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**Comments of the California Workforce Investment Board on the California Energy Commission's First Triennial Investment Plan for the Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Program (Docket No. 12-EPIC-01)**

Dear Commissioners and Staff:

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the California Energy Commission's EPIC triennial investment plan. We compliment the Commission on its commitment to workforce development planning.

The California Workforce Investment Board works closely with the Employment Training Panel, Chancellor's Office of the Community Colleges, and the Division of Apprenticeship Standards to ensure that the State's investments in education, training, and employment services are aligned, targeted to demand occupations, and lead participants to high wage careers. We also understand that quality skills training and quality workmanship are inextricably linked.

EPIC's efforts should build on existing workforce programs and institutions. State-approved apprenticeship, in particular, is the best known workforce training model with the best track record for ensuring that training is industry-relevant and leads directly to employment. For this reason, the California Workforce Investment Board and our partner workforce agencies have prioritized supporting and expanding State-approved apprenticeship programs.

The California Workforce Investment Board welcomes the opportunity to work in close collaboration with Energy Commission to help guide the direction of the EPIC program. Together with our other state partners, we can ensure that the broader workforce development system meets the needs of the energy sector, provides pathways to good jobs, and meets California's energy goals.

Sincerely,



Tim Rainey, Executive Director