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December 30, 2013

**Advice Letters: 4274-E, 4274-E-A**

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**SUBJECT: PG&E - Sonoma Clean Power Community Choice Aggregator Service  
Agreement in Accordance with GO 96-B, Section 8.2.3**

Dear Mr. Cherry,

Advice Letters 4274-E and 4274-E-A are effective as of November 14, 2013, per Resolution E-4614 Ordering Paragraph.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward F. Randolph".

Edward F. Randolph, Director  
Energy Division



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August 22, 2013

**Advice 4274-E**

(Pacific Gas and Electric Company ID U 39 E)

Public Utilities Commission of the State of California

**Subject: Pacific Gas and Electric Company – Sonoma Clean Power Community Choice Aggregator Service Agreement in Accordance with General Order 96-B, Section 8.2.3**

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) hereby submits for California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC or Commission) review and approval a specifically negotiated Community Choice Aggregator (CCA) Service Agreement between PG&E and Sonoma Clean Power (SCP). Pursuant to Decision (D.) 05-12-041, the specifically negotiated Service Agreement has been tailored from Electric Form 79-1029, Community Choice Aggregator Service Agreement, by mutual agreement of PG&E and SCP.

**Purpose**

This Advice Filing seeks Commission approval of a CCA Service Agreement negotiated by PG&E and SCP.

**Background**

In 2002, the California Legislature approved Assembly Bill (AB) 117, authorizing Community Choice Aggregation Service. In D.04-12-046 and D.05-12-041, the Commission developed detailed rules for implementing such Service. In D.05-12-041 and Advice 2784-E-A, the Commission approved a form service agreement, to be executed prior to a CCA initiating service, to address the obligations of the utility and the CCA. The Community Choice Aggregator Service Agreement is an approved tariff form, Electric Form 79-1029. D.05-12-041 provided that the standard form Service Agreement is exemplary and may be modified.

In 2010, the City and County of San Francisco (CCSF) approached PG&E to negotiate a service agreement between the parties that differed from the form Service Agreement. This negotiated Service Agreement was submitted for Commission approval in Advice 3682-E on June 3, 2010 and later amended in Advice 4063-E on June 15, 2012. On November 8, 2012, the Commission issued Resolution (Res.) E-4397 approving the negotiated Service Agreement and amendments.

In 2013, SCP approached PG&E to negotiate a service agreement. As a result of these negotiations, the parties have reached agreement on revised terms for the Community Choice Aggregator Service Agreement between PG&E and SCP, and this advice letter now seeks approval of this negotiated Service Agreement. The negotiated Service Agreement contains provisions that differ from Form No. 79-1029, but many are similar to those previously approved by the Commission for the CCSF Community Choice Aggregator Service Agreement in Res. E-4397. PG&E and SCP have agreed that the provisions of the negotiated Service Agreement were effective upon its execution, consistent with General Order 96-B, section 8.2.3.

### **Form Revisions**

PG&E is requesting the following amendments to the previously filed negotiated Community Choice Aggregator Service Agreement:

- Section 4-Events of Default: these terms are revised and clarified.
- Section 5-Billing and Payment: added a provision 5.2 limiting the parties' offset rights.
- Section 15-Dispute resolution: these terms are revised and clarified.
- Section 22-Audits: PG&E provides expanded audit rights.

The attached document shows the differences from the form Service Agreement.

### **Effective Date**

Per General Order 96-B, Section 8.2.3, the provisions of the negotiated Service Agreement became effective upon execution of the negotiated Service Agreement. PG&E requests that this Tier 3 advice filing become effective upon filing.

### **Protests**

Anyone wishing to protest this filing may do so by letter sent via U.S. mail, by facsimile or E-mail, any of which must be received no later than September 11, 2013, which is 20 days after the date of this submission. Protests should be submitted to:

CPUC Energy Division  
ED Tariff Unit  
505 Van Ness Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Francisco, California 94102

Facsimile: (415) 703-2200  
E-mail: EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov

Copies also should be mailed to the attention of the Director, Energy Division, Room 4004, at the address shown above.

The protest also should be sent via E-mail or U.S. Mail (and by facsimile, if possible) to PG&E at the address shown below on the same date it is mailed or delivered to the Commission:

Brian K. Cherry  
Vice President, Regulatory Relations  
Pacific Gas and Electric Company  
77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10C  
P.O. Box 770000  
San Francisco, California 94177

Facsimile: (415) 973-7226  
E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com

Any person (including individuals, groups, or organizations) may protest or respond to an advice letter (General Order 96-B, Section 7.4). The protest shall contain the following information: specification of the advice letter protested; grounds for the protest; supporting factual information or legal argument; name, telephone number, postal address, and (where appropriate) e-mail address of the protestant; and statement that the protest was sent to the utility no later than the day on which the protest was submitted to the reviewing Industry Division (General Order 96-B, Section 3.11).

### **Notice**

In accordance with General Order 96-B, Section IV, a copy of this advice letter is being sent electronically and via U.S. mail to parties shown on the attached list. Address changes to the General Order 96-B service list should be directed to PG&E at email address PGETariffs@pge.com. For changes to any other service list, please contact the Commission's Process Office at (415) 703-2021 or at Process\_Office@cpuc.ca.gov. Send all electronic approvals to PGETariffs@pge.com. Advice letter filings can also be accessed electronically at <http://www.pge.com/tariffs>.



Vice President – Regulatory Relations

cc: Geof Syphers – Sonoma Clean Power  
Steve Shupe – Sonoma Clean Power

Attachments:

Attachment A: Final Signed PG&E-Sonoma Clean Power Negotiated Service Agreement

Attachment B: Red Line Comparison of Electric Form 79-1029 and the PG&E-Sonoma Clean Power Negotiated Service Agreement

# CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

## ADVICE LETTER FILING SUMMARY ENERGY UTILITY

MUST BE COMPLETED BY UTILITY (Attach additional pages as needed)

Company name/CPUC Utility No. **Pacific Gas and Electric Company (ID U39 E)**

Utility type:

ELC

GAS

PLC

HEAT

WATER

Contact Person: Kingsley Cheng

Phone #: (415) 973-5265

E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com and k2c0@pge.com

EXPLANATION OF UTILITY TYPE

ELC = Electric

GAS = Gas

PLC = Pipeline

HEAT = Heat

WATER = Water

(Date Filed/ Received Stamp by CPUC)

Advice Letter (AL) #: **4274-E**

Tier: **3**

Subject of AL: **Pacific Gas and Electric Company – Sonoma Clean Power Community Choice Aggregator Service Agreement in Accordance with General Order 96-B, Section 8.2.3**

Keywords (choose from CPUC listing): Compliance, Agreements, Forms

AL filing type:  Monthly  Quarterly  Annual  One-Time  Other \_\_\_\_\_

If AL filed in compliance with a Commission order, indicate relevant Decision/Resolution #: N/A

Does AL replace a withdrawn or rejected AL? If so, identify the prior AL: No

Summarize differences between the AL and the prior withdrawn or rejected AL: \_\_\_\_\_

Is AL requesting confidential treatment? If so, what information is the utility seeking confidential treatment for:

Confidential information will be made available to those who have executed a nondisclosure agreement:  Yes  No

Name(s) and contact information of the person(s) who will provide the nondisclosure agreement and access to the confidential information: \_\_\_\_\_

Resolution Required?  Yes  No

Requested effective date: **August 22, 2013**

No. of tariff sheets: 3

Estimated system annual revenue effect (%): N/A

Estimated system average rate effect (%): N/A

When rates are affected by AL, include attachment in AL showing average rate effects on customer classes (residential, small commercial, large C/I, agricultural, lighting).

