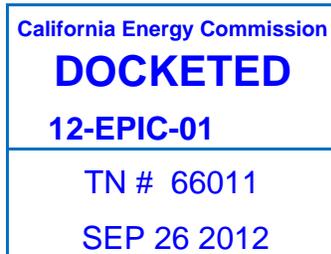


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California Energy Commission  
Dockets Office, MS-4  
Re: Docket No. **12-EPIC-01**  
1516 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512



Dear Commissioners,

I am offering my input as you develop the *First Triennial Investment Plan for Funds Administered by the California Energy Commission for the Electric Program Investment Charge Program*

I ask that as you develop your guidelines, you make a special effort to include and encourage disruptive technologies, that while outside the mainstream, hold enormous potential to benefit society. My company is working on developing a new type of renewable electricity generation process and we do not fall within established categories of renewable energy. Therefore, we find it difficult to apply for grants and funding. I ask that you include a "miscellaneous" category that allows for innovative strategies and ideas to apply for funding that would for prototype development. Furthermore, I encourage you to make the application process as egalitarian as possible so as not to discourage nonacademic or non-engineers from applying. Too often, applications for funding seem to require a specialized degree or specialized knowledge and have the end result of intimidating laymen with outstanding ideas and real world experience. The EPIC program should encourage participation from as wide a spectrum as possible. Limiting it to existing University professionals or specialized companies with enough funding to pay consultants and specialized engineers would be a shame. The American spirit breathes hope, ingenuity and determination into all of its citizens, and this passion for creativity and entrepreneurship is our greatest strength as a country. I hope the EPIC program coalesces with this attribute.

Our company, Nautical Torque Technology, was developed by a layman who came up with the idea of using large ships and vessels that rise and fall with the incoming and outgoing tides to create the first viable baseload renewable electricity that can compete with nuclear and fossil fuels. We are seeking funding to develop a prototype and the EPIC program would be ideal for helping us validate, develop and commercialize the technology. It would be extremely helpful if the EPIC program provided connections with existing industry players that could help facilitate an end user for the product.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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