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Marin Clean Energy Sees Opportunity with PG&E Announcement That It Won't Meet Renewable Energy Requirements

SAN RAFAEL—An announcement this week by PG&E Corp. that it would fail to meet even minimum state requirements for increasing its supply of renewable energy provided continuing evidence for why Marin Clean Energy offers Marin County residents and businesses a better choice for cleaner, affordable electricity.

“PG&E keeps saying that it’s working to increase its renewable energy, and yet this monopoly utility won’t even meet the minimum state legal requirements for doing so,” said Dawn Weisz, interim Director of the Marin Energy Authority, which is launching Marin Clean Energy to bypass PG&E and provide consumers with up to 100 percent renewable energy. “Right out of the gate, Marin Clean Energy at a minimum is going to provide consumers with almost twice the renewable energy as PG&E at the same price.”

The announcement by PG&E came during an annual investor conference in San Francisco, at which top company executives acknowledged that the utility giant would fail to meet the state requirement for getting 20 percent of its electricity from renewable sources like solar, wind, geothermal and biomass. PG&E currently provides just 12-14% renewable energy, with the bulk of its electricity coming from natural gas, nuclear and hydro-electric.

PG&E Corp.’s announcement comes at the same time the San Francisco behemoth is spending millions of dollars fighting Marin Clean Energy and trying to persuade Marin consumers through a barrage of direct mail pieces from a special-interest lobbying group to opt out of the program.

“It’s unfortunate that while PG&E is failing to meet its renewable energy obligations it’s fighting to deny Marin consumers a better choice through a small, local green-energy program like Marin Clean Energy,” Weisz said.

Marin Clean Energy formally begins Phase I service in early June after more than five years of extensive and careful study, research, analysis and public review. Phase I

includes large commercial, residential and municipal customers, who can also choose to opt out of the program or sign up to receive 100 percent renewable electricity for a small amount more every month.

In addition, smaller Phase II customers, who are not officially scheduled to begin participating in MCE until sometime in 2011, can get an early start by signing up now to receive 100% renewable, also called Deep Green. Customers can request Deep Green by calling 1-888-632-3674 or signing up online at <http://www.marincleanenergy.info/deepgreen.cfm>.

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Marin Clean Energy is a program of the Marin Energy Authority, a publicly approved joint powers authority composed of County of Marin and the cities of San Rafael, Mill Valley, Fairfax, San Anselmo, Tiburon and Belvedere. For more information about Marin Clean Energy, visit www.MarinCleanEnergy.info.