Tariff schedules affected: List of Contracts and Deviations

Service affected and changes proposed: Electric Form 79-1029 Deviation

Pending advice letters that revise the same tariff sheets: N/A

Protests, dispositions, and all other correspondence regarding this AL are due no later than 20 days after the date of this filing, unless otherwise authorized by the Commission, and shall be sent to:

**California Public Utilities Commission**

**Energy Division**

**EDTariffUnit**

**505 Van Ness Ave., 4<sup>th</sup> Flr.**

**San Francisco, CA 94102**

**E-mail: EDTariffUnit@cpuc.ca.gov**

**Pacific Gas and Electric Company**

**Attn: Brian Cherry**

**Vice President, Regulatory Relations**

**77 Beale Street, Mail Code B10C**

**P.O. Box 770000**

**San Francisco, CA 94177**

**E-mail: PGETariffs@pge.com**

**ATTACHMENT 1  
Advice 4274-E**

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**LIST OF CONTRACTS AND DEVIATIONS**  
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| Name and Location of Customer  |                          | Most Comparable Regular Tariff |  |                      |  |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--|----------------------|--|
| PG&E Installation Reference No.  | Type or Class of Service | Execution and Expiration Dates | Commission Authorization Number and Date | Schedule or Rule No. | Contract Difference  |
| <u>REDWOOD REGION</u> (Cont'd.)  |                          |                                |  |                      |  |
| <u>Other Public Agencies</u>   |                          |                                |  |                      |  |
| Humboldt Bay Municipal Water District<br>Essex Water Pumping Plant<br>Arcata | Coml/Ind                 | 6-19-78<br>---                 | ---                                      | Rule 2               | Monthly Cost of Ownership Charge   |
| Sonoma Clean Power Community Choice Aggregator                               | Res/Coml/Ind             | 8-21-13<br>One Time            | G.O.96-B<br>Section 8.2.3                | -----                | Revisions to Electric Form 79-1029 Sections 4, 5, 15, and 22 (N)<br> <br> <br> <br>(N) |
| <u>Utilities</u>   |                          |                                |  |                      |  |
| Pacific Bell<br>Brush Mountain<br>Mendocino County                           | General Service          | 7-29-57<br>10-18-62*2          | D-56072;<br>1-14-58                      | Rule 15              | Monthly Charge for Excess Facilities   |
| Pacific Bell<br>Walker Ridge,<br>Lake County                                 | General Service          | 2-26-58<br>5-9-63*2            | D-56526;<br>4-15-58                      | Rule 15              | Monthly Charge for Excess Facilities   |
| Pacific Bell<br>Mohrhardt Ridge<br>Cazadero, Sonoma Co.                      | General Service          | 12-1-58<br>3-19-64*2           | D-57985;<br>2-9-59                       | Rule 15              | Monthly Charge for Excess Facilities   |
| Pacific Bell<br>Cow Mountain,<br>Mendocino County                            | General Service          | 8-19-63<br>8-21-68*2           | G.O.96-A,X.A.<br>Res. E-1171<br>7-7-64   | Rule 15              | Monthly Charge for Excess Facilities   |
| Pacific Bell<br>Cahto Peak<br>Mendocino County                               | General Service          | 12-2-71<br>3-1-72*2            | G.O.96-A,X.A.<br>Res. E-1532<br>1-26-76  | Rule 15              | Monthly Charge for Excess Facilities   |
| Pacific Bell<br>Laughlin Peak<br>Mendocino County                            | General Service          | 12-2-71<br>3-2-72*2            | G.O.96-A,X.A.<br>Res. E-1532<br>1-27-76  | Rule 15              | Monthly Charge for Excess Facilities   |

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Advice 4274-E

Attachment A:

Final Signed PG&E-Sonoma Clean Power  
Negotiated Service Agreement



## COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATOR (CCA) SERVICE AGREEMENT

This Community Choice Aggregator (CCA) Service Agreement ("Agreement") is made and entered into as of this 14th day of August, 2013, by and between "Sonoma Clean Power Authority" ("CCA"), a joint powers agency organized and existing under the laws of the state of California, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company "PG&E", a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of California. From time to time, CCA and PG&E shall be individually referred to herein as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

### **Section 1: General Description of Agreement**

- 1.1 This Agreement is a legally binding contract. The Parties named in this Agreement are bound by the terms set forth herein and otherwise incorporated herein by reference. This Agreement shall govern the business relationship between the Parties hereto by which CCA shall offer electrical energy services. Each Party, by agreeing to undertake specific activities and responsibilities for or on behalf of customers, acknowledges that each Party shall relieve and discharge the other Party of the responsibility for said activities and responsibilities with respect to those customers. Except where explicitly defined herein (including Attachment A hereto) the definitions controlling this Agreement are contained in PG&E's applicable rules or in the relevant community choice aggregation tariff.
- 1.2 The form of this Agreement has been developed as part of the CPUC regulatory process to implement Assembly Bill 117, was intended to conform to CPUC directions, was filed and approved by the CPUC for use between PG&E and CCAs and may not be waived, altered, amended or modified, except as provided herein or in the applicable community choice aggregation tariff, or as may otherwise be authorized by the CPUC.
- 1.3 This Agreement incorporates by reference the applicable community choice aggregation tariff as authorized and modified from time to time by the CPUC.

### **Section 2: Representations**

- 2.1 Each Party represents that it is and shall remain in compliance with all applicable laws and tariffs, including applicable CPUC requirements.
- 2.2 Each person executing this Agreement for the respective Parties expressly represents and warrants that he or she has authority to bind the entity on whose behalf this Agreement is executed.
- 2.3 Each Party represents that (a) it has the full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform its terms and conditions; (b) the execution,

delivery and performance of this Agreement have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or other action by such Party; and (c) this agreement constitutes such Party's legal, valid and binding obligation, enforceable against such Party in accordance with its terms.

- 2.4 Each Party shall (a) exercise all reasonable care, diligence and good faith in the performance of its duties pursuant to this Agreement; and (b) carry out its duties in accordance with applicable recognized professional standards in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement.

**Section 3: Term of Service**

The term of this Agreement shall commence on the date of execution by both Parties hereto (the "Effective Date") and shall terminate on the earlier of (a) the date CCA informs PG&E that it is no longer operating as a CCA in PG&E's service territory; (b) the earlier termination pursuant to Section 4 hereof; or (c) the effective date of a new CCA Service Agreement between the Parties hereto. Notwithstanding the Effective Date of this Agreement, the CCA acknowledges that it may only offer Community Choice Aggregation Services to customers effective on or after the CPUC-approved date for commencement of such services by CCAs, and only after it has complied with all provisions of this Agreement and PG&E's applicable tariffs.

**Section 4: Events of Default and Remedy for Default**

- 4.1 An Event of Default under this Agreement shall include either Party's material breach of any provision of this Agreement, including those incorporated by reference herein, and failure to cure such breach within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of written notice thereof from the non-defaulting Party; or such other period as may be provided by this Agreement or PG&E's applicable community choice aggregation tariff.
- 4.2 In the event of such an Event of Default, the non-defaulting Party shall be entitled to exercise any and all remedies (a) available under PG&E's applicable community choice aggregation tariff, PG&E Electric Rule 23; and/or (b) provided for by law or in equity to the extent not inconsistent with PG&E's community choice aggregation tariff and Section 15 below. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, this Agreement may not be terminated for an Event of Default or breach of any Party's obligations under this Agreement or applicable tariffs without Commission authorization.

- 4.3 Breach by any Party hereto of any provision of PG&E's community choice aggregation tariff, including a breach occurring during Exigent Circumstances as defined in Section T.3 of such tariff, which circumstances also shall include bankruptcy of CCA, shall be governed by applicable provisions contained therein and each Party will retain all rights granted thereunder. A breach of said tariff for which no remedy is specified therein shall be governed by this Agreement as an Event of Default.

**Section 5: Billing and Payment**

- 5.1 PG&E will bill and the CCA agrees to pay PG&E for all services and products provided by PG&E in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in PG&E's community choice aggregation tariff, as stated in PG&E's Electric Rule 23 and PG&E's rate schedules. Any services provided by the CCA to PG&E shall be by separate agreement between the Parties and are not a subject of this Agreement.
- 5.2 The Parties agree that their only rights to offset amounts due under this Agreement and under the CCA tariff are those rights (a) provided for in Rule 23, parts S.7 and T.2; (b) provided for in any express agreements between the parties regarding bond/re-entry fee obligations, and (c) any rights otherwise expressly permitted by the CPUC in an order issued after the execution of this Agreement. The Parties also agree that they shall have no right to offset amounts due under other non-CCA contracts and tariffs from the amounts due under his Agreement and the CCA tariff.

