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eBay HQ to Achieve 100% Renewable Energy through New Partnership with San José Clean Energy
Choosing TotalGreen means eBay’s San José offices will be powered entirely by solar, wind and geothermal energy

San José, CA (September 19, 2019) – Today, eBay announced a partnership with San José Clean Energy (SJCE) to secure power for its San José headquarters from 100% renewable energy. SJCE’s TotalGreen service, which sources carbon-free solar, wind and geothermal energy, will power eBay’s two campuses in San José, including the company’s headquarters.

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 energy sources, while the investor-owned utility (PG&E for San José) continues to deliver it to homes and businesses over their utility lines. SJCE is dedicated to creating a more sustainable future for the community and future generations and plays a crucial role in Climate Smart San José, the city’s climate action plan.

“Operating in an environmentally and socially sustainable way is paramount to eBay’s operations and commitment to responsible business,” said Wendy Jones, SVP, Global Operations, eBay. “The City of San José has been our home for nearly 25 years, and we are thrilled to be able to partner with San José Clean Energy to achieve 100% renewable energy for our offices here.”

The SJCE partnership is part of eBay’s broader push to lower its carbon footprint by achieving 100% renewable energy by 2025 for its data centers and offices worldwide. eBay currently is participating in local, utility-driven green power programs around the globe. Most recently, eBay announced a partnership with Rocky Mountain Power in Utah to ensure the facilities there are supported by 100% renewable energy. Other eBay offices — including Dreilinden, Germany; Dublin, Ireland; and Portland, Oregon — all are powered by 100% renewable energy through local utility programs.
“We’re thrilled to see such demand for renewable energy from our large corporate customers,” said Lori Mitchell, Community Energy Department Director. “This demand is helping drive our investment in new renewable resources. Our local communities benefit when local government and the private sector work together to fight climate change.”

In August, SJCE signed its first long-term power purchase agreement (PPA) for 100 megawatts (MW) of new solar and 10 MW of battery energy storage, to be built in Fresno County by EDP Renewables North America by the end of 2022. SJCE expects to sign two more long-term PPAs in 2019, totaling approximately 350 MW of additional new renewable resources.

About the City of San José
With more than one million residents, San José is one of the most diverse large cities in the United States and is Northern California’s largest city and the 10th largest city in the nation. San José’s transformation into a global innovation center has resulted in one of the largest concentrations of technology companies and expertise in the world. In 2011, the City adopted Envision San José 2040, a long-term growth plan that sets forth a vision and a comprehensive road map to guide the City’s anticipated growth through the year 2040.

About the Community Energy Department
San José Clean Energy is the new electricity generation service provider for residents and businesses in the City of San José, operated by the City’s Community Energy Department. Governed by the City Council, it provides over 328,000 residential and commercial electricity customers with cleaner, lower carbon power options at competitive prices, from sources like solar, wind and hydropower. For more information, please visit www.SanJoseCleanEnergy.org.

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