

Hercules Public Workshop

**NCE** A local, not-for-profit electricity provider

February 26, 2025

#### **Welcome to MCE, Hercules**

- Starting in April 2025, all Hercules electric customers-residential, commercial, and municipal-will automatically transition to MCE electric generation service.
- Customers now have the option to choose their energy source: PG&E or MCE.
- This change reflects a decision made by the City Council in 2023 and was approved by the California Public Utilities Commission.



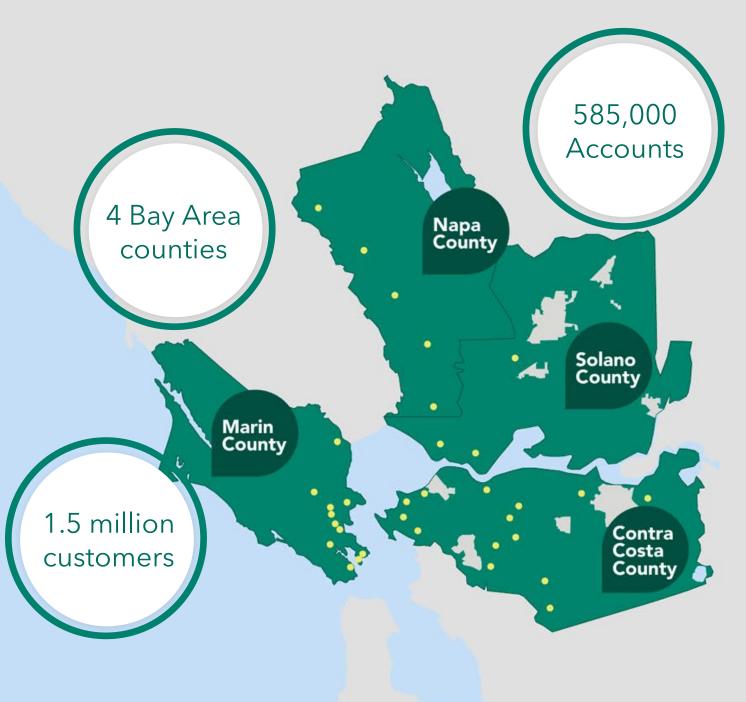
#### Who is MCE?

- Community Choice Energy provider, serving Bay Area customers since 2010.
- We are a local government agency, governed by a board of elected officials from the communities we serve, and regulated by the same agencies that oversee PG&E.
- We serve nearly 600,000 customers, have saved them over \$83 million on their bills since 2010, and eliminated more than 500,000 metric tons of CO<sup>2</sup>