**Section 6: Limitation of Liability**

Each Party's liability to the other Party for any loss, cost, claim, injury, liability, or expense, including reasonable attorneys' fees, relating to or arising from any act or omission in its performance of this Agreement, shall be limited to the amount of direct damage actually incurred, except as provided for in this Section. In no event shall either Party be liable to the other Party for any indirect, special, consequential, or punitive damages of any kind whatsoever, whether in contract, tort or strict liability, except in the event of an action covered by the Indemnification provisions of Section 7 of this Agreement or by the indemnification provisions in any Nondisclosure Agreement relating to the disclosure of confidential information to the CCA, in which event this Section 6 shall not be applicable.

**Section 7: Indemnification**

- 7.1 To the fullest extent permitted by law, and subject to the limitations set forth in Section 6 of this Agreement, each Party (the "Indemnifying Party") shall indemnify and hold harmless the other Party, and its current and future direct and indirect parent companies, affiliates and their shareholders, officers, directors, employees, agents, servants and assigns (collectively, the "Indemnified Party"), and at the Indemnified Party's option, the Indemnifying Party shall defend the Indemnified

Party, from and against any and all claims and/or liabilities for losses, expenses, damage to property, injury to or death of any person, including, but not limited to, the Indemnified Party's employees and its affiliates' employees, subcontractors and subcontractors' employees, or any other liability incurred by the Indemnified Party, including reasonable expenses, legal and otherwise, which shall include reasonable attorneys' fees, caused wholly or in part by any negligent, grossly negligent or willful act or omission by the Indemnifying Party, its officers, directors, employees, agents or assigns arising out of this Agreement, except to the extent caused wholly or in part by any negligent, grossly negligent or willful act or omission of the Indemnified Party.

7.2 If any claim covered by Section 7.1 is brought against the Indemnified Party, then the Indemnifying Party shall be entitled to participate in, and unless in the opinion of counsel for the Indemnified Party a conflict of interest between the Parties may exist with respect to such claim, assume the defense of such claim, with counsel reasonably acceptable to the Indemnified Party. If the Indemnifying Party does not assume the defense of the Indemnified Party, or if a conflict precludes the Indemnifying Party from assuming the defense, then the Indemnifying Party shall reimburse the Indemnified Party on a monthly basis for the Indemnified Party's defense through separate counsel of the Indemnified Party's choice. Even if the Indemnifying Party assumes the defense of the Indemnified Party with acceptable counsel, the Indemnified Party, at its sole option, may participate in the defense, at its own expense, with counsel of its own choice without relieving the Indemnifying Party of any of its obligations hereunder. In no event shall either Party be liable to the other Party for any indirect, special, consequential, or punitive damages of any kind whatsoever, whether in contract, tort or strict liability.

7.3 The Indemnifying Party's obligation to indemnify under this Section 7 shall survive termination of this Agreement, and shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for the Indemnifying Party under any statutory scheme, including, without limitation, under any Worker's Compensation Acts, Disability Benefit Acts or other Employee Benefit Acts.

**Section 8: Assignment and Delegation**

8.1 Neither Party to this Agreement shall assign any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement, except with the prior written consent of the other Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. No assignment of this Agreement shall relieve the assigning Party of any of its obligations under this Agreement until such obligations have been assumed by the assignee. When duly assigned in accordance with the foregoing, this Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the assignee and the assignor shall be relieved of its rights and obligations. Any assignment in violation of this Section 8 shall be void.

8.2 Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 8, either Party may subcontract its

duties under this Agreement to a subcontractor, provided that the subcontracting Party shall remain fully responsible as a principal and not as a guarantor for performance of any subcontracted duties, shall serve as the point of contact between its subcontractor and the other Party, and shall provide the other Party with thirty (30) calendar days' prior written notice of any such subcontracting, which notice shall include such information about the subcontractor as the other Party shall reasonably require. If either Party subcontracts any of its duties hereunder, it shall cause its subcontractors to perform in a manner which is in conformity with that Party's obligations under this Agreement.

**Section 9: Independent Contractors**

Each Party shall perform its obligations under this Agreement (including any obligations performed by a Party's designees as permitted under Section 8 of this Agreement) as an independent contractor.

**Section 10: Entire Agreement**

This Agreement consists of, in its entirety, this Community Choice Aggregator Service Agreement and all attachments hereto, all Community Choice Aggregation Service Requests submitted pursuant to this Agreement and PG&E's community choice aggregation tariffs. This Agreement supersedes all other agreements or understandings, written or oral, between the Parties related to the subject matter hereof, with the express exception of any Nondisclosure Agreement relating to the disclosure of confidential information to the CCA. This Agreement may be modified from time to time only by an instrument in writing, signed by both Parties.

**Section 11: Nondisclosure**

11.1 Notwithstanding anything provided below, prior to receiving any PG&E confidential customer information, CCA agrees to enter into the CCA Non-Disclosure Agreement and be bound by its terms with respect to Confidential Information as defined therein.

Neither Party may disclose any Confidential Information obtained pursuant to this Agreement to any third party, including affiliates of such Party, without the express prior written consent of the other Party. As used herein, the term "Confidential Information" shall include, but not be limited to, all business, financial, and commercial information pertaining to the Parties, customers of either or both Parties, suppliers for either Party, personnel of either Party, any trade secrets, and other information of a similar nature, whether written or in intangible form that is marked proprietary or confidential with the appropriate owner's name. Confidential Information shall not include information known to either Party prior to obtaining the same from the other Party, information in the public domain, or information obtained by a Party from a third party who did not, directly or indirectly, receive the same from the other Party to this Agreement or from a party who was under an

obligation of confidentiality to the other Party to this Agreement or information developed by either Party independent of any Confidential Information. The receiving Party shall use the higher of the standard of care that the receiving Party uses to preserve its own confidential information or a reasonable standard of care to prevent unauthorized use or disclosure of such Confidential Information. Each receiving Party shall, upon termination of this Agreement or at any time upon the request of the disclosing Party, promptly return or destroy all Confidential Information of the disclosing Party then in its possession.

- 11.2 Notwithstanding the preceding, Confidential Information may be disclosed to any governmental, judicial or regulatory authority requiring such Confidential Information pursuant to any applicable law, regulation, ruling, or order, provided that: (a) such Confidential Information is submitted under any applicable provision, if any, for confidential treatment by such governmental, judicial or regulatory authority; and (b) prior to such disclosure, the other Party is given prompt notice of the disclosure requirement so that it may take whatever action it deems appropriate, including intervention in any proceeding and the seeking of any injunction to prohibit such disclosure.

**Section 12: Enforceability**

If any provision of this Agreement or the application thereof, is to any extent held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement and the application thereof, other than those provisions which have been held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect and shall be enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law or in equity.

**Section 13: Notices**

- 13.1 Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, any notices under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be effective upon delivery if delivered by (a) hand; (b) U.S. Mail, first class postage pre-paid, or (c) facsimile, with confirmation of receipt to the Parties as follows:

**If the notice is to CCA:**

Name of Entity: Sonoma Clean Power Authority

Contact Name: Geof Syphers, Interim CEO

Business Address: 404 Aviation Blvd., Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Facsimile: 707-544-6123

**If the notice is to PG&E:**

*Contact Name:* William Chen, Manager, ESP Services, Customer Impact

*Business Address:* 245 Market Street, M/C N8C, San Francisco, CA 94105

*Facsimile:* 415-973-2194

- 13.2 Each Party shall be entitled to specify as its proper address any other address in the United States upon written notice to the other Party.
- 13.3 Each Party shall designate on Attachment A the person(s) to be contacted with respect to specific operational matters relating to Community Choice Aggregation service. Each Party shall be entitled to specify any change to such person(s) upon written notice to the other Party.

**Section 14: Time of Essence**

The Parties expressly agree that time is of the essence for all portions of this Agreement.

