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### Dear Renewable Energy Producer,

Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) will soon be offering electricity through our new Community Choice Energy program, while partnering with PG&E who will continue to deliver and bill you for power. It's a great combination because you'll get the same reliability but with cleaner grid power at lower prices.

As a Net Energy Metering (NEM) customer, you'll save money when you need power and make money when you have excess power to sell back to the grid. If you are already a NEM customer with PG&E, you won't have to do anything to get started. The rate RCEA pays for your surplus energy will be higher than that paid by PG&E.

#### Here's How It Works

Customers with NEM true-up dates in February, March, April and May will be automatically enrolled in RCEA's NEM program when its Community Choice Energy program launches in May. Customers with true-up dates in the remaining months will be enrolled at a later date closer to their true-up.

PG&E will automatically true-up your account when you are enrolled with us to avoid any loss of credits you may have earned with your solar system. PG&E will continue to true-up annually for charges related to transmission and distribution.

If you are a net producer in any given month, RCEA's NEM program will pay you a premium of \$0.01 per kilowatt-hour for any excess electricity you produce. If you are a net consumer, the rate RCEA charges for electric generation will be an average of 2.7% lower than PG&E in 2017.

RCEA will provide a true-up every month on electric generation so you can better track your solar performance. This means that rather than sending you an annual true-up on a year's worth of generation charges, we will settle your NEM bill on a monthly basis. Customers who have accrued credits during previous billing cycles will see these credits applied against current RCEA generation charges. Plus, there is no time limit; your NEM credits don't expire.

Last but not least, at the end of each annual cycle, if you have a credit balance of more than \$100 in your NEM generation account, you can request a cash out and we will send you a check.

As you can see, RCEA's new Net Energy Metering electric schedule offers good value to renewable energy system owners who participate in our Community Choice Energy program. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity.

Sincerely,

**Matthew Marshall** 

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Executive Director, Redwood Coast Energy Authority

For more information about RCEA's NEM program, please call **1 (800) 931-RCEA** or visit **RedwoodEnergy.org**