



## CPUC Votes to Re-Authorize EPIC Program

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The CPUC voted unanimously to re-authorize the Electricity Program Investment Charge (EPIC) program for another ten years. EPIC has provided about \$165 million per year for the past decade to a variety of clean energy research, development, deployment, and market facilitation projects. Many small-scale bioenergy projects have received EPIC funding to demonstrate new technologies, better quantify greenhouse gas reductions and other environmental benefits, improve pollution controls, and more. In the past, the California Energy Commission has administered 80% of the EPIC funds and the utilities have administered the other 20%. The CPUC's Proposed Decision only re-authorizes the 80% of funding administered by the Energy Commission. It will consider what the major funding categories should be and whether to re-authorize the utilities' portion of funding in the next phase of the proceeding.