**Section 15: Dispute Resolution**

- 15.1 The form of this Agreement has been filed with and approved by the CPUC as part of PG&E's applicable tariffs. Except as provided in Section 15.2 and 15.3, any dispute arising between the Parties relating to interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement or to the performance of PG&E's obligations hereunder, including any alleged material breach that has not ripened into an Event of Default under Section 4 of this Agreement, shall be reduced to writing and referred to the Parties' representatives identified on Attachment A for resolution, with the responding Party filing its written response within thirty (30) business days after receiving the written position of the complaining party. Thereafter, the Parties shall be required to meet and confer within ten (10) business days in a good faith effort to resolve their dispute. Pending such resolution, the Parties shall continue to proceed diligently with the performance of their respective obligations under this Agreement, unless this Agreement has been terminated under Section 4.2.
- 15.2 If the Parties fail to reach an agreement within ten (10) additional business days of the last session to meet and confer, the matter shall, upon demand of either Party, be submitted to resolution before the CPUC in accordance with the CPUC's rules, regulations and procedures applicable to resolution of such disputes, or the Parties may mutually agree to pursue mediation or binding arbitration to resolve such issues. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in Exigent Circumstances (i.e., a failure by a Party to perform its obligations hereunder that poses a substantial threat of irreparable economic or other harm to the CCA, PG&E, or electric customers), either Party may seek an emergency order from the Commission in accordance

with the CPUC's applicable rules, regulations and procedures. PG&E (without conceding that an Assigned Commissioner or an Administrative Law Judge have the authority to do so) and the CCA agree to comply with an interim order of an Assigned Commissioner (or of an Administrative Law Judge, in consultation with the Assigned Commissioner) assigned by the Commission to handle such a claim for emergency relief, but each retains all authority to challenge any such order. The CCA shall also comply with the requirements of Rule 23.T.3 regarding proceeding before the CPUC in Exigent Circumstances.

- 15.3 If the dispute involves a request for damages arising out of an Event of Default or other breach as determined by the Commission, parties understand that the Commission has no authority to award damages. To determine the amount of such damages, the parties may agree to pursue mediation or binding arbitration, or either of them may bring action in a court of competent jurisdiction. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Parties expressly agree and acknowledge that the Commission shall have the sole jurisdiction to adjudicate any claims (other than the amount of damages) in connection with the Agreement.
- 15.4 This Section 15 shall not apply to any claims or actions that a party would be able to bring in the absence of this Agreement.

**Section 16: Applicable Law and Venue**

This Agreement shall be interpreted, governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California, and shall exclude any choice of law rules that direct the application of the laws of another jurisdiction, irrespective of the place of execution or of the order in which the signatures of the parties are affixed or of the place or places of performance. Except for matters and disputes with respect to which the CPUC is the initial proper venue for dispute resolution pursuant to applicable law or this Agreement, the federal and state courts located in San Francisco County, California shall constitute the sole proper venue for resolution of any matter or dispute hereunder, and the Parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of such courts with respect to such matters and disputes.

**Section 17: Force Majeure**

Neither Party shall be liable for any delay or failure in the performance of any part of this Agreement (other than obligations to pay money) due to any event of force majeure or other cause beyond its reasonable control, including but not limited to, unusually severe weather, flood, fire, lightning, epidemic, quarantine restriction, war, sabotage, act of a public enemy, earthquake, insurrection, riot, civil disturbance, strike, work stoppage caused by jurisdictional and similar disputes, restraint by court order or public authority, or action or non-action by or inability to obtain authorization or approval from any governmental authority, or any combination of these causes, which by the exercise of due diligence and foresight such Party could not reasonably have been expected to avoid and which by the exercise of due diligence is unable to overcome. It is agreed that upon the Party so affected giving written notice and reasonably full particulars of such force majeure to the other Party within a reasonable time after the cause relied on, then the obligations of the Party, so far as they are affected by the event of force majeure, shall be suspended during the continuation of such inability and circumstance and shall, so far as possible, be remedied with all reasonable dispatch. In the event of force majeure, as described herein, both Parties shall take all reasonable steps to comply with this Agreement and PG&E's applicable tariffs despite occurrence of a force majeure event.

**Section 18: Unauthorized Use of Energy (Energy Theft)**

- 18.1 The CCA represents and warrants that for each of its Customers, and at all times during which it provides community choice aggregation services as a Community Choice Aggregator, the CCA shall completely, accurately, and in a timely manner account for each of its Customer's loads. Load data not accounted for in this manner may provide grounds for termination of this Agreement. For verification purposes only, PG&E shall have complete access to the load data provided to the CAISO by the CCA. Such information is to remain confidential, and shall not be disclosed to any unauthorized person other than the CPUC, the California Independent System Operator or other law enforcement or regulatory authority.
- 18.2 PG&E shall notify the CCA immediately and the CCA shall notify PG&E immediately of any suspected unauthorized energy use. The Parties agree to preserve any evidence of unauthorized energy use. Once unauthorized energy use is suspected, PG&E, in its sole discretion, may take any or all of the actions permitted under PG&E's applicable tariffs.

**Section 19: Not a Joint Venture**

Unless specifically stated in this Agreement to be otherwise, the duties, obligations, and liabilities of the Parties are intended to be several and not joint or collective. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall ever be construed to create an association, trust, partnership or joint venture or to impose a trust or

partnership duty, obligation, or liability on or with regard to either Party. Each Party shall be liable individually and severally for its own obligations under this Agreement.

**Section 20: Conflicts Between this Agreement and PG&E's Community Choice Aggregation Tariff**

Should a conflict exist or develop between the provisions of this Agreement and PG&E's community choice aggregation tariff, as approved by the CPUC, the provisions of PG&E's community choice aggregation tariff shall prevail.

**Section 21: Amendments or Modifications**

- 21.1 Except as provided in Section 21.2, no amendment or modification shall be made to this Agreement, in whole or in part, except by an instrument in writing executed by authorized representatives of the Parties, and no amendment or modification shall be made by course of performance, course of dealing or usage of trade.
- 21.2 This Agreement may be subject to such changes or modifications as the CPUC may from time to time direct or necessitate in the exercise of its jurisdiction, and the Parties may amend the Agreement to conform to changes directed or necessitated by the CPUC. In the event the Parties are unable to agree on the required changes or modifications to this Agreement, their dispute shall be resolved in accordance with the provisions of Section 15 hereof or, in the alternative, CCA may elect to terminate this Agreement upon written notice to PG&E, which shall be effective upon the receipt thereof. PG&E retains the right to unilaterally file with the CPUC, pursuant to the CPUC's rules and regulations, an application for a change in PG&E's rates, charges, classification, service or rules, or any agreement relating thereto.

**Section 22: Audits**

- 22.1 PG&E shall retain such specific records as may be required to support the accuracy of a) the meter data provided in PG&E's consolidated billings, (b) remittances of CCA customer payments to the CCA, and (c) charges for services provided by PG&E (collectively "Audit Matters"). When the CCA reasonably believes that errors related to metering or billing activity may have occurred, the CCA may request the production of such documents as may be required to verify the accuracy of such metering and consolidated billing. Such documents shall be provided within ten (10) business days of such request. In the event the CCA, upon review of such documents, continues to believe that PG&E's duty to accurately meter and provide consolidated billing for usage has been breached, the CCA may direct that an audit be conducted. The CCA shall designate their own employee representative or their contracted representative to audit PG&E's

records.

- 22.2 Any such audit shall be undertaken by the CCA, or their contracted representative at reasonable times without interference with PG&E's business operations, and in compliance with the PG&E's security procedures. PG&E and the CCA agree to cooperate fully with any such audit.
- 22.3 Specific records to support the accuracy of meter data provided in the consolidated billings may require examination of billing and metering support documentation maintained by subcontractors. PG&E shall include a similar clause in its agreements with subcontractors reserving the right to designate their own employee representative, or their contracted representative to audit records related to consolidated billing to Community Choice Aggregation Customers.
- 22.4 The CCA will notify PG&E in writing of any exception taken as a result of an audit. PG&E shall refund the amount of any undisputed exception to the CCA within ten (10) days. If PG&E fails to make such payment, PG&E agrees to pay interest, accruing monthly, at a rate equal to the prime rate plus two percent (2%) of Bank of America NT&SA, San Francisco, or any successor institution, in effect from time to time, but not to exceed the maximum contract rate permitted by the applicable usury laws of the State of California. Interest will be computed from the date of written notification of exceptions to the date PG&E reimburses the CCA for any exception. The cost of such audit shall be paid by the auditing Party; provided, however, that in the event an audit verifies overcharges of five percent (5%) or more, then PG&E shall reimburse the CCA for the cost of the audit.
- 22.5 This right to audit shall extend for a period of three (3) years following the date of final payment under this Agreement. Each party and each subcontractor shall retain all necessary records and documentation for the entire length of this audit period.

