

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

City and County of San Francisco

RESOLUTION NO. 23-0139

WHEREAS, The San Francisco Board of Supervisors established a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program in 2004 (Ordinance 86-04) and has implemented the program, called CleanPowerSF, through the work of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) in consultation with the San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission (Ordinances 146-07, 147-07, and 232-09); and

WHEREAS, The SFPUC has adopted program goals and Business Practice Policies (Resolution No. 15-0267, amended with Resolution No. 18-0028), for CleanPowerSF that guide CleanPowerSF's planning and operations, including leading with affordable and reliable service, providing cleaner electricity alternatives, and investing in local renewable projects and jobs while providing for long-term rate and financial stability; and

WHEREAS, CleanPowerSF initiated service to approximately 7,800 customers in May 2016, and following on the success of its initial phase of service, undertook multiple additional auto-enrollments, until citywide enrollment of all eligible customer accounts was completed in June 2020, resulting in now serving approximately 380,000 customer accounts with annual electricity sales of about 3,000 gigawatt-hours and an annual peak demand of 550 megawatts; and

WHEREAS, The SFPUC, by Resolution No. 21-0023, and the Board, by Ordinance No. 25-21, authorized CleanPowerSF to become a member of California Community Power (CC Power), a joint powers authority comprised of nine CCAs representing over 3 million customers across 148 municipalities spanning from Humboldt County to Santa Barbara County, and in April 2021 the CC Power Board approved CleanPowerSF's membership (Resolution 21-04-09); and

WHEREAS, Since joining CC Power, CleanPowerSF has executed Project Participation and Share Agreements to purchase energy and capacity from two long-duration energy storage projects and two geothermal projects, supporting its compliance with California Public Utilities Commission Decision 21-06-035; and

WHEREAS, On December 14, 2022 the CC Power Board approved and adopted a Strategic Business Plan, which establishes business objectives for the agency, including 1) build organizational capacity to provide value to members including hiring a full-time general manager and clarifying or adding operating policies and procedures, 2) successfully implement agreements for long duration storage and firm clean resources [geothermal], 3) pursue opportunities enabled by the Inflation Reduction Act, including innovative technologies; and 4) achieve savings through joint procurement of programs and services; and

WHEREAS, In February 2023, consistent with the adopted Strategic Business Plan, CC Power hired a full-time general manager who is charged with developing the organizational capacity to successfully implement the existing power purchase agreements and pursue new opportunities that would benefit from multi-agency collaboration; and

WHEREAS, This action does not constitute a “project” under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15378 because funds would be used only for general and administrative costs and it does not involve commitment to any specific project that may result in a physical change in the environment; and procurement of energy and capacity from future energy projects will not commence until the project(s) have been reviewed and any appropriate environmental review under the CEQA, if required, has been completed; and

WHEREAS, The CC Power Board adopted a fiscal year 2023-2024 budget for on-going general administrative activities totaling \$759,044, of which CleanPowerSF’s pro-rata share is \$84,833; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, This Commission finds it is prudent and reasonable to approve a CleanPowerSF not-to-exceed amount for CleanPowerSF’s pro-rata contributions to CC Power’s on-going general and administrative expenses, including a contingency for additional, unanticipated, expenses for a period of 25 years to ensure that it is able to meet its general obligations as a member of CC Power while the long-term Project Participation and Share Agreements are in effect; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That this Commission hereby approves CleanPowerSF’s share of the on-going general and administrative costs for its participation in the California Community Power Agency, for an amount not-to-exceed \$100,000 per year adjusted by 5% per year for 25 years and authorizes the General Manager to seek Board of Supervisors approval.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Public Utilities Commission at its meeting of June 27, 2023.


Secretary, Public Utilities Commission