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Commissioner Andrew McAllister
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-31
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC): Implementation Workshop

Dear Commissioner McAllister:

The City of Davis is writing the California Energy Commission to express its strong support of the California Lighting Technology Center (CLTC), University of California, Davis, a public-private partnership that has evolved over the last decade. This partnership grew out of a close collaboration between the lighting industry, California's investor owned utilities and the CEC to support a broad programmatic research, demonstration, education and training project portfolio.

The City has collaborated with CLTC on numerous projects over the past decade, but most recently and extensively on our multi-million dollar outdoor lighting retrofit project. With thousands of lights to replace and a community expecting the latest advanced low-glare technology delivered cost effectively, the CLTC engaged and provided objective data-driven analysis that allowed the Davis City Council to make an informed decision. In the end, the City selected an LED fixture that met the community desires for light quality while saving 33% more energy than the LED's originally scoped for the project. This outcome would not have been possible without the CLTC's unique research capabilities, practical market knowledge, and its ability to provide expert information in a timely way. This community scale transfer of technology will have a direct and immediate triple-bottom line impact: energy cost savings, energy use/GHG reduction, and improved quality of life in Davis neighborhoods.

Based on the City's experience, the CLTC is very effective in addressing and resolving lighting-related issues that impede progress toward state and local energy goals. We believe a significant part of CLTC's success is due to its ability to effectively bring together education, research, and codes and standards activities. This combination makes a compelling and practical case to local jurisdictions to make long-term investments in energy efficiency. We strongly support the CLTC's integrated approach because we have seen it work.

Investing in the CLTC and research centers that use a similar model presents the opportunity to effectively integrate and address long-term energy efficiency issues that cannot be obtained through individual project solicitations in different activity areas and at different times. We encourage the Commission to consider our experience and provide continued support for the CLTC and similar research centers.

Sincerely,


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cc: California Energy Commissioners