**Section 23: Miscellaneous**

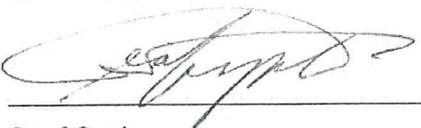
- 23.1 Unless otherwise stated in this Agreement: (a) any reference in this Agreement to a section, subsection, attachment or similar term refers to the provisions of this Agreement; (b) a reference to a section includes that section and all its subsections; and (c) the words "include," "includes," and "including" when used in this Agreement shall be deemed in each case to be followed by the words "without limitation." The Parties agree that the normal rule of construction to the effect that any ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting Party shall not be employed in the interpretation of this Agreement
- 23.2 The provisions of this Agreement are for the benefit of the Parties and not for any

other person or third party beneficiary. The provisions of this Agreement shall not impart rights enforceable by any person, firm or organization other than a Party or a successor or assignee of a Party to this Agreement.

- 23.3 The descriptive headings of the various sections of this Agreement have been inserted for convenience of reference only and shall in no way define, modify or restrict any of the terms and provisions thereof.
- 23.4 Any waiver at any time by either Party of its rights with respect to a default under this Agreement, or with respect to any other matter arising in connection with this Agreement, shall not be deemed a waiver with respect to any other or subsequent default or matter and no waiver shall be considered effective unless in writing.
- 23.5 Each Party shall be responsible for paying its own attorneys' fees and other costs associated with this Agreement, except as provided in Sections 6 and 7 hereof. If a dispute exists hereunder, the prevailing Party, as determined by the CPUC, or as may otherwise be determined by the dispute resolution procedure contained in Section 15 hereof, if used, or by a court of law, shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and costs.
- 23.6 To the extent that the CPUC has a right under then-current law to audit either Party's compliance with this Agreement or other legal or regulatory requirements pertaining to Community Choice Aggregation transactions, that Party shall cooperate with such audits. Nothing in this Section shall be construed as an admission by either Party with respect to the right of the CPUC to conduct such audits or the scope thereof.
- 23.7 Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, all rights of termination, cancellation or other remedies in this Agreement are cumulative. Use of any remedy shall not preclude any other remedy in this Agreement.

The Parties have executed this Agreement on the dates indicated below, to be effective upon the later date.

**On Behalf of CCA**

By:   
Name: Geof Syphers  
Title: Interim CEO

Date: 8-19-2013

**On Behalf of PG&E**

By:   
Name: Jess Brown  
Title: Director, Energy Solutions & Service

Date: 8-21-2013

## ATTACHMENT A

### **A. Definitions:**

**Billing Services** - The consolidated billing services described in PG&E's community choice aggregation tariff which are provided by PG&E.

**Community Choice Aggregation Customer** - An end-use customer located within PG&E's service territory who purchases Community Choice Aggregation Services through the CCA.

**Community Choice Aggregator (CCA)** - An entity that provides electric supply services to Community Choice Aggregation customers within PG&E's service territory. A CCA may also provide certain energy efficiency and conservation programs to its Community Choice Aggregation customers as provided for under PG&E's tariffs.

**CCA Charges** - Charges for Community Choice Aggregation Services provided by the CCA.

**PG&E Charges** - Charges (a) for services provided by PG&E; or (b) which are energy-related and which are approved by the CPUC or the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (including any nonbypassable charges (such as Competition Transition Charges, Cost Responsibility Surcharges, and any other nonbypassable charges adopted by a regulatory body) or Fixed Transition Amount Charges owing to PG&E or its affiliates, as those terms are defined under the California Public Utilities Code). Fixed Transition Amount Charges are also referred to as Trust Transfer Amount (TTA) Charges.

### **B. Contact Persons (Section 13.3):**

#### **Billing Services**

PG&E Contact: William Chen, Manager, ESP Services, Customer Impact

CCA Contact: Geof Syphers, Interim CEO

### **C. Parties' Representatives (Section 15.1):**

#### *PG&E Representative:*

*Contact Name:* William Chen, Manager, ESP Services, Customer Impact

*Business Address:* 245 Market Street, M/C N8C, San Francisco, CA 94105

#### *CCA Representative:*

*Contact Name:* Geof Syphers, Interim CEO

*Business Address:* 404 Aviation Blvd., Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Advice 4274-E

Attachment B:

Red Line Comparison of Electric Form 79-1029  
and the PG&E-Sonoma Clean Power Negotiated  
Service Agreement



# COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATOR (CCA) SERVICE AGREEMENT

This Community Choice Aggregator (CCA) Service Agreement (“Agreement”) is made and entered into as of this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, by and between “\_\_\_\_\_” (“CCA”), a \_\_\_\_\_ organized and existing under the laws of the state of \_\_\_\_\_, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company “PG&E”, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of California. From time to time, CCA and PG&E shall be individually referred to herein as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties.”

## **Section 1: General Description of Agreement**

- 1.1 This Agreement is a legally binding contract. The Parties named in this Agreement are bound by the terms set forth herein and otherwise incorporated herein by reference. This Agreement shall govern the business relationship between the Parties hereto by which CCA shall offer electrical energy services. Each Party, by agreeing to undertake specific activities and responsibilities for or on behalf of customers, acknowledges that each Party shall relieve and discharge the other Party of the responsibility for said activities and responsibilities with respect to those customers. Except where explicitly defined herein (including Attachment A hereto) the definitions controlling this Agreement are contained in PG&E’s applicable rules or in the relevant community choice aggregation tariff.
- 1.2 The form of this Agreement has been developed as part of the CPUC regulatory process to implement Assembly Bill 117, was intended to conform to CPUC directions, was filed and approved by the CPUC for use between PG&E and CCAs and may not be waived, altered, amended or modified, except as provided herein or in the applicable community choice aggregation tariff, or as may otherwise be authorized by the CPUC.
- 1.3 This Agreement incorporates by reference the applicable community choice aggregation tariff as authorized and modified from time to time by the CPUC.

## **Section 2: Representations**

- 2.1 Each Party represents that it is and shall remain in compliance with all applicable laws and tariffs, including applicable CPUC requirements.

- 2.2 Each person executing this Agreement for the respective Parties expressly represents and warrants that he or she has authority to bind the entity on whose behalf this Agreement is executed.
- 2.3 Each Party represents that (a) it has the full power and authority to execute and deliver this Agreement and to perform its terms and conditions; (b) the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate or other action by such Party; and (c) this agreement constitutes such Party's legal, valid and binding obligation, enforceable against such Party in accordance with its terms.
- 2.4 Each Party shall (a) exercise all reasonable care, diligence and good faith in the performance of its duties pursuant to this Agreement; and (b) carry out its duties in accordance with applicable recognized professional standards in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement.

**Section 3: Term of Service**

The term of this Agreement shall commence on the date of execution by both Parties hereto (the "Effective Date") and shall terminate on the earlier of (a) the date CCA informs PG&E that it is no longer operating as a CCA in PG&E's service territory; (b) the earlier termination pursuant to Section 4 hereof; or (c) the effective date of a new CCA Service Agreement between the Parties hereto. Notwithstanding the Effective Date of this Agreement, the CCA acknowledges that it may only offer Community Choice Aggregation Services to customers effective on or after the CPUC-approved date for commencement of such services by CCAs, and only after it has complied with all provisions of this Agreement and PG&E's applicable tariffs.

**Section 4: Events of Default and Remedy for Default**

- 4.1 An Event of Default under this Agreement shall include either Party's material breach of any provision of this Agreement, including those incorporated by reference herein, and failure to cure such breach within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of written notice thereof from the non-defaulting Party; or such other period as may be provided by this Agreement or PG&E's applicable community choice aggregation tariff.
- 4.2 In the event of such an Event of Default, the non-defaulting Party shall be entitled to exercise any and all remedies (a) available under PG&E's applicable community choice aggregation tariff, [PG&E Electric Rule 23](#); and/or (b) provided for by law or in equity to the extent not inconsistent with PG&E's community choice aggregation tariff. ~~In addition, in the event and Section 15 below. Notwithstanding any other provision of an Event of Default this Agreement, this Agreement may not be effectively terminated upon for an Event of Default or breach of any Party's obligations under this Agreement or applicable tariffs without~~ Commission authorization.

- 4.3 Breach by any Party hereto of any provision of PG&E's community choice aggregation tariff, including a breach occurring during Exigent Circumstances as defined in Section T.3 of such tariff, which circumstances also shall include bankruptcy of CCA, shall be governed by applicable provisions contained therein and each Party will retain all rights granted thereunder. A breach of said tariff for which no remedy is specified therein shall be governed by this Agreement as an Event of Default.

