



February 19, 2015

Commissioner Andrew McAllister
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth Street, MS-29
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

Subject: Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Investment Plan

Dear Commissioner McAllister

I am writing you in strong support of the California Lighting Technology Center (CLTC), University of California, Davis, a public---private partnership that has evolved over the last decade.

Since 2009, I have collaborated with CLTC on the California Advanced Lighting Controls Training Program (CALCTP). CLTC was one of the founding organizations for the creation of the CALCTP. CLTC is currently the subject matter expert that updates the CALCTP Installers course, ensuring the material is relevant to industry. CALCTP is also the first State Approve provider of Lighting Controls Acceptance Testing Training and Certification entity, CLTC is responsible for the development of this course material as well. The CALCTP installation curriculum has trained over 2,400 state certified electricians in the proper installation of advanced lighting controls. CLTC's work has led to the expansion of the program into 4 additional states – Washington, Illinois, Michigan, and Ohio.

As CALCTP moves forward in creating additional courses to ensure the proper design and long-term maintenance of lighting controls, CLTC is once again the key course material provider. CLTC is very effective in addressing and resolving lighting---related issues that impede progress toward state energy goals. Without their resource, the state would not be able to hit its energy efficiency targets.

A significant part of CLTC's success is due to its understanding of industry and its future direction. Investing in CLTC and research centers that use a similar model presents the opportunity to effectively integrate and address long---term energy efficiency issues. To let this valuable resource languish due to under---funding would jeopardize the state's ability to meet its legislative mandates. I strongly urge you and your fellow commissioners to revisit all the incredible work that has been accomplished by CLTC and to base future funding on the strength of past work and the promise of many future successes that will not occur without the efforts of the CLTC and its expert staff.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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