Los Angeles Community Choice Energy (LACCE)

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Los Angeles Community Choice Energy Overview

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Customer Choice and Local Control

Rates

Greenhouse Gas Emissions

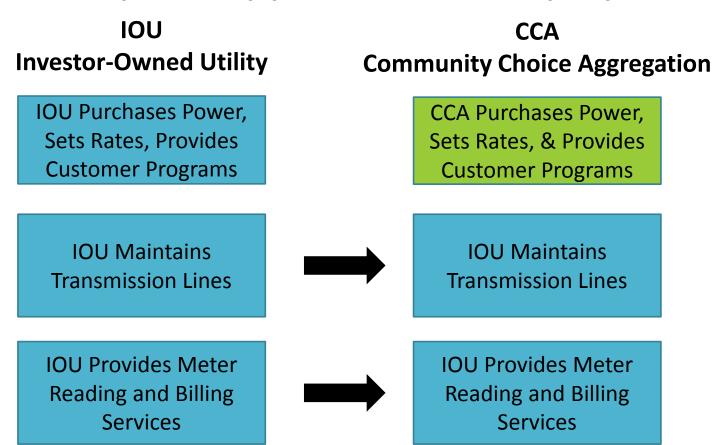
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Community Choice Aggregation (CCA): A Hybrid Approach to Utility Operations



Cities in Operational CCA Programs

Sonoma Clean Power

- Santa Rosa
- Sonoma County
- Mendocino County
- Town of Windsor
- Sebastopol
- Petaluma
- Cloverdale
- Cotati
- Town of Sonoma
- Rohnert Park
- Fort Bragg

Silicon Valley Clean Energy

- Cupertino
- Los Gatos
- Mountain View
- Santa Clara County
- Los Altos Hills
- Los Altos
- Campbell
- Gilroy
- Morgan Hill
- Sunnyvale
- Monte Sereno
- Saratoga

Peninsula Clean Energy

- San Mateo County
- City of San Mateo
- Atherton
- Belmont
- Brisban
- Burlingame
- Colma
- Daly City
- Foster City
- East Palo Alto
- Hillsborough
- Menlo Park
- Half Moon Bay
- Millbrae
- Pacifica
- Portola Valley
- Redwood City
- San Bruno
- San Carlos
- Woodside
- South San Francisco

Lancaster Choice Energy

- Lancaster
- Pico Rivera
- San Jacinto

Marin Clean Energy

- Mill Valley
- Walnut Creek
- County of Marin
- Richmond
- Benicia
- San Rafael
- El Cerrito
- Town of Ross
- Larkspur
- Sausalito
- Town of San Anselmo
- County of Napa
- San Pablo
- Town of Tiburon
- Novato
- Belvedere
- Town of Corte Madera
- Town of Fairfax

Clean Power San Francisco

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Apple Valley Choice Energy

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CCA Benefits: Customer Choice and Local Control

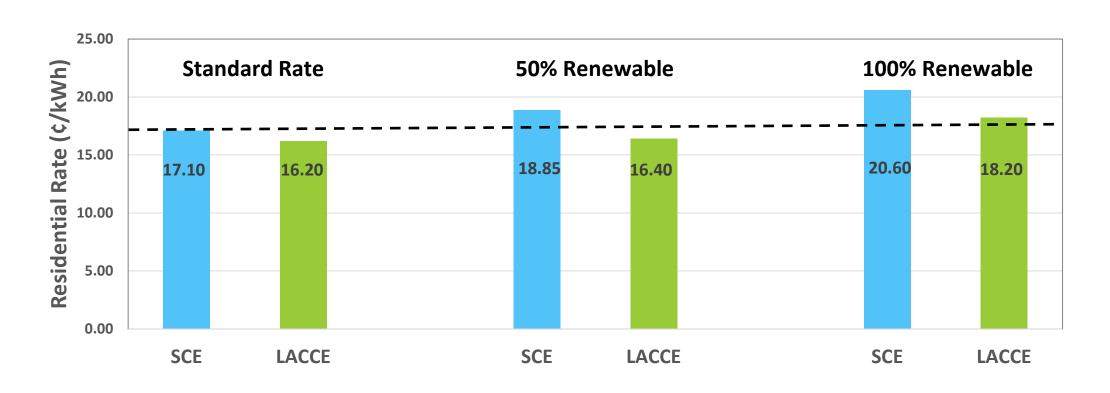
Customer Choice

- CCAs offer customers new options (CCA rate offerings), without removing old options (SCE)
- Having both CCA and SCE products gives customers choice
- Customers may opt out of the CCA at any time and return to SCE

Local Control

- CCAs have total local control over their power supply, rates, and customer programs (e.g., energy efficiency, solar incentives, EV incentives, etc.)
- CCAs enable communities to invest locally; instead of sending money to SCE, CCA revenues can be reinvested in the local community

