

Marin County – PG&E Renewable Energy Program

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The following are key elements of a potential “Marin County – PG&E Renewable Energy Program” to be sponsored by Marin County, PG&E and interested local Marin governments, under which PG&E would supply renewable energy to retail electricity customers in Marin County who choose to buy renewable energy at a higher percentage than currently offered as part of PG&E’s traditional utility service.

- PG&E Commitment to Supply Renewable Energy in Marin County. Under the Marin County- PG&E Renewable Energy Program, PG&E would provide renewable energy products to retail electricity customers in Marin County under terms and conditions comparable to renewable energy supply agreements available in the marketplace.
- Local Renewable Energy Facilities, Including Solar. As part of the Marin County- PG&E Renewable Energy Program and upon the request of Marin County or any other Marin County local government, PG&E would finance, procure, construct, operate and maintain solar energy photovoltaic (PV) facilities or other desirable renewable energy facilities at sites provided by Marin County or Marin County local governments, and would sell the output to retail customers in Marin County who voluntarily choose to have their electricity supply come from these local, community-based renewable energy facilities.
- Solar and Renewable Energy Job Training. As part of the solar energy PV and renewable energy program, PG&E and Marin County would apply for federal, state and non-profit job training grants to enable the hiring and training of low-income Marin County workers to perform construction, installation and maintenance of PV and other renewable energy facilities .
- Priority for Marin County Public Services. Marin County and Marin County local governments would have first call on the output from the local renewable energy facilities to serve their jurisdictions’ energy needs.
- Continued Reliable and Safe PG&E Utility Service in Marin County. PG&E would continue to provide the same overall electric and gas utility services to Marin customers without regard to whether they choose traditional electric service from PG&E or the Marin County- PG&E Renewable Energy Program. In other words, there would be no change in the retail electricity provider serving Marin customers or the services received by those customers.
- Financing by PG&E, Not Marin, Unless Marin Wishes to Support Financing. PG&E would finance and recover the costs of the Marin County- PG&E Renewable Energy Program directly from customers signing up for the program and under direct regulatory review by the California Public Utilities Commission. No debt or financing would be required from Marin County or Marin County

local governments, either directly or indirectly, unless the County wishes to support the financing.

- Protection Against Financial Risks. The program commitments of participating customers, including Marin County and local governments, would be of sufficient duration so that the capital and financing costs of the facilities would be recovered without risk of stranded costs or debt being incurred by either PG&E or the County as a result of customers choosing other electricity providers at some future date.
- Customer Choice. Customer participation in the Marin County-PG&E Renewable Energy Program would be strictly voluntary. No customers would be automatically enrolled into the program without their affirmative, up-front, written consent.
- PG&E Would Be Responsible for Supplying Renewable Energy, Not an Unregulated Third Party Energy Supplier. PG&E would be solely responsible for supplying renewable energy to Marin County customers under regulations established by the California Public Utilities Commission and would use its bulk power purchasing ability and energy procurement expertise to maximize the customer benefits of the Marin County- PG&E Renewable Energy Program. There would be no reliance by customers on unregulated third party electricity suppliers, generators, energy marketers or traders.
- Other “Green” Services Available to Marin County Under Program. As part of the Marin County-PG&E Renewable Energy Program and at the request of Marin County or Marin customers, PG&E would continue to provide other related and innovative “green” services, including home and commercial energy audits; flexible and time-of-use pricing options; advanced electric meters; building energy design services; customer energy efficiency rebates and incentives; demand response programs; employer and commuter transportation programs; and assistance and job training to “green energy” vendors and developers.
- Marin County- PG&E Renewable Energy Program Fully Operating by January 1, 2010. The Marin County-PG&E Renewable Energy Program would be submitted to the California Public Utilities Commission for approval no later than January 1, 2009, and would begin operation no later than January 1, 2010, if approved by the CPUC. In order to ensure the effectiveness of the program, the program would be designed to be modified, extended or terminated upon the request of either Marin County or PG&E after an initial “pilot” phase.