

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Requesting East Bay Community Energy To Enroll All Residential, Commercial And Industrial Accounts In Renewable 100 (100% California-Based Wind And Solar) Service, With The Exception Of Those Participating In A) Medical Baseline, B) California Alternate Rates For Energy (CARE), C) Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA), Or D) Direct Access Electric Service Programs Or E) Those Who Have Previously Opted To A Specific EBCE Service Level, And F) Those Who Have Opted Out Of EBCE Service; CEQA Determination: Exempt Pursuant To CEQA Guideline 15061(b)(3)

WHEREAS, the City of Emeryville has been a leader in the fight against climate change, having adopted its first Climate Action Plan in 2008 with a goal of reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 25% below 2004 baseline emission levels by 2020 and updating its Climate Action Plan in 2016 with goals of reducing GHG emissions 40% by 2030 and 80% by 2050; and

WHEREAS, Emeryville's community GHG emissions have been reduced by approximately 38% over 2005 baseline levels; and

WHEREAS, Emeryville's Climate Action Plan identifies participation in a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program, which allows public agencies to procure a greater percentage of electrical power from renewable and greenhouse gas-free sources on behalf of electricity customers, as a key strategy to meet GHG reduction targets; and

WHEREAS, the Emeryville City Council voted to join the East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) CCA on November 1, 2016 and subsequently appointed representatives to its Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Emeryville City Council set the default electric service for Emeryville customers at the "Bright Choice" level, which in 2018 had GHG emissions 5% lower than PG&E's service, at a 1% price discount; and

WHEREAS, changes in the electricity market, along with the decision by the EBCE Board to exclude nuclear power from its service, have led to substantial increases of over 200% in the GHG emissions associated with the "Bright Choice" service; and

WHEREAS, EBCE's "Renewable 100" service offers 100% California-based wind and solar-generated power at a price premium of one cent per kWh used as compared to "Bright Choice" service; and

WHEREAS, customers have the option to switch back to "Bright Choice" or out to PG&E service; and

WHEREAS, this change will exempt customers taking advantage of income-qualified programs (California Alternate Rates for Energy/CARE and Family Energy Rate Assistance/FERA), those on Medical Baseline service, those enrolled in Direct Access

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Service, those who have made a service level election with EBCE, and those who have opted out of EBCE, and

WHEREAS, a GHG-free default electricity product would enable Emeryville to stay on track to achieve the goals in the General Plan and the Climate Action Plan; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville that this action is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Guideline 15061(b)(3), as it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the action will have an effect on the environment; and, be it, further

RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville that the City of Emeryville hereby requests that East Bay Community Energy enroll all electric service accounts within Emeryville, with the exceptions noted above, in "Renewable 100" as the default electricity product.

ADOPTED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville at a regular meeting held Tuesday, March 15, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: _____

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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John Kennedy
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CITY ATTORNEY