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California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Commissioners and Staff:

The International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD) appreciates this opportunity to respond to the Commission's request for comments on the implementation of the first triennial investment plan for the Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC). Specifically, we call your attention to the outstanding work that has been done by the California Lighting Technology Center (CLTC) at the University of California at Davis. We urge you to find ways to continue to fund the ongoing activities of the CLTC. The CLTC secures funding from industry partners and others, but CEC support is crucial.

We believe that the work of the CLTC produces both short-term and long-range benefits for the citizens of California through the Center's efforts to increase lighting quality while saving energy. The IALD worked with the CLTC and its staff on developing suggested improvements to Title 24 for both 2013 and 2016. We have also worked with CLTC on issues related to improving the use of daylight inside buildings, training lighting controls experts, increasing consumer acceptance of new lighting technologies, and a host of similar issues. The CLTC combines education, research, technical development, and engineering skill to benefit California.

To achieve these benefits, the CLTC should be funded on a stable ongoing basis in addition to competing for specific project awards. Predictable funding will allow the CLTC to continue to spend its resources (deep knowledge, time, energy, intelligence and funds) to deliver benefits to California, rather than spending its resources on competing for the next marginal dollar of funding.

To do the right thing for California, continue stable long-term funding for the California Lighting Technology Center.

Sincerely,

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