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San José Clean Energy Prepares for New City-wide Electricity Service

San José homes and businesses will receive enrollment notices in the mail announcing February 2019 service launch

SAN JOSE, Calif. – In February 2019, San José Clean Energy (SJCE) will be the city’s official electricity provider, bringing homes and businesses cleaner electricity at lower rates than PG&E. Two postcards will be mailed in late December 2018 and mid-January 2019 notifying customers of their enrollment into SJCE.

Operated by the Community Energy Department, SJCE is the City’s Community Choice Energy program. Through Community Choice, local governments like the City of San José buy electricity from cleaner sources, while the investor-owned utility (PG&E, for San José) continues to distribute the electricity, maintain the powerlines, respond to power outages, and provide billing.

“San José Clean Energy has been years in the making, so it’s exciting to be launching service to our community,” said Lori Mitchell, Community Energy Department Director. “We are proud to support our city’s Climate Smart goals and help create a more sustainable future.”

Per California law governing Community Choice, San José residents and businesses will be automatically enrolled in GreenSource, SJCE’s default power service. GreenSource includes 45% renewable energy from solar, wind and geothermal and 35% carbon-free hydropower, and is overall 80% carbon-free.

With SJCE, San José will initially see about an 18 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from electricity generation, the same as taking about 35,000 cars off the road.

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Customers can now sign up for TotalGreen, SJCE's 100% renewable energy service, which they will receive once service begins in February. Upgrading to TotalGreen will cost the average home \$5-10 more per month over GreenSource service.

Customers can also opt out to remain entirely with PG&E.

“With San José Clean Energy, San José now has a choice for their electricity provider and more local control,” said Zach Struyk, Community Energy Deputy Director. “We’re not-for-profit – we don’t need to pay dividends to shareholders and instead will reinvest revenue back into the community through lower rates and programs our customers want.”

The San José City Council voted unanimously to establish SJCE in May 2017. SJCE is governed by the City Council and has a Community Advisory Council.

Residents and businesses can also expect to receive two additional post-enrollment notices in late February and March 2019 after service begins.

About the Community Energy Department

San José Clean Energy is the new nonprofit, locally controlled electricity generation service provider for residents and businesses in the City of San José. Beginning February 2019, it will provide over 300,000 residential and commercial electricity customers with clean, carbon-free power options at competitive prices, from sources like solar, wind and hydropower. San José Clean Energy is governed by the City Council and operated by the City of San José Community Energy Department. For more information, please visit www.SanJoseCleanEnergy.org.

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About the City of San José

Known as the Capital of Silicon Valley, San José is the nation's tenth largest city and the largest city in Northern California, with an ethnically diverse population of more than one million. San José was founded in 1777, once served as the state capital of California, and now encompasses 180 square miles. Facts about San José can be found here:

<http://www.sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/780>. The City's website is www.sanjoseca.gov.

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