

November 2, 2020

Nick Chaset, Chief Executive Officer East Bay Community Energy 1999 Harrison Street, Suite 800 Oakland, CA 94612

Via email to: nchaset@ebce.org

Regarding: Power Content Options for a 100% Carbon-Free Product

Dear Mr. Chaset:

The City of Dublin (City) is proud to be a member of EBCE and to partner on exciting EBCE spearheaded programs such as the municipal fleet electrification analysis and solar plus battery storage resiliency efforts. As the City begins implementing its newly updated Climate Action Plan (CAP), the partnership and programs will be even more important.

The keystone action in the updated CAP is community wide opt-up to a carbon-free power portfolio. The City understands that there are no new enrollments allowed into the existing Brilliant 100 power portfolio which had been the carbon-free option available at cost parity to Pacific Gas & Electric's (PG&E) standard rates. Now, the only carbon-free product is the Renewable 100 power portfolio which is offered at a cost premium. Especially during these trying economic times, the City is interested in a product that could include nuclear power from the Diablo Canyon Power Plant if it would be a 100% carbon-free product offered at rate parity with PG&E. Having this carbon-free power portfolio alternative available, which would create no new nuclear waste, would be a helpful bridge as cities try to achieve greenhouse gas emissions reductions goals while not burdening the community with increased electricity costs.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Shannan Young at <u>shannan.young@dublin.ca.gov</u> or at 925-833-6616.

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Linda Smith City Manager

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Since East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) launched in 2018, all Albany customers have been receiving the Brilliant 100 option, and have benefited from receiving 100% carbon-free electricity at rates equal to those of PG&E. When taking into consideration the emissions reduced from opting all electricity accounts into EBCE's carbon-free Brilliant 100 option, it is estimated that the City reduced overall emissions by 33% compared to 2005 emissions levels. As a result, Albany saves an estimated 3,844 MTCO2e each year, and eliminates nearly all greenhouse gas emissions associated with electricity within the City. Albany is proud to be a member jurisdiction of EBCE, and is thankful for the hard work and dedication of EBCE's Board members and staff.

Earlier this year, Albany learned that the Brilliant 100 option may be discontinued or may be offered at rates higher than PG&E's standard rates. In response, on October 5, 2020, the Albany City Council discussed prioritization of new default product options. The City Council expressed support for a product that would include nuclear power if it would allow for a 100% carbon-free product offered at price parity with PG&E. This would allow Albany customers to continue receiving 100% carbon-free electricity at price parity to PG&E rates. When EBCE staff presents options to the EBCE Board on November 18, Albany would appreciate having such a product considered as an option cities such as Albany could select as a default product.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Carrade, Sustainability Coordinator, at ecarrade@albanyca.org.

Sincerely,

Nick Pilch, Mayor City of Albany