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December 17, 2015

Honorable President Michael Picker
Honorable Commissioner Mike Florio
Honorable Commissioner Catherine Sandoval
Honorable Commissioner Carla Peterman
Honorable Commissioner Liane Randolph

California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

***SUBJECT: THE POWER CHARGE INDIFFERENCE ADJUSTMENT PROPOSED
INCREASE AND PROPOSED DECISION IN A.15-06-001, PG&E'S 2016
ERRA PROCEEDING***

Dear President Picker and Commissioners:

On behalf of the Town of Atherton, we oppose PG&E's proposed increase of the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (PCIA) charged to Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) customers in Application 15-06-001. As a community that has led the way and initiated the first steps to join the CCA on behalf of our residents, we believe the increase will profoundly affect the viability of a local CCA program.

Current CCAs and their customers have led the State in achieving Governor Brown's ambitious renewable energy goals. Communities like ours hope to have similar success and by providing our residents with opportunities to reduce their local greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and support local energy resource projects. The fee increase makes that effort much more difficult and forces our residents to make a choice based on cost rather than sustainability.

In the past two years, the PCIA has already made an impact on the viability of CCAs in California. Marin Clean Energy (MCE) customers have collectively paid more than \$32 million in PCIA fees to PG&E, an amount MCE expects will double in 2016 if the proposed PCIA increase is adopted. PG&E is the only utility in the State to levy PCIA fees on low income CARE customers who in MCE's territory alone may pay more than \$2 million in 2016.

The PCIA increase proposed will affect the viability of a CCA program in our community. We therefore respectfully urge the Commission to reject PG&E's proposed increase and consider

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alternatives that will mitigate the impacts of proposed rate increases on CCA customers. We support the Commission's re-examination of how the PCIA is calculated and applied to CCA customers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Lewis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E".

Elizabeth Lewis, Mayor

cc: City Council
County Board of Supervisors
Mayor's Website Correspondence