

# Do You Believe the Future of Green Energy is...

**Nuclear?**

**A mere 2% wind?**

**Lobbying against expanding solar?**

**Multi-million PR campaigns to buy the concept of 'green' to suit corporate profit?**

**Meeting bare minimum mandates instead of striving to maximize renewable energy?**

**Neither do most people. But PG&E Does.**

- ▶ PG&E supported state and federal limits on carbon emissions. While some credit is due for this, this does not mean that PG&E is committed to green energy. **Current carbon cap laws and bills are insufficient to truly stabilize our climate.** PG&E CEO Darbee has said he supports federal legislation now because President Bush is likely to be more "sensitive to the needs of business" than future presidents. (The New York Times, 1/19/07) *We want real, substantive, and effective climate laws, not legislation that caters to special interests.*
- ▶ **PG&E benefits from the caps because it uses 24% nuclear and plans to expand its nuclear by duping the public into considering it a 'clean-energy'.** While nuclear does not emit carbon during use, no one knows how to handle the toxic radioactive waste. One small glitch during its 10,000 year lifespan and we face a toxic leak into our water, air, and food supply. Is that what you consider a 'non-emitting' source of green energy? *There are better options.*
- ▶ **PG&E has a long history of lobbying against solar.** In 1995, PG&E lobbied against "net metering" that allows residential solar power systems to get paid for all the power they feed into the grid. They succeeded in limiting the amount of solar they have to accept. In 2006 when the state considered removing this limit, PG&E successfully lobbied to continue limiting "net metering" and thereby prevent more people from getting credit for feeding the grid with truly green energy. PG&E's current energy mix includes: 0% solar, 2% wind, and 42% natural gas. *We want a utility that doesn't block our progress.*
- ▶ PG&E sponsored energy efficiency programs that reduced the need for new electric generation. This is true. But it is also true that it is legally required to do that. Following the law is nothing special. **PG&E's favorite hobby is giving itself credit for other people's environmental commitment.** *We appreciate a utility that doesn't break the law, and we want one that also gives us clean energy.*
- ▶ PG&E wants large-scale "clean coal" research & development. There is no such thing as clean coal today. And there is no guarantee that it will ever be as green or cost-competitive as existing renewables. **Why waste our time researching the ways to marginally change the dirtiest form of energy when we could invest today in the renewables that have proven themselves a viable, ample, cost-competitive, pollution-free source of green energy?** *We want truly clean energy.*

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**By letting PG&E say nuclear and 'clean' coal is the future of green energy,  
we are letting them hijack the future & the now of green energy.**

## **There is hope. We have a choice.**

**Community Choice Energy** is a well-researched policy to run San Francisco on 50% local, renewable energy within the decade – all without raising your costs!

Community Choice Energy is based on city-sponsored reports confirming that the Bay Area has enough wind & solar capacity to meet half of our energy. It is designed to break PG&E's monopoly on our energy supply and support market competition for green energy providers that can meet or beat PG&E's rates. This will make our city the largest renewable network in the country – and put our city in at the forefront of the burgeoning American movement for serious climate solutions.

After three years, the implementation of Community Choice Energy is still wading through red tape. Without consistent pressure from the public, a final vote from the Supervisors is uncertain. And PG&E needs to see that as long as they don't step up and make our city run on at least 50% renewable energy, their lavish green spin campaign will not work .

Let our Supervisors know that implementing this is a priority for you.



### **To Mayor Newsom & the Board of Supervisors,**

In 2001 San Franciscans turned out in droves to support a ballot initiative to build the largest municipal solar system in the world. Five years later the city has yet to use a single dollar from the solar H bond.

As Katrina has taught us, we don't have time to waste in fighting climate change. PG&E sells 0% solar and 2% wind and its total renewable goal is to add a mere 1% a year. Instead of accelerating its renewable energy adoption, PG&E is spending \$17 million on advertising its 'Climate Smart' program – which doesn't even buy renewable energy!

We're not falling for this green ink. We need real solutions; and we have one. We need you and PG&E to step up in 2007 and prioritize the implementation of Community Choice Energy – allowing our city to run on 50% truly green renewable energy.

Please keep me informed about your progress.

Sincerely,

Name \_\_\_\_\_

