

LEGISLATIVE DIGEST

[Urging the Public Utilities Commission to Implement a Revised Community Choice Aggregation Program]

Ordinance urging the Public Utilities Commission to implement a Community Choice Aggregation Program that uses existing staff and excess generation from Hetch Hetchy and includes a 100% greenhouse gas emission free energy option and a “Light Green” option with average rates less than or equal to PG&E's rates while exceeding PG&E’s level of renewable energy.

Existing Law

Not applicable.

Amendments to Current Law

Not applicable.

Background Information

The ordinance urges the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) to implement a community choice aggregation (CCA) program, CleanPowerSF, using Power Enterprise staff and excess Hetch Hetchy hydroelectric power. The ordinance recommends that the program include two options in its initial phase (Phase 1): a 100% GHG-emission-free energy option and a "Light Green" option with average rates less than or equal to PG&E's rates while exceeding PG&E’s level of renewable energy.

The ordinance explains that in Resolution 348-12, the Board of Supervisors previously approved launch of a CleanPowerSF program and a contract with Shell North America subject to conditions. One condition was approval by the SFPUC of not-to-exceed rates for CleanPowerSF. This condition was never fulfilled. In addition, a recent report by the San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) found that the Power Enterprise staff has the skills, expertise, processes and systems needed to implement CleanPowerSF; thus a contract with Shell North America is not needed.

The ordinance also explains that in Ordinance No. 78-14, the Board of Supervisors approved a study of the feasibility of implementing CleanPowerSF by joining with Marin Clean Energy (MCE) or otherwise working with MCE to provide CCA service. However, MCE has informed LAFCo that it currently lacks the capacity to provide CCA service to a larger jurisdiction like San Francisco.