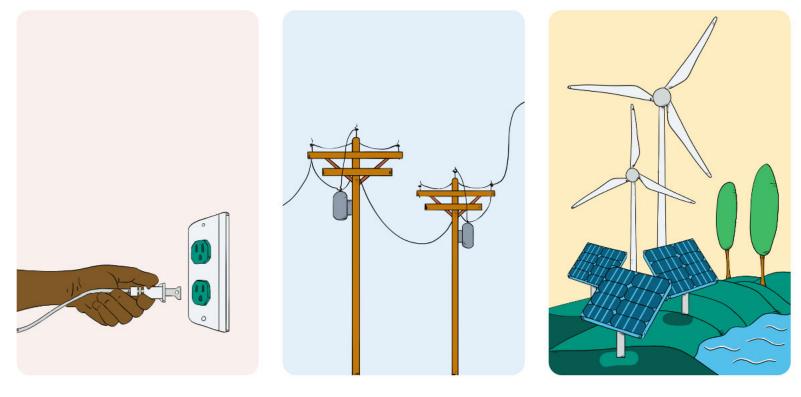


### Not-for-Profit Public Agency

34 Board Members. Elected officials. No tax dollars.



#### **How MCE Works**

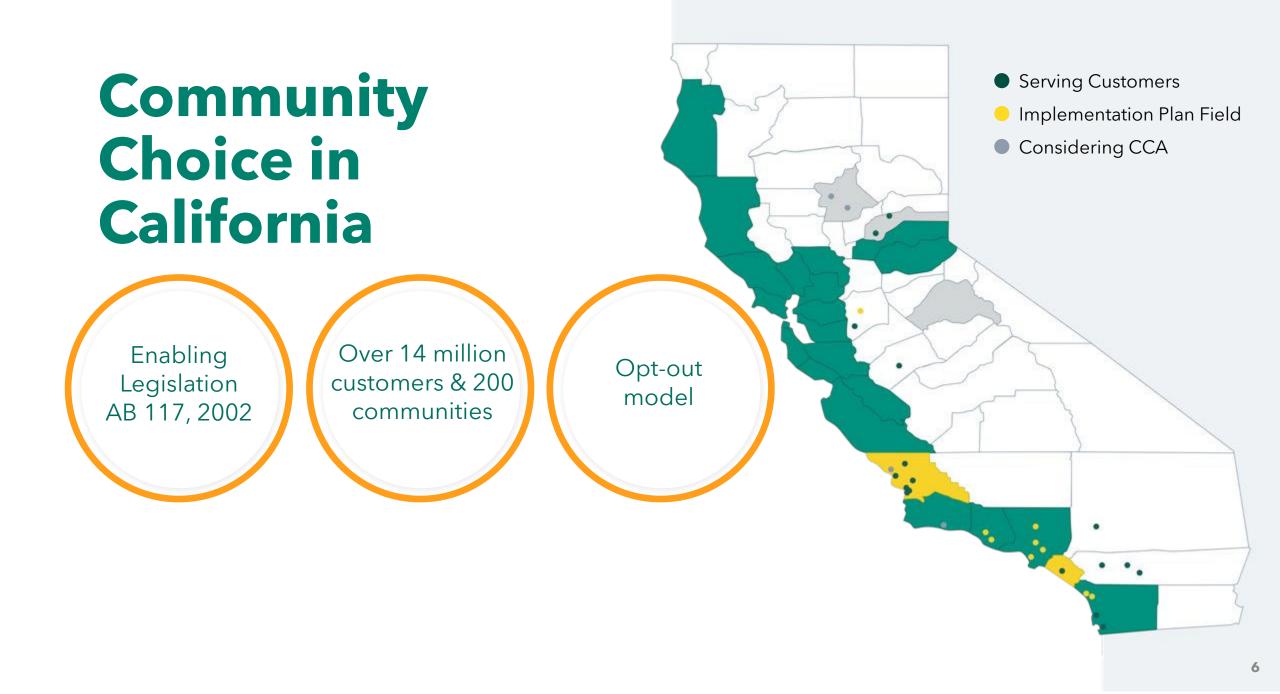


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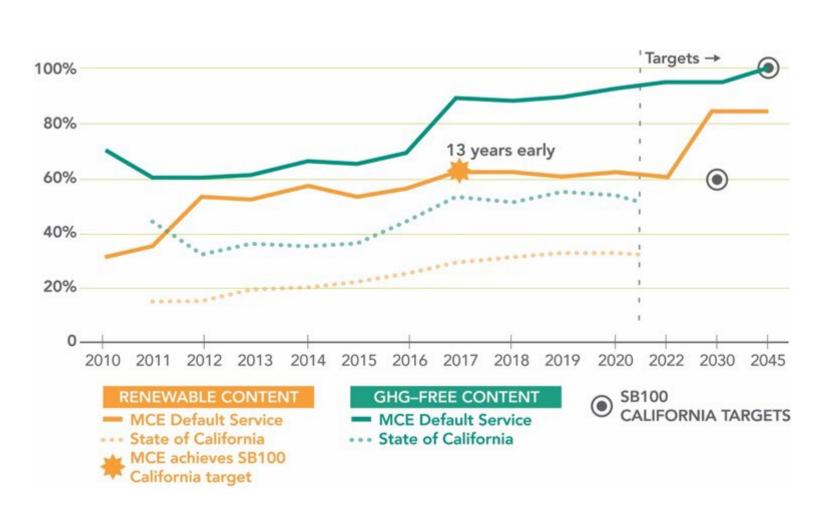
Benefit from cleaner air, stable rates, choice, and local control PG&E