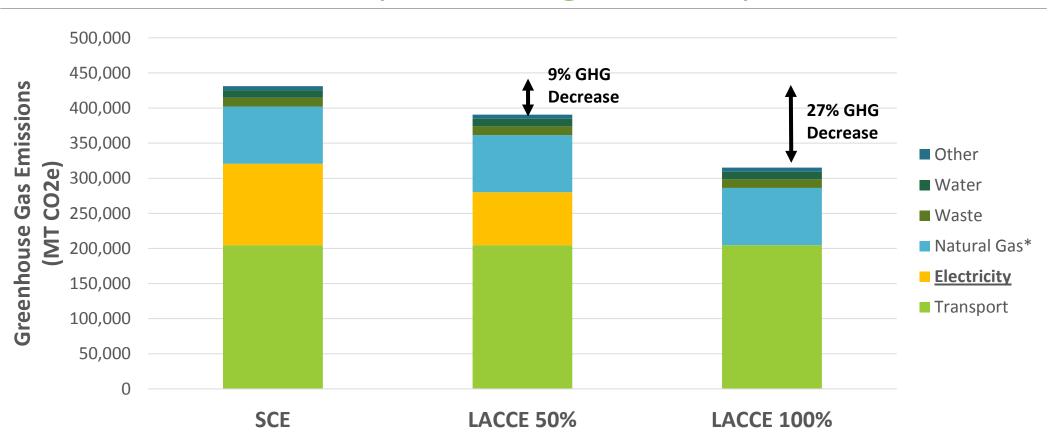
LACCE Benefits: Rate Savings



- Rates are taken from the LACCE Business Plan
- LACCE rates include considerable financial reserve

LACCE Benefits: GHG Emissions

Example: Average L.A. City



^{*}The natural gas category refers to use for heating and cooking in buildings, not for use in electricity generation.

CCA Benefits: Economic Development

Total Electricity Savings CCA vs. SCE

- In Phase 2, a 5.3% rate reduction saves LACCE customers \$20 million/year
- This \$20 million rate reduction is estimated to create 200 new jobs in LA County.
- In aggregate, these benefits could add \$16 million to the County's economy.

Power Supply Construction Projects

- Construction of one 50 MW solar project in County could create 1,500 jobs during construction and 15 full-time permanent jobs.
- LACCE will need several dozen of these projects at full build-out.

Risks and Risk Management

- The primary risk in forming LACCE is that it will be unable to stay competitive with SoCal Edison, which could be caused by:
 - Sudden and unfavorable changes to the energy market
 - High customer opt-out rate
 - Unreasonable costs imposed by SCE
 - New California State laws or regulations

Risk Management

- Diverse power portfolio with varied power sources
- Sound fiscal policies and rate stabilization plan to remain competitive
- Engagement with the State agencies and State elected officials
- •The LACCE Business Plan concludes that there are no reasonable set of risk-related circumstances that would harm the ability of LACCE to be competitive with SCE

Joint Powers Agreement – Environmental Goals

- During negotiations with cities, language was included in the JPA Recitals to ensure LACCE would take strong action to promote a variety of sustainability goals:
 - (3) It is the intent of this Agreement to promote the development and use of a wide range of renewable energy sources and energy efficiency programs, including but not limited to solar and wind energy production.

 (6b) Establish an energy portfolio that encourages the use and development of cost-effective local renewable and distributed energy resources and that discourages the use unbundled renewable energy credits

Joint Powers Agreement – Environmental Goals

- (6c) Promote an energy portfolio that incorporates energy efficiency and demand response programs and pursues ambitious energy consumption reduction goals
- (6i) Promote personal and community ownership of renewable resources, spurring equitable economic development and increased resilience, especially in low income communities;
- (6m) Recognize and address the importance of healthy communities, including those disproportionately affected by air pollution and climate change;

Joint Powers Agreement – Community Goals

- During negotiations with cities, language was included in the JPA
 Recitals to ensure LACCE would be a community-focused program:
 - Ensure that low-income households and communities are provided with affordable and flexible energy options
 - Promote personal and community ownership of renewable resources, spurring equitable economic development and increased resilience, especially in low income communities
 - Provide and manage its energy portfolio and products in a manner that provides cost savings to customers and promotes public health in areas impacted by energy production

Joint Powers Agreement – Community Goals

- Promote supplier and workforce diversity, including returning veterans and those from disadvantaged and under-represented communities.
- Recognize and address the importance of healthy communities, including those disproportionately affected by air pollution and climate change
- Recognize the value of current workers in existing jobs that support the energy infrastructure of Los Angeles County
- Support a stable, skilled workforce through mechanisms designed to avoid works stoppages, ensure quality, and benefit local residents by delivering cost-effective clean energy programs and projects

LA County Board of Supervisors

LACCE Business Plan

- LA County Board of Supervisors approved a motion in March 2015 asking staff to conduct a CCA feasibility study for LA County
- Report completed in June 2016
- LACCE Feasibility Study/Business Plan
 - Includes all eligible cities in LA County
 - Financially viable
 - Cheaper and greener power than SCE
 - Considerable environmental and economic benefits
 - Risks are manageable

