission do to increase the participation of women, minorities, and disabled veteran owned businesses in EPIC?
- What is working well with the Energy Commission's implementation of EPIC and what opportunities are there to improve the implementation of EPIC?
- Please identify and describe ways that the Energy Commission can improve the solicitation process? Is the purpose of each Program Opportunity Notice clear? Are the instructions for completing the application templates (e.g. project narrative, scope of work, and budget) clear and easy to understand?

EPIC Investments and Research Centers by Pam Doughman and Eli Harland

Discussion Topic #2: EPIC Investments and Research Centers Moderated by Laurie ten Hope

- In solicitations released so far, has the Energy Commission missed any important and high priority technologies, approaches, or opportunities described in the 2012- 2014 EPIC Investment Plan? If yes, please explain how the topics fit within the investment plan and how they would:
 - Benefit electricity ratepayers; and
 - Lead to technological advancement and breakthroughs to overcome the barriers that prevent the achievement of the state's statutory energy goals.
- Is there a need to target EPIC funds to research centers or multi-project awards? If so, describe why research centers or multi-project awards are needed and identify which topic areas they are needed in.
- If the Energy Commission invests EPIC funds targeted to research centers or multi-project awards, what criteria (e.g. research complexity, successful

commercialization, broad partnerships, and demonstrated need) should the Energy Commission use to competitively solicit applications that maximize benefits to IOU ratepayers?