



RESOLUTION NO. 2013-09

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE MARIN ENERGY AUTHORITY APPROVING AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP
PROCESS FOR NEW PARTIES TO THE MARIN ENERGY AUTHORITY JOINT
POWERS AUTHORITY AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Marin Energy Authority ("MEA") is a joint powers authority established on December 19, 2008, and organized under the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Government Code Section 6500 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, MEA members include the following MEA communities: the County of Marin, the City of Belvedere, the Town of Corte Madera, the Town of Fairfax, the City of Larkspur, the City of Mill Valley, the City of Novato, the City of Richmond, the Town of Ross, the Town of San Anselmo, the City of San Rafael, the City of Sausalito and the Town of Tiburon; and

WHEREAS, MEA'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, the addition of new communities to MEA's membership will increase state-wide renewable energy use and decrease greenhouse gas emissions and will thus allow MEA to further progress towards its founding mission; and

WHEREAS, it is MEA's policy to explore and support customer electric service in new communities to further agency goals; and

WHEREAS, MEA desires to allow new communities to join the MEA through an affiliate membership process if 1). the new community is located in a county that is not more than 30 miles from MEA's existing jurisdiction, 2). the customer base in the new community is 40,000 or less, 3). the new community meets the established affiliate membership criteria of the Board, and 4). the new community adopts the ordinance required by Public Utilities Code Section 366.2(c)(10) and signs the Marin Energy Authority Joint Powers Agreement as a Party to the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, MEA has established the following criteria for affiliate membership:

- A. Allowing for MCE service in new community will result in a projected net rate reduction for existing customer base;

- B. Offering service in new community will enhance the strength of local programs, including an increase in distributed generation, and will accelerate greenhouse gas reductions on a larger scale;
- C. Including new community in MCE service will increase the amount of renewable energy being used in California’s energy market;
- D. There will be an increase in opportunities to launch and operate MCE energy efficiency programs to reduce energy consumption and reliance on fossil fuels;
- E. New opportunities are available to deploy local solar and other distributed renewable generation through the MCE Net Energy Metering Tariff and Feed in Tariff;
- F. Greater demand for jobs and economic activity is likely to result from service in new community;
- G. The addition of the new community is likely to create a stronger voice for MCE at the State and regulatory level.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Marin Energy Authority that the Marin Energy Authority Board approves affiliate membership process for new communities to become parties to the Marin Energy Authority Joint Powers Authority Agreement.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Marin Energy Authority Board of Directors on this 3rd day of October by the following vote:

	AYES	NOES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
City of Belvedere	✓			
Town of Corte Madera	✓			
Town of Fairfax	✓			
City of Larkspur				✓
County of Marin				✓
City of Mill Valley				✓
City of Novato	✓			
City of Richmond	✓			
Town of Ross	✓			
Town of San Anselmo	✓			
City of San Rafael	✓			
City of Sausalito	✓			
Town of Tiburon	✓			


CHAIR, MARIN ENERGY AUTHORITY BOARD

ATTEST:


SECRETARY, MARIN ENERGY AUTHORITY BOARD

