



## **POLICY NO. 007 – NEW CUSTOMER COMMUNITIES**

Whereas MCE's founding mission is to address climate change by using a wide range of renewable energy sources, reducing energy related greenhouse gas emissions and promoting the development of energy efficiency programs; and

Whereas creating opportunities for customer electric service in new communities may allow MCE to further progress towards its founding mission; and

Whereas MCE currently provides a minimum 50% renewable energy supply to all MCE customers (through its default Light Green retail service option), which substantially exceeds similar renewable energy supply percentages provided by California's investor-owned utilities (IOUs); and

Whereas the inclusion of new communities to MCE's membership will increase state-wide renewable energy percentages due to 1) MCE's specified minimum renewable energy supply percentage of 50%, and 2) access to its 100% renewable option; and

Whereas the inclusion of new communities to MCE's membership will also decrease greenhouse gas emissions within the Western United States as a result of minimum renewable energy supply percentages exceeding such percentages provided by California's IOUs; and

Whereas the inclusion of new communities reaffirms the viability of community choice aggregation, and provides an incentive for other cities and counties to pursue more renewable energy options within their own jurisdictions.

Therefore, it is MCE's policy to explore and support customer electric service in new communities to further agency goals.

In consideration of the above MCE may allow access to service in new communities through two channels, affiliate membership or special-consideration membership, as applicable.

Affiliate membership considered if:

1. All applicable membership criteria are satisfied,
2. New community is located in a county that is not more than 30 miles from MCE existing county jurisdiction, and
3. Customer base in new community is 40,000 or less or is within a County already served by MCE.

Special-consideration membership considered if:

1. All applicable membership criteria are satisfied,
2. New community is located in a county that is more than 30 miles from MCE existing jurisdiction and/or the customer-base in the new community is greater than 40,000.