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2018 Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) Fall Workshop. California Energy Commission (CEC) staff, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E), and Southern California Edison Company (SCE) will conduct a [workshop to provide an update on planned EPIC 3 investments](#) and solicit input on the scoping of these investments. Meeting Information: Friday, November 9, 2018, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

To Parties of the Renewables Portfolio Standard (“RPS”) Rulemaking (R.18-07-003).

Pursuant to Decision (D).14-12-081 and the Energy Division Director’s November 28, 2017 to the Investor Owned Utilities, a review of the Bioenergy Market Adjusting Tariff (BioMAT) program was initiated. [Energy Division staff is requesting informal comments and reply comments on Staff’s BioMAT Program Review and Staff Proposal.](#) This document describes Energy Division staff’s key observations about program performance to-date, sets a timeline for the program review, lays out Energy Division’s straw proposal for program changes, and poses questions to stakeholders. Energy Division staff will use stakeholder comments to inform the scope and content of future workshops and revisions to the straw proposal that the Commission can consider in the RPS proceeding.

Please note that Energy Division staff is opening the opportunity to comment to any interested stakeholders, and not just parties to this proceeding. Any stakeholder that wishes to file informal comments or reply comments may do so and does not have to be a party to this proceeding.

Please send *comments* to the R.18-07-003 service list no later than *November 29, 2018* by close of business. Please send *reply comments* to the R.18-07-003 service list no later than *December 14, 2018* by close of business. *Comments* shall not exceed 35 pages in length. *Reply Comments* shall not exceed 20 pages in length.

For more information, please contact: James McGarry (james.mcgarry@cpuc.ca.gov).

Fourth Wood Stove Competition to focus on automation and electricity generation. The fourth [Wood Stove Design Challenge](#) will be on the National Mall in Washington, DC from Friday, November 9 through Tuesday, November 13, 2018. Twelve teams will be competing. Participants will compete in two events: One is to automate the wood stove with 21st century technology like sensors and WIFI-enabled controls that improve combustion efficiency, reduce air pollution, and improve ease of use. The second competition will focus on thermoelectric wood stoves that generate electricity to power lights, cell phones, and WIFI-enabled controls. [Schedule of Events.](#)
[The People’s Choice Award](#) - Vote for a stove in the 2018 Wood Stove Design Challenge and enter for a drawing for a Biolite stove!

National Bioenergy Day 2018. [88 Organizations signed a Statement supporting Renewable Bioenergy and Biomass.](#) And don’t miss the [images from our tour](#) of the Rio Bravo-Rocklin bioenergy plant.

West Biofuels Open House and Tour. West Biofuels is having an Open House at their facility in Woodland, CA, on November 14th, from 9am to Noon, showcasing their projects and technologies. [More information on this flyer.](#)

DID YOU KNOW? Since the fall of 1996 the [California Forest Stewardship Program](#) has been publishing a quarterly newsletter, [Forestland Steward](#), to "improve communication with forestland owners and provide better access to technical information that will help landowners become better stewards of their forestland." There is a printed copy mailed out to a diverse audience of forestland owners, professionals, community organizations, and other interested parties. A pdf version, which is available about a month before the hard copy, is sent out by email.