

**To:** Mayor and Ross Town Council  
**From:** Pat Thompson, Interim Town Manager  
**Re:** Discussion and Approval of remaining with Marin Clean Energy for Renewable Energy (electric service) or initiating an Opt Out Provision for the Town to stay with PG&E  
**Date:** June 8, 2012

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### **I. Project Summary**

The Town Council is asked to review and give approval to the Town Manager to either stay with Marin Clean Energy as the electric power provider after July 1, 2012, or to Opt-out and stay with the current provider Pacific Gas and Electric.

### **II. Discussion**

The Town Council adopted Resolution No. 1753 in October 2011 and became a member of the Marin Energy Authority. The Council also approved Ordinance No. 627 approving the Joint Powers Agreement and implementing a Community Choice Aggregation program within the Town's jurisdiction. Residents, businesses and public agencies now have the opportunity, effective July 1, 2012, to purchase green energy either from PG&E at 20% renewable, MCE at 50% renewable (Light Green) or MCE 100% renewable (Deep Green). If the Town wishes to Opt-out of Marin Clean Energy for the coming year they must take action in the next couple of months. If the Town does nothing the default provision is for the Town's bills to become part of the MCE 50% renewable option. If the Council wishes to Opt-out or sign up for Deep Green, staff would need to take action to effectuate the choice.

The Town has a number of meters and accounts for the Fire/police facility, the maintenance building and the Town Hall, Street Lights, traffic controllers and other miscellaneous small meters. Staff from the Authority was asked to review bills from last summer and also this past winter for comparison purposes to better determine the costs of remaining with MCE for Light Green (50%) renewable versus staying with PG&E for electricity. Those numbers are shown in the Analysis provided in the Attachment. Using PG&E's latest proposed rates and comparing them to MCE at light green the Town will generate a small savings overall for its combined accounts. Not shown in the analysis, but provided by MEA staff, was an estimate that the Town would need to pay an additional \$2,049 per year for all accounts for Dark Green or 100% renewable. Given the fact that the Town continues to have an over extended General Fund Budget, the recommendation will reflect only Light Green.

### **III. Recommendation**

The Town Council review and direct staff as to which of the above three options they wish to pursue for electric rates. If the Town Council prefers to convert to Light Green with MCE, staff does not need to contact the agency, the Town's usage will convert to Light Green automatically on July 1, 2012.

### **Attachment:**

MEA analysis of Ross Electric Bills from samples provided from 2011-12