**Section 5: Billing and Payment**

- 5.1 PG&E will bill and the CCA agrees to pay PG&E for all services and products provided by PG&E in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in PG&E's community choice aggregation tariff, as stated in PG&E's Electric Rule 23 and PG&E's rate schedules. Any services provided by the CCA to PG&E shall be by separate agreement between the Parties and are not a subject of this Agreement.

- 5.2 The Parties agree that their only rights to offset amounts due under this Agreement and under the CCA tariff are those rights (a) provided for in Rule 23, parts S.7 and T.2; (b) provided for in any express agreements between the parties regarding bond/re-entry fee obligations, and (c) any rights otherwise expressly permitted by the CPUC in an order issued after the execution of this Agreement. The Parties also agree that they shall have no right to offset amounts due under other non-CCA contracts and tariffs from the amounts due under his Agreement and the CCA tariff.

**Section 6: Limitation of Liability**

Each Party's liability to the other Party for any loss, cost, claim, injury, liability, or expense, including reasonable attorneys' fees, relating to or arising from any act or omission in its performance of this Agreement, shall be limited to the amount of direct damage actually incurred, except as provided for in this Section. In no event shall either Party be liable to the other Party for any indirect, special, consequential, or punitive damages of any kind whatsoever, whether in contract, tort or strict liability, except in the event of an action covered by the Indemnification provisions of Section 7 of this Agreement or by the indemnification provisions in any Nondisclosure Agreement relating to the disclosure of confidential information to the CCA, in which event this Section 6 shall not be applicable.

**Section 7: Indemnification**

- 7.1 To the fullest extent permitted by law, and subject to the limitations set forth in Section 6 of this Agreement, each Party (the "Indemnifying Party") shall indemnify and hold harmless the other Party, and its current and future direct and indirect parent companies, affiliates and their shareholders, officers, directors, employees, agents, servants and assigns (collectively, the "Indemnified Party"), and at the Indemnified Party's option, the Indemnifying Party shall defend the Indemnified

Party, from and against any and all claims and/or liabilities for losses, expenses, damage to property, injury to or death of any person, including, but not limited to, the Indemnified Party's employees and its affiliates' employees, subcontractors and subcontractors' employees, or any other liability incurred by the Indemnified Party, including reasonable expenses, legal and otherwise, which shall include reasonable attorneys' fees, caused wholly or in part by any negligent, grossly negligent or willful act or omission by the Indemnifying Party, its officers, directors, employees, agents or assigns arising out of this Agreement, except to the extent caused wholly or in part by any negligent, grossly negligent or willful act or omission of the Indemnified Party.

- 7.2 If any claim covered by Section 7.1 is brought against the Indemnified Party, then the Indemnifying Party shall be entitled to participate in, and unless in the opinion of counsel for the Indemnified Party a conflict of interest between the Parties may exist with respect to such claim, assume the defense of such claim, with counsel reasonably acceptable to the Indemnified Party. If the Indemnifying Party does not assume the defense of the Indemnified Party, or if a conflict precludes the Indemnifying Party from assuming the defense, then the Indemnifying Party shall reimburse the Indemnified Party on a monthly basis for the Indemnified Party's defense through separate counsel of the Indemnified Party's choice. Even if the Indemnifying Party assumes the defense of the Indemnified Party with acceptable counsel, the Indemnified Party, at its sole option, may participate in the defense, at its own expense, with counsel of its own choice without relieving the Indemnifying Party of any of its obligations hereunder. In no event shall either Party be liable to the other Party for any indirect, special, consequential, or punitive damages of any kind whatsoever, whether in contract, tort or strict liability.
- 7.3 The Indemnifying Party's obligation to indemnify under this Section 7 shall survive termination of this Agreement, and shall not be limited in any way by any limitation on the amount or type of damages, compensation or benefits payable by or for the Indemnifying Party under any statutory scheme, including, without limitation, under any Worker's Compensation Acts, Disability Benefit Acts or other Employee Benefit Acts.

**Section 8: Assignment and Delegation**

- 8.1 Neither Party to this Agreement shall assign any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement, except with the prior written consent of the other Party, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed. No assignment of this Agreement shall relieve the assigning Party of any of its obligations under this Agreement until such obligations have been assumed by the assignee. When duly assigned in accordance with the foregoing, this Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the assignee and the assignor shall be relieved of its rights and obligations. Any assignment in violation of this Section 8 shall be void.
- 8.2 Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 8, either Party may subcontract its

duties under this Agreement to a subcontractor, provided that the subcontracting Party shall remain fully responsible as a principal and not as a guarantor for performance of any subcontracted duties, shall serve as the point of contact between its subcontractor and the other Party, and shall provide the other Party with thirty (30) calendar days' prior written notice of any such subcontracting, which notice shall include such information about the subcontractor as the other Party shall reasonably require. If either Party subcontracts any of its duties hereunder, it shall cause its subcontractors to perform in a manner which is in conformity with that Party's obligations under this Agreement.

**Section 9: Independent Contractors**

Each Party shall perform its obligations under this Agreement (including any obligations performed by a Party's designees as permitted under Section 8 of this Agreement) as an independent contractor.

**Section 10: Entire Agreement**

This Agreement consists of, in its entirety, this Community Choice Aggregator Service Agreement and all attachments hereto, all Community Choice Aggregation Service Requests submitted pursuant to this Agreement and PG&E's community choice aggregation tariffs. This Agreement supersedes all other agreements or understandings, written or oral, between the Parties related to the subject matter hereof, with the express exception of any Nondisclosure Agreement relating to the disclosure of confidential information to the CCA. This Agreement may be modified from time to time only by an instrument in writing, signed by both Parties.

**Section 11: Nondisclosure**

11.1 Notwithstanding anything provided below, prior to receiving any PG&E confidential customer information, CCA agrees to enter into the CCA Non-Disclosure Agreement and be bound by its terms with respect to Confidential Information as defined therein.

Neither Party may disclose any Confidential Information obtained pursuant to this Agreement to any third party, including affiliates of such Party, without the express prior written consent of the other Party. As used herein, the term "Confidential Information" shall include, but not be limited to, all business, financial, and commercial information pertaining to the Parties, customers of either or both Parties, suppliers for either Party, personnel of either Party, any trade secrets, and other information of a similar nature, whether written or in intangible form that is marked proprietary or confidential with the appropriate owner's name. Confidential Information shall not include information known to either Party prior to obtaining the same from the other Party, information in the public domain, or information obtained by a Party from a third party who did not, directly or indirectly, receive the same from the other Party to this Agreement or from a party who was under an obligation of confidentiality to the other Party to this Agreement or information developed by either Party independent of any Confidential Information. The receiving Party shall use the higher of the standard of care that the receiving Party uses to preserve its own confidential information or a reasonable standard of care to prevent unauthorized use or disclosure of such Confidential Information. Each receiving Party shall, upon termination of this Agreement or at any time upon the request of the disclosing Party, promptly return or destroy all Confidential Information of the disclosing Party then in its possession.

11.2 Notwithstanding the preceding, Confidential Information may be disclosed to any

governmental, judicial or regulatory authority requiring such Confidential Information pursuant to any applicable law, regulation, ruling, or order, provided that: (a) such Confidential Information is submitted under any applicable provision, if any, for confidential treatment by such governmental, judicial or regulatory authority; and (b) prior to such disclosure, the other Party is given prompt notice of the disclosure requirement so that it may take whatever action it deems appropriate, including intervention in any proceeding and the seeking of any injunction to prohibit such disclosure.

**Section 12: Enforceability**

If any provision of this Agreement or the application thereof, is to any extent held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement and the application thereof, other than those provisions which have been held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect and shall be enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law or in equity.

**Section 13: Notices**

13.1 Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, any notices under this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be effective upon delivery if delivered by (a) hand; (b) U.S. Mail, first class postage pre-paid, or (c) facsimile, with confirmation of receipt to the Parties as follows:

**If the notice is to CCA:**

Name of Entity: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_

**If the notice is to PG&E:**

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_

13.2 Each Party shall be entitled to specify as its proper address any other address in the United States upon written notice to the other Party.

13.3 Each Party shall designate on Attachment A the person(s) to be contacted with respect to specific operational matters relating to Community Choice Aggregation service. Each Party shall be entitled to specify any change to such person(s) upon written notice to the other Party.

