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Public comment for the MCE Board

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To MCE Clerk <clerk@mcecleanenergy.org>

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Good afternoon,

Please accept the attached as public comment to the MCE Board of Directors. It is not directed to any specific agenda item.

Thank you very much,
--Bruce Ackerman

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It has been a challenging and informative year for MCE. The Grand Jury report brought the issues together clearly and can help, as it was intended to, in guiding improvement.

As the MCE Board learns more through its Finance Committee, searches for a new CEO, undergoes a governance assessment/review, and absorbs the excellent power procurement workshops presented by CB Hall, the Board is positioned to deeply consider means of advancing MCE's vital mission to serve customers and deeply reduce GHG emissions – while rebuilding trust.

I want to first plead with *all* Board members and involved advocates to use this opportunity to listen and trust each other. The concerns have been heard, the Grand Jury has validated them, and committees have formed to delve into them. A deep rethinking presents an amazing opportunity, now ready to bring fruit. We're all on the same team. *Please* work together to succeed, and to give the public in our four counties reason for optimism that MCE will emerge even stronger. We must rebuild our relationships before any of our communities potentially lose confidence in MCE or possibly decide to drop out of MCE.

Secondly, I want to strongly support expansion of the Virtual Power Plant. Power procurement, while MCE's core mandate and largest activity, is not the only way MCE can advance its goals. Public programs also help customers and advance electrification and GHG reduction. The upcoming Community Power Coalition meeting is much appreciated. As the Virtual Power Plant moves from its successful pilot into a full-scale expansion, it would benefit ALL stakeholders while adding more tools in the power procurement arena to extend GHG reduction through times of grid stress and into the night.

--Bruce Ackerman

Former Board alternate and Tech Comm member

Former Fairfax Councilmember and Mayor

Engineer/scientist who can't seem to retire