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Re: Monterey Bay Community Power – Letter of Support for Community Choice Energy

Dear Steve Brandau, Council President, and the Honorable City of Fresno City Council,

As the City of Fresno evaluates the potential benefits of Community Choice Energy (CCE), Monterey Bay Community Power (MBCP) would like to offer you our encouragement and share details of our recent success.

In March 2018, Monterey Bay Community Power (MBCP) launched service the first tri-county CCA in California. We have delivered on our mission to maximize greenhouse gas reductions, provide competitive and stable electricity rates and boost economic vitality by investing in local energy. Most recently, the Cities of San Luis Obispo and Morro Bay joined our agency to become the first communities in San Luis Obispo County.

We provide carbon free energy to over 270,000 residential, commercial and agricultural customers in Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Benito Counties - at a rate savings. This resulted in the reduction of 300K metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions. MBCP offers competitive rates with a 3% rebate which returned over \$4.4M to customers as bill credits in 2018. Our solar customers received a 150% increase in Net Surplus Compensation (NSC) compared to PG&E. Strong fiscal stewardship has allowed MBCP to repay all \$6.2M in start-up costs and allocate \$38M to reserves.

We have set aside 2% of gross revenue for local energy programs – and will be investing \$1.25M in 2019 to electrify transportation and help income-qualified homeowners receive free solar. In addition, MBCP has secured \$6M in EV infrastructure funding for our region via the California Energy Commission's CALeVIP program.

MBCP has improved energy resilience by investing in the development of 125MW of solar *plus* 38MW of storage power, and 90MW of wind power – helping to drive new renewable energy supply and innovation. In 2019, MBCP will be assisting our large customers build Distributed Energy Resources and Microgrids so that they can access the energy they need to expand operations, create jobs and generate new tax revenue for our agency partners.

Our Policy Board, Operations Board and Community Advisory Council have given our customers access to local CCA public decision-making over electricity procurement, rate setting and economic development policy.

If the City of Fresno decides not to develop their own CCA, MBCP and other CalCCA agencies may be contacted for potential collaboration. The benefits are real and substantive. We hope that you will implement the CCE model and reap the rewards of local power.

I welcome your questions and encourage you to reach out to me at any time.

Sincerely,

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