**Section 14: Time of Essence**

The Parties expressly agree that time is of the essence for all portions of this Agreement.

**Section 15: Dispute Resolution**

15.1 The form of this Agreement has been filed with and approved by the CPUC as part of PG&E's applicable tariffs. Except as provided in Section 15.2 and 15.3, any dispute arising between the Parties relating to interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement or to the performance of PG&E's obligations hereunder, including any alleged material breach that has not ripened into an Event of Default under Section 4 of this Agreement, shall be reduced to writing and referred to the Parties' representatives identified on Attachment A for resolution, with the responding Party filing its written response within thirty (30) business days after receiving the written position of the complaining party. Thereafter, the Parties shall be required to meet and confer within ten (10) business days in a good faith effort to resolve their dispute. Pending such resolution, the Parties shall continue to proceed diligently with the performance of their respective obligations under this Agreement, unless this Agreement has been terminated under Section 4.2. ~~If the Parties fail to reach an agreement within ten (10) additional business days of the last session to meet and confer, the matter shall, upon demand of either Party, be submitted to resolution before the CPUC in accordance with the CPUC's rules, regulations and procedures applicable to resolution of such disputes.~~

15.2 ~~Except as provided in Section T.3 of PG&E's applicable community choice aggregation tariff (Rule 23), any dispute arising between the Parties relating to interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement or to the performance of the CCA's obligations hereunder shall be reduced to writing and referred to the Parties' representatives identified on Attachment A for resolution, with the responding Party~~

~~filing its written response within thirty (30) business days after receiving the written position of the complaining party. Thereafter, the Parties shall be required to meet and confer within ten (10) business days in a good faith effort to resolve their dispute. Pending resolution, the Parties shall continue to proceed diligently with the performance of their respective obligations under this Agreement, unless this Agreement has been terminated under Section 4.2.~~ If the Parties fail to reach an agreement within ten (10) additional business days of the last session to meet and confer, the matter shall, upon demand of either Party, be submitted to resolution before the CPUC in accordance with the CPUC's rules, regulations and procedures applicable to resolution of such disputes, ~~as allowed by law or in equity,~~ or the ~~parties~~ Parties may mutually agree to pursue mediation or binding arbitration to resolve such issues. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in Exigent Circumstances (i.e., a failure by a Party to perform its obligations hereunder that poses a substantial threat of irreparable economic or other harm to the CCA, PG&E, or electric customers), either Party may seek an emergency order from the Commission in accordance with the CPUC's applicable rules, regulations and procedures. PG&E (without conceding that an Assigned Commissioner or an Administrative Law Judge have the authority to do so) and the CCA agree to comply with an interim order of an Assigned Commissioner (or of an Administrative Law Judge, in consultation with the Assigned Commissioner) assigned by the Commission to handle such a claim for emergency relief, but each retains all authority to challenge any such order. The CCA shall also comply with the requirements of Rule 23.T.3 regarding proceeding before the CPUC in Exigent Circumstances.

15.3 ~~Notwithstanding the provisions of Paragraph 15.1 and 15.2 above: (a) all disputes between the Parties relating to the payment by the CCA of any PG&E fees or charges shall be subject to the provisions of PG&E's applicable tariffs governing disputes over customer bills; (b) all disputes between the Parties regarding non-bypassable charges (including Competition Transition Charges, Cost Responsibility Surcharges, and any other nonbypassable charges adopted by the Commission) payable by community choice aggregation customers or the CCA on behalf of such customers shall be subject to the provisions of PG&E's applicable tariffs; and (c) PG&E may pursue available remedies in law or equity for unauthorized electrical use by the CCA in a court of competent jurisdiction.~~

~~15.4~~ If the dispute involves a request for damages arising out of an Event of Default or other breach as determined by the Commission, parties understand that the Commission has no authority to award damages. To ~~resolved~~ determine the amount of such ~~issues~~ damages, the parties may ~~mutually~~ agree to pursue mediation or binding arbitration to resolve such issues, or if no such agreement is reached, to pursue, or either of them may bring action in a court of competent jurisdiction. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Parties expressly agree and acknowledge that the Commission shall have the sole jurisdiction to adjudicate any claims (other than the amount of damages) in connection with the Agreement.

~~15.4~~ legal or equitable remedies that are available to the parties. This Section 15 shall not apply to any claims or actions that a party would be able to bring in the absence of this Agreement.

**Section 16: Applicable Law and Venue**

This Agreement shall be interpreted, governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California, and shall exclude any choice of law rules that direct the application of the laws of another jurisdiction, irrespective of the place of execution or of the order in which the signatures of the parties are affixed or of the place or places of performance. Except for matters and disputes with respect to which the CPUC is the initial proper venue for dispute resolution pursuant to applicable law or this Agreement, the federal and state courts located in San Francisco County, California shall constitute the sole proper venue for resolution of any matter or dispute hereunder, and the Parties submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of such courts with respect to such matters and disputes.

**Section 17: Force Majeure**

Neither Party shall be liable for any delay or failure in the performance of any part of this Agreement (other than obligations to pay money) due to any event of force majeure or other cause beyond its reasonable control, including but not limited to, unusually severe weather, flood, fire, lightning, epidemic, quarantine restriction, war, sabotage, act of a public enemy, earthquake, insurrection, riot, civil disturbance, strike, work stoppage caused by jurisdictional and similar disputes, restraint by court order or public authority, or action or non-action by or inability to obtain authorization or approval from any governmental authority, or any combination of these causes, which by the exercise of due diligence and foresight such Party could not reasonably have been expected to avoid and which by the exercise of due diligence is unable to overcome. It is agreed that upon the Party so affected giving written notice and reasonably full particulars of such force majeure to the other Party within a reasonable time after the cause relied on, then the obligations of the Party, so far as they are affected by the event of force majeure, shall be suspended during the continuation of such inability and circumstance and shall, so far as possible, be remedied with all reasonable dispatch. In the event of force majeure, as described herein, both Parties shall take all reasonable steps to comply with this Agreement and PG&E's applicable tariffs despite occurrence of a force majeure event.

**Section 18: Unauthorized Use of Energy (Energy Theft)**

- 18.1 The CCA represents and warrants that for each of its Customers, and at all times during which it provides community choice aggregation services as a Community Choice Aggregator, the CCA shall completely, accurately, and in a timely manner account for each of its Customer's loads. Load data not accounted for in this manner may provide grounds for termination of this Agreement. For verification purposes only, PG&E shall have complete access to the load data provided to the CAISO by the CCA. Such information is to remain confidential, and shall not be disclosed to any unauthorized person other than the CPUC, the California Independent System Operator or other law enforcement or regulatory authority.
- 18.2 PG&E shall notify the CCA immediately and the CCA shall notify PG&E immediately of any suspected unauthorized energy use. The Parties agree to preserve any evidence of unauthorized energy use. Once unauthorized energy use is suspected, PG&E, in its sole discretion, may take any or all of the actions permitted under PG&E's applicable tariffs.

**Section 19: Not a Joint Venture**

Unless specifically stated in this Agreement to be otherwise, the duties, obligations, and liabilities of the Parties are intended to be several and not joint or collective. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall ever be construed to create an association, trust, partnership or joint venture or to impose a trust or partnership duty, obligation, or liability on or with regard to either Party. Each Party shall be liable individually and severally for its own obligations under this Agreement.

**Section 20: Conflicts Between this Agreement and PG&E's Community Choice Aggregation Tariff**

Should a conflict exist or develop between the provisions of this Agreement and PG&E's community choice aggregation tariff, as approved by the CPUC, the provisions of PG&E's community choice aggregation tariff shall prevail.

**Section 21: Amendments or Modifications**

- 21.1 Except as provided in Section 21.2, no amendment or modification shall be made to this Agreement, in whole or in part, except by an instrument in writing executed by authorized representatives of the Parties, and no amendment or modification shall be made by course of performance, course of dealing or usage of trade.
- 21.2 This Agreement may be subject to such changes or modifications as the CPUC may from time to time direct or necessitate in the exercise of its jurisdiction, and the Parties may amend the Agreement to conform to changes directed or necessitated by the CPUC. In the event the Parties are unable to agree on the required changes or modifications to this Agreement, their dispute shall be resolved in accordance with the provisions of Section 15 hereof or, in the alternative, CCA may elect to terminate this Agreement upon written notice to PG&E, which shall be effective upon the receipt thereof. PG&E retains the right to unilaterally file with the CPUC, pursuant to the CPUC's rules and regulations, an application for a change in PG&E's rates, charges, classification, service or rules, or any agreement relating thereto.