LA County Board of Supervisors

Board Direction: Cities and County Together

September 27, 2016 Board of Supervisors Motion:

- Following Feasibility Study, Board said like the idea but wanted to work together with cities to craft a regional program.
- Directed that staff negotiate a JPA with interested cities to create a joint cites-county program
- Ensure equitable representation for all cities
- Model after existing, successful CCAs in northern California (Marin, Sonoma, San Mateo)

JPA Process: December 2016 – March 2017

- Bi-weekly meetings with interested cities
- Two public workshops to get input from the community and stakeholders
- Public review and comment on draft final JPA
- Negotiations completed at the end of March
- BOS approval on April 18, 2017

LA County Board of Supervisors

April 18, 2017 Action

- On April 18, the Board of Supervisors approved a joint motion from Supervisors Shelia Kuehl and Mark Ridley-Thomas to approve:
 - LACCE Joint Powers Agreement
 - CCA enabling ordinance
 - \$10 Million in startup funding
 - Plan for program implementation

Joint Powers Agreement

LACCE Governance

- Every member government gets an equal seat on the Board
- Most votes are by a majority of members present
 - Some special items require 2/3s of all members
- Option to call for a weighted vote based on load share, with the following restrictions:
 - 3 members must agree to have a weighted vote
 - Weighted votes can only follow an affirmative vote of the Board

Joint Powers Agreement

LACCE Standing Committees

- Executive Committee
- Finance Committee
- Community Advisory Committee

Directors and Alternates

- Primary Directors must be an elected official of that city
- City's may appoint two Alternate Directors, who may be:
 - Another elected official
 - An appointed official (Commissioners)
 - A city staff person
 - Member of the public with industry expertise

Structure and Composition of Existing CACs

Size

- The size of existing CACs ranges from 7-15 members
- Some require a specific number of members, others have range

Selection process

- Open application process for community members who wish to serve on the CAC
- Members are chosen after interviews with staff and Board Members
- Members are appointed by the Board at large
- Members serve at the pleasure of the Board

Terms

- Term length ranges from 3-4 years
- Terms are staggered
- Terms may be renewed, with limits

Structure and Composition of Existing CACs

	Peninsula Clean Energy	Sonoma Clean Power	Easy Bay Community Energy
Size	7-11 Members	- 11-15 Members	9 Members
Selection	Open application processAll appointments made by the Board	Open application processAll appointments made by the Board	Open application processAll appointments made by the Board
Terms	Staggered 4 year terms	Staggered 3 year terms	Staggered 4 year terms

Qualifications

	Peninsula Clean Energy	Sonoma Clean Power	East Bay Community Energy
Qualifications	 Geographically diverse Must have background in: electricity, community outreach, or policy advocacy Must work or reside in service area 	 Balanced and diverse group on the Board Must have expertise in management, administration, finance, contracts, infrastructure development, renewable power generation, power sales and marketing, energy conservation, public policy development, or public relations. Majority of members must represent the interests of customers as rate payers. 	 No specific areas of expertise are listed. Individuals sitting on the committee must represent a diverse cross-section of interests, skill sets and geographic regions.

Duties and Powers

	Peninsula Clean Energy	Sonoma Clean Power	East Bay Community Energy
	- Advisory only	- Advisory only	- Advisory only
Duties and Powers	 Provide feedback on policy and operational objectives Engage in community outreach Assist with legislative advocacy 	 Review budgets, rates, policies and programs Prepare reports for the Board 	- Advise the Board on all subjects related to the operation of the CCA program
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Choices for Cities and Customers

- Cities may choose which of the three rates their customers will be opted into when service begins
 - Base Rate: ~33% renewable approximately 6% lower cost than SCE
 - Mid-Level: ~50-60% approximately 4% lower cost than SCE base rate
 - Top-Tier: 100% approximately 5% higher cost than SCE base rate
- Once customers are opted into the default rate set by their city, they will have the option to change to a rate of their preference.
- This process ensures flexibility for member cities and choice for their customers.

Schedule

Open enrollment period – 6 months

No cost for cities to join

Phases

- Phase 1 January 2018 County municipal accounts
- Phase 2 Q2 2018– County and city commercial and industrial accounts
- Phase 3 Q3/4 2018– All County and city residents

Customer Notifications

- •LACCE is required to send four notifications to customers who will be enrolled into LACCE service:
 - Two notifications will be sent prior to service commencement, and two will be sent after service has begun.
 - Customers may opt out of LACCE service and remain with SCE at no cost if they respond to one of the four notifications.
 - After the notification period, customers may opt out of LACCE at anytime, provided they pay a very small administrative fee (about \$5.00)
- In addition to the required notifications, LACCE intends to conduct an intensive outreach effort to incoming customers to ensure they are aware of the benefits of LACCE service.

Letters of Support

- Climate Resolve
- Environmental Defense Fund
- Global Green USA
- Grid Alternatives
- Emerald Cities Collaborative
- Los Angeles Business Council
- and many more in process!

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