



MCE Affiliate Membership Process

Step 1: Governing body submits letter to MEA from new community jurisdiction, requesting consideration as a member.

Step 2: Staff evaluates request timing to determine if internal resources are available to consider request, and to ensure no impact to core agency functions.

Step 3: Request submitted to MEA Board to consider adherence to criteria D, E, F and G below, and to authorize initiation of membership analysis.

Step 4: Following MEA Board approval, staff executes contract with governing body of new jurisdiction to fund costs of membership analysis. Staff undertakes and completes analysis, with primary focus on quantitative criteria A, B and C below.

Step 5: Results of membership analysis presented to governing body of new community and to MEA Board. 1). If quantitative affiliate membership criteria are met, community is automatically authorized to complete affiliate membership process. 2). If qualitative criteria are not met but other compelling criteria are present, Board may consider approval of affiliate membership.

Step 6: Governing body of new jurisdiction approves resolution requesting membership, ordinance authorizing community choice aggregation service through MCE and signs JPA Agreement as an Affiliate Party.

Step 7: MEA Board adopts resolution authorizing membership of the additional incorporated municipality and submits updated Implementation Plan to CPUC.

Affiliate Membership Criteria:

- 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.



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Dear Ms. Weisz:

The City of Calistoga would like to thank your staff for the presentation of the Marin Clean Energy (MCE) program to our City Council during its May 19, 2015 meeting. The City understands that the analysis needed to present to communities as a part of the commitment process would be most beneficial if every municipality in the county were to participate.

The City therefore cordially requests that you authorize your staff to conduct exploratory analysis to determine if Calistoga would derive benefits by participating in the MCE program. After this analysis is complete, and if the program appears to benefit city utility users, we understand that a more formal action by the Council will be necessary to request membership in the Napa County Community Choice Aggregation program.

We look forward to hearing from you concerning the analysis. Please feel free to contact me at 707.942.2806 or rspitler@ci.calistoga.ca.us to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Richard D. Spitler
City Manager