**Section 22: Audits**

- 22.1 PG&E shall retain such specific records as may be required to support the accuracy of [a\) the meter data provided in PG&E's consolidated billings](#), [\(b\) remittances of CCA customer payments to the CCA](#), and [\(c\) charges for services provided by PG&E \(collectively "Audit Matters"\)](#). When the CCA reasonably believes that errors related to metering or billing activity may have occurred, the

CCA may request the production of such documents as may be required to verify the accuracy of such metering and consolidated billing. Such documents shall be provided within ten (10) business days of such request. In the event the CCA, upon review of such documents, continues to believe that PG&E's duty to accurately meter and provide consolidated billing for usage has been breached, the CCA may direct that an audit be conducted. The CCA shall designate their own employee representative or their contracted representative to audit PG&E's records.

- 22.2 Any such audit shall be undertaken by the CCA, or their contracted representative at reasonable times without interference with PG&E's business operations, and in compliance with the PG&E's security procedures. PG&E and the CCA agree to cooperate fully with any such audit.
- 22.3 Specific records to support the accuracy of meter data provided in the consolidated billings may require examination of billing and metering support documentation maintained by subcontractors. PG&E shall include a similar clause in its agreements with subcontractors reserving the right to designate their own employee representative, or their contracted representative to audit records related to consolidated billing to Community Choice Aggregation Customers.
- 22.4 The CCA will notify PG&E in writing of any exception taken as a result of an audit. PG&E shall refund the amount of any undisputed exception to the CCA within ten (10) days. If PG&E fails to make such payment, PG&E agrees to pay interest, accruing monthly, at a rate equal to the prime rate plus two percent (2%) of Bank of America NT&SA, San Francisco, or any successor institution, in effect from time to time, but not to exceed the maximum contract rate permitted by the applicable usury laws of the State of California. Interest will be computed from the date of written notification of exceptions to the date PG&E reimburses the CCA for any exception. The cost of such audit shall be paid by the auditing Party; provided, however, that in the event an audit verifies overcharges of five percent (5%) or more, then PG&E shall reimburse the CCA for the cost of the audit.

22.5 This right to audit shall extend for a period of three (3) years following the date of final payment under this Agreement. Each party and each subcontractor shall retain all necessary records and documentation for the entire length of this audit period.

**Section 23: Miscellaneous**

23.1 Unless otherwise stated in this Agreement: (a) any reference in this Agreement to a section, subsection, attachment or similar term refers to the provisions of this Agreement; (b) a reference to a section includes that section and all its subsections; and (c) the words “include,” “includes,” and “including” when used in this Agreement shall be deemed in each case to be followed by the words “without limitation.” The Parties agree that the normal rule of construction to the effect that any ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting Party shall not be employed in the interpretation of this Agreement

23.2 The provisions of this Agreement are for the benefit of the Parties and not for any other person or third party beneficiary. The provisions of this Agreement shall not impart rights enforceable by any person, firm or organization other than a Party or a successor or assignee of a Party to this Agreement.

23.3 The descriptive headings of the various sections of this Agreement have been inserted for convenience of reference only and shall in no way define, modify or restrict any of the terms and provisions thereof.

23.4 Any waiver at any time by either Party of its rights with respect to a default under this Agreement, or with respect to any other matter arising in connection with this Agreement, shall not be deemed a waiver with respect to any other or subsequent default or matter and no waiver shall be considered effective unless in writing.

23.5 Each Party shall be responsible for paying its own attorneys’ fees and other costs associated with this Agreement, except as provided in Sections 6 and 7 hereof. If a dispute exists hereunder, the prevailing Party, as determined by the CPUC, or as may otherwise be determined by the dispute resolution procedure contained in Section 15 hereof, if used, or by a court of law, shall be entitled to reasonable attorneys’ fees and costs.

23.6 To the extent that the CPUC has a right under then-current law to audit either Party’s compliance with this Agreement or other legal or regulatory requirements pertaining to Community Choice Aggregation transactions, that Party shall cooperate with such audits. Nothing in this Section shall be construed as an admission by either Party with respect to the right of the CPUC to conduct such audits or the scope thereof.

23.7 Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, all rights of termination, cancellation or other remedies in this Agreement are cumulative. Use of any remedy shall not preclude any other remedy in this Agreement.

The Parties have executed this Agreement on the dates indicated below, to be effective upon the later date.

**On Behalf of CCA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**On Behalf of PG&E**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTACHMENT A**

**A. Definitions:**

**Billing Services** - The consolidated billing services described in PG&E's community choice aggregation tariff which are provided by PG&E.

**Community Choice Aggregation Customer** - An end-use customer located within PG&E's service territory who purchases Community Choice Aggregation Services through the CCA.

**Community Choice Aggregator (CCA)** – An entity that provides electric supply services to Community Choice Aggregation customers within PG&E's service territory. A CCA may also provide certain energy efficiency and conservation programs to its Community Choice Aggregation customers as provided for under PG&E's tariffs.

**CCA Charges** - Charges for Community Choice Aggregation Services provided by the CCA.

**PG&E Charges** - Charges (a) for services provided by PG&E; or (b) which are energy-related and which are approved by the CPUC or the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (including any nonbypassable charges (such as Competition Transition Charges, Cost Responsibility Surcharges, and any other nonbypassable charges adopted by a regulatory body) or Fixed Transition Amount Charges owing to PG&E or its affiliates, as those terms are defined under the California Public Utilities Code). Fixed Transition Amount Charges are also referred to as Trust Transfer Amount (TTA) Charges.

**B. Contact Persons (Section 13.3):**

**Billing Services**

PG&E Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

CCA Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Parties' Representatives (Section 15.1):**

*PG&E Representative:*

*Contact Name* \_\_\_\_\_

*Business Address* \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

*CCA Representative:*

*Contact Name* \_\_\_\_\_

*Business Address* \_\_\_\_\_

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**PG&E Gas and Electric  
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General Order 96-B, Section IV**

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| AT&T  | Douglass & Liddell                          | OnGrid Solar   |
| Alcantar & Kahl LLP                           | Downey & Brand                              | Pacific Gas and Electric Company                           |
| Anderson & Poole                              | Ellison Schneider & Harris LLP              | Praxair  |
| BART  | G. A. Krause & Assoc.                       | Regulatory & Cogeneration Service, Inc.                    |
| Barkovich & Yap, Inc.                         | GenOn Energy Inc.                           | SCD Energy Solutions                                       |
| Bartle Wells Associates                       | GenOn Energy, Inc.                          | SCE  |
| Bear Valley Electric Service                  | Goodin, MacBride, Squeri, Schlotz & Ritchie | SDG&E and SoCalGas   |
| Braun Blaising McLaughlin, P.C.               | Green Power Institute                       | SPURR  |
| CENERGY POWER                                 | Hanna & Morton                              | San Francisco Public Utilities Commission                  |
| California Cotton Ginners & Growers Assn      | In House Energy                             | Seattle City Light   |
| California Energy Commission                  | International Power Technology              | Sempra Utilities   |
| California Public Utilities Commission        | Intestate Gas Services, Inc.                | SoCalGas   |
| California State Association of Counties      | Kelly Group                                 | Southern California Edison Company                         |
| Calpine                                       | Linde                                       | Spark Energy   |
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| Center for Biological Diversity               | MAC Lighting Consulting                     | Sunshine Design  |
| City of Palo Alto                             | MRW & Associates                            | Tecogen, Inc.  |
| City of San Jose                              | Manatt Phelps Phillips                      | Tiger Natural Gas, Inc.                                    |
| Clean Power                                   | Marin Energy Authority                      | TransCanada  |
| Coast Economic Consulting                     | McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP                 | Utility Cost Management                                    |
| Commercial Energy                             | McKenzie & Associates                       | Utility Power Solutions                                    |
| County of Tehama - Department of Public Works | Modesto Irrigation District                 | Utility Specialists  |
| Crossborder Energy                            | Morgan Stanley                              | Verizon  |
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