

BOMA San Francisco Resolution on Community Choice Aggregation

WHEREAS the City and County of San Francisco is considering the adoption of a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Implementation Plan under which all electricity consumers in San Francisco would have their power purchased by the City rather than by PG&E,

WHEREAS while the Plan says that the cost of electricity would be equal to or less than the cost that PG&E would charge, studies conducted by the City Controller and by the Bay Area Economic Form cast serious doubt on whether this would be the case,

WHEREAS there is no binding requirement that the City would be able to provide power at rates that are less than or equal to PG&E's power after the initial 60 days of the City's electricity operations,

WHEREAS the City would need to build its own power generation facilities to meet the needs of the businesses and residents in the City and/or purchase power through a contractor it would retain under an agreement that would last up to 15 years or more, and the cost of this power is unknown,

WHEREAS customers may elect to opt out of the City's system at no cost up to 60 days after the City begins supplying power, they may be liable for increased costs if they choose to opt-out after that time, and

WHEREAS both the City under its CCA Implementation Plan and PG&E would work to increase the amount of power that will come from renewable sources thus it cannot be determined that one or the other will be superior in this respect,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that it is the position of the Building Owners and Managers Association of San Francisco that the City should not move forward with its Implementation Plan until it can demonstrate that its power would be available to residents and businesses at a lower cost than PG&E and that it would be guaranteed for an extended period of time, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that, if the Community Choice Aggregation Implementation Plan is implemented, as it now stands, without binding guarantees, the Building Owners and Managers Association of San Francisco will advise its members to opt out until such time as the San Francisco Community Choice Aggregation entity's own generation facilities are constructed and its rates are published demonstrating that its power will be less costly and equally reliable as power from PG&E has been.

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