Delivers energy, maintains lines, and sends bills MCE

Buys and builds fossil-free energy for you



### **Clean Energy Leadership**



fossil-free **95%** greenhouse gas-free

100%

**60% renewable** compared to 38% from PG&E

**18 years** early on meeting State goals

### **The Power of MCE**

**500K** metric tons of GHGs eliminated since 2010 **95%** carbon-free since 2022



committed to building new CA renewable projects **2.9M** of labor hours supported

60% renewable since 2017,

100% renewable option

**\$358M** reinvested in MCE communities since 2010

### **48MW**

of new renewable projects built in our service area **6,400** jobs created

#### Your Energy Choices

### **Choice is Power**

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#### **Default Service**

MCE Light Green 60% RENEWABLE

PG&E
33%
RENEWABLE

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#### Understanding MCE Rates

- MCE sets rates for electricity generation only.
- MCE typically sets its rates once a year.
- MCE's rates are released to the public with a 30-day review and comment period. All rate changes are reviewed publicly by MCE's Board of Directors and approved in a voting meeting.

MCE <u>does not</u> set rates for electric delivery or natural gas.

### Sample Bill

| ENERGY STAT<br>www.pge.com/MyEr                    |  | Account No:<br>Statement Date:<br>Due Date: | 0123456789-0<br>06/08/2022<br><b>06/29/2022</b> |           |
|--|--|---|---|-----------|
| Service For:                                       | Your Account Summary   |   |   | With PG&E |
| DEE P. GREENE<br>123 MAIN ST.<br>VALLEJO, CA 94590 | Amount Due on Previous Statement<br>Payment(s) Received Since Last Statement |   | \$236.22<br>-236.22                             | Service   |
|  | Previous Unpaid Balance  |   | \$0.00  |           |
|  | Current PG&E Electric Delivery Charges                                       |   | \$159.36  | \$159.36  |
|  | Current Gas Charges  |   | 19.98   |           |
|  | Total Amount   | Due by 06/29/2022                           | \$179.34  |           |

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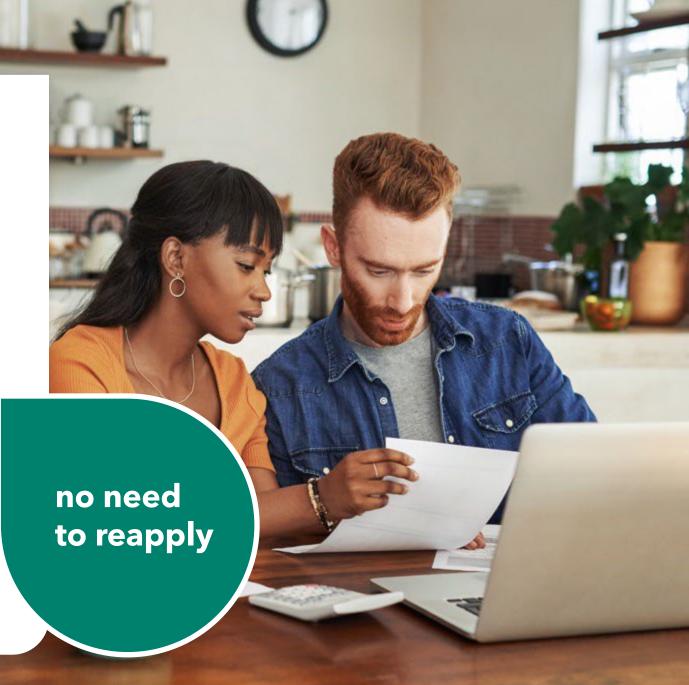
| ENERGY STATE<br>www.pge.com/MyEne  |  | Account No:<br>Statement Date:<br>Due Date: | 0123456789-0<br>06/08/2022<br><b>06/29/2022</b> |                    |
|--|--|---|---|--------------------|
| Service For:   | Your Account Summary   |   |   | MCE charge         |
| DEE P. GREENE<br>123 MAIN ST.<br>VALLEJO, CA 94590   | Amount Due on Previous Statement<br>Payment(s) Received Since Last Statement |   | \$236.22<br>-236.22                             | replaces<br>PG&E's |
|  | Previous Unpaid Balance  |   | \$0.00  |                    |
|  | Current PG&E Electric Delivery Charges                                       |   | \$100.46  |                    |
| Questions about your bill?   | MCE Electric Generation Charges  |   | 47.70   |                    |
| Mon-Fri 7 a.m7 p.m.<br>Saturday 8 a.m5 p.m.<br>Phone: 1-800-743-5000<br>www.pge.com/MyEnergy | Current Gas Charges  |   | 19.98   |                    |
|  | Total Amount Due by 06/29/2022   |   | \$168.14  |                    |

