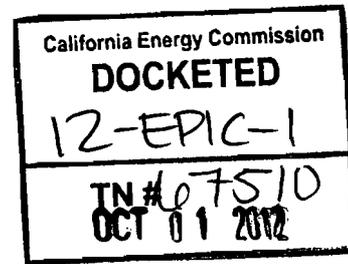


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**SUBJECT: Docket No. 12-EPIC-01 – Comments from the City of Aliso Viejo Regarding Establishment of an Innovation Cluster within the City and Surrounding Areas**

To the California Energy Commission:

On behalf of the City of Aliso Viejo, located in Orange County, California, I am writing to present comments on the Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Proposed Triennial (2012-2014) Investment Plan.

Aliso Viejo has an extremely strong orientation to new renewable energy technology. Our city has applied the most sustainable planning guidelines in every aspect of the City's operation. In addition, there is a major high technology industry employing thousands of knowledge workers, including the engineers of Fluor-Daniel Corporation, one of the world's preeminent energy systems engineering firms.

In addition to our interest in supporting and incorporating into our building design, all elements of EPIC's *Energy Efficiency and Demand Response, Clean Generation, and Smart Grid Enabling Technology*, we are particularly interested in becoming a prototype "EPIC Innovation Cluster" under the "Cross-Cutting" guidelines in the Proposed Triennial Investment Plan.

This would be accomplished by a strategic partnership between the City of Aliso Viejo and the planning firm of Forma Companies, which with Technoplex, Inc. developed the GIS-based "Innovation Cluster Management Application." We work closely with Forma at the present time and are willing to be a "Beta test site" for best GIS practices in the conceptualization and management of an innovation cluster. These best practices can then rapidly be applied statewide in parallel with research and demonstration activities of the EPIC program.

The program could ultimately be expanded to encompass any EIPC-related research activities underway within this area. Homebuilders involved with the EPIC program's "New Solar Homes Partnership" could be monitored within this Innovation Cluster, as could individual EPIC-funded research projects.

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The City would be active in involving supporting public and private financial partners for this project, including the nearby financed venture south Orange County capital community.

Please consider this an initial inquiry. We recognize the EPIC program is newly established and that there will be a multi-month review and approval process. In the meantime, we welcome the opportunity to invite the CEC staff to our City for concept discussions on this proposal.

Thank you for consideration of our EPIC ideas.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Pulone". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mark" and last name "Pulone" clearly distinguishable.

Mark Pulone

City Manager

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