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California Energy Commission
Dockets Office, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 12-EPIC-01
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Re: Electric Program Investment Charge: Comments on the California Energy Commission's First Triennial Investment Plan

On behalf of Terra - Gen Finance Company ("Terra-Gen") we appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on the Energy Commission's First Triennial Electric Program Investment Charge ["EPIC"] Investment Plan ["Plan"]. Terra - Gen is a privately owned company that specializes in the development, operation and management of renewable, independent power. Terra - Gen has approximately 1700 megawatts of generating capacity across the Western United States with a focus on the California market. Terra - Gen is writing in support of comments submitted by the California Wind Energy Association ("CalWEA") regarding the EPIC Plan on August 24, 2012.

The EPIC Plan should seek to address critical information gaps in siting-related research needs. Specifically, one area of research that is particularly important and urgently needed for wind energy development in California is related to permitting under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA). Without expanding our knowledge of population status, direct and indirect threats to eagles, and proven strategies to reduce risks to golden eagles, the permitting process for numerous clean energy projects in California is substantially hindered.

Terra - Gen urges the Energy Commission to provide funds for the research needed to address data and knowledge gaps with respect to California golden eagle populations, as outlined by CalWEA. Wind energy has been, and continues to be a least-cost source of renewable power. Siting-related environmental research will directly benefit California ratepayers by facilitating, and thus lowering the cost of, the clean energy development process

Terra - Gen appreciates the opportunity to provide input on these issues.

Sincerely,



Joe Greco
Senior Vice President