

RE: SFPUC SE Request: CleanPowerSF Rate Adjustment

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The Planning Department has determined that the proposed Clean PowerSF Rate Adjustment is statutorily exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA section 21080(b)(8) and CEQA Guidelines section 15273 related to the establishment, modification, structuring, restructuring, or approval of rates, tolls, fares, or other charges.

This determination is further documented in Planning Department Case #2021-009464ENV.

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Subject: SFPUC SE Request: CleanPowerSF Rate Adjustment

Good afternoon!

Attached please find a statutory exemption request for the CleanPowerSF Rate Adjustment. Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Thanks in advance!

Angie

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September 13, 2021

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RE: CEQA Statutory Exemption Request
 CleanPowerSF Rate Adjustment Methodology -
 September 2021

Dear Chris,

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) proposes to approve rate adjustment methodology, implementation of time-of-use bill protection, and reinstatement of termination fee for the SFPUC Power Enterprise CleanPowerSF Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Program. The Bureau of Environmental Management recommends the proposed adoption of the rate adjustment formula by the Commission is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15273 (Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges) related to the establishment, modification, structuring, restructuring, or approval of rates, tolls, fares, or other charges.

BACKGROUND

The current CleanPowerSF rates were established using the Commission approved rate-setting methodology adopted in December 2018 by Commission Resolution 18-0209. The authority was updated by Commission Resolution 20-0048, adopted in February 2020, and subsequently updated again by Commission Resolution 21-0085, adopted in May 2021. The General Manager, under delegation of authority granted by the Commission under Resolution 21-0085, adjusted CleanPower rates in May 2021. This adjustment was determined to be statutorily exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA section 21080(b)(8) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15273 (Rates, Tolls,

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Fares, and Charges) by the San Francisco Planning Department on May 6, 2021 (Planning Department Case No. 2021-004576ENV).

The SFPUC currently proposes to again revise the existing rate adjustment methodology authorization of CleanPowerSF rates to the lesser of: 1) 10% higher than comparable PG&E generation rates, after accounting for the Power Charge Indifference Adjustment and Franchise Fee Surcharge, or 2) rates that recover CleanPowerSF's program costs. The new rate-setting methodology would be effective November 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Adoption of the action is scheduled for hearing before the Commission on September 28, 2021.

CEQA COMPLIANCE RECOMMENDATION

Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15273 (Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges) Subsection (a)(1) provides a statutory exemption from CEQA for the establishment, modification, structuring, restructuring, or approval of rates, tolls, fares, or other charges by public agencies for the purposes of meeting operating expenses. Thank you for your concurrence with this request.

Sincerely,



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cc: Erin Franks, SFPUC Rates Administrator
Michael Hyams, SFPUC Power Manager
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