## **Cost Comparison**

|                                     | 60%<br>renewable                      | 100%<br>renewable             | <b>33%</b><br>renewable<br>PG&E<br>\$127.47 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Average Total Cost                  | MCE<br>Light Green<br><b>\$113.89</b> | MCE<br>Deep Green<br>\$117.04 |   |
| Electricity Generation              | \$45.79<br>served by MCE              | \$48.94<br>served by MCE      | \$58.44<br>served by PG&E                   |
| PG&E Electricity Delivery           | \$76.36                               | \$76.36                       | \$76.36                                     |
| Additional PG&E Fees                | -\$8.26                               | -\$8.26                       | -\$7.33                                     |
| Local Community Reinvestment        | $\bigotimes$                          | $\odot$                       |   |
| Access to MCE Rebates and Programs  | $\odot$                               | $\oslash$                     |   |
| Access to PG&E Rebates and Programs | $\odot$                               | $\odot$                       | $\odot$                                     |

#### **Discount Programs**

- CARE, FERA, and Medical Baseline Allowance are provided in full to MCE customers;
- Discount programs remain the same with MCE service. Includes: California Arrearage Payment Program, Percentage of Income Payment Plan, and PG&E employee discounts.



### **Rooftop Solar Customers**

| MCE  | PG&E   |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Monthly surplus generation credited at retail rate   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Surplus annual generation is credited at <b>\$0.02 + the</b> wholesale rate                | Surplus annual generation<br>is credited at <b>the</b><br><b>wholesale rate</b>    |  |  |  |  |
| Billing: <b>Monthly</b> charges and credits for generation                                 | Billing: <b>Monthly and</b><br>annual true-up                                      |  |  |  |  |
| <b>60% or 100% renewable</b><br><b>energy service</b> when you<br>use energy from the grid | <b>33% renewable energy</b><br><b>service</b> when you use<br>energy from the grid |  |  |  |  |



### What Hercules Customers Can Expect

### Automatic transition to MCE service beginning in April

- Customers will be automatically switched to MCE service starting with the April electric bill.
  - Solar customers will transition at time of true-up
- Monthly utility bills will still come from PG&E.
- Opt out and return to PG&E:
  - Online: mcecleanenergy.org/opt-out
  - By phone: (888) 632-3674.
- There is no charge to opt out within the first 60 days of MCE service. After 60 days, there is a one-time administrative fee to opt out:
  - \$5 for residential accounts
  - \$25 for commercial accounts.



#### **Getting the Word Out**

#### **Direct Mail and Emails**

- All customers will receive direct mail in February.
- Customers will then receive follow-up notification emails in March, April, and May.

#### **Community Workshops**

- In-person workshops at Hercules City Hall
  - February 26 and March 26, 6:30 PM
- Virtual workshops
  - March 5, March 12 (*Solar, Storage, EV*) April 16, May 7, 6:30pm

#### **Dedicated Hercules Webpage**

mcecleanenergy.org/Hercules



# Thank you!



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