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MCE>16JUL26 BOD Correspondence, Governance improvements needed, Marin County Grand Jury report

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Good morning, Jesica:

Please circulate this correspondence to MCE Board Members for their consideration at the 16JUL26 board meeting.

MCE, Marin Clean Energy: A Series of Missteps Highlight Need for Governance Changes (the "Report") was issued about a month ago. This email from this MCE ratepayer provides three steps to correct these missteps.

The current lack of effective governance is costing MCE ratepayers dearly--our power is both more expensive than the investor-owned utility alternative, and utilizes more fossil fuels [nat gas] in its generation.

Three steps to getting this done:

1. Accept all the findings and recommendations listed in the Report, specifically the need for an effective Governing Board, not a demonstration of blind fealty from MCE management and MCE's Board of Directors to a now-departed CEO.
2. Address these findings and recommendations in MCE's current Governance Assessment. When will this assessment be released for public comment?
3. The MCE Board should have approval authority for recruitment and retention of the MCE CEO, General Counsel, and top-level management.

Disregarding or ignoring the grand jury recommendations has serious follow-on implications for this \$840 million public agency's board of directors--please do not do this. Please respond to the governance deficiencies identified in the report promptly--action mandated by statute.

I fully support Directors Andre and Wilkinson's involvement in the CEO search committee. A broad diversity of viewpoints benefits recruiting the talent needed to implement the Report's recommendations, increases transparency, and better accomplishes the above steps needed to restore MCE to the "force for good" that Marin County Supervisor Charles McGlashan envisioned over 15 years ago.

kindest regards~
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