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Cc:
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Subject: FW: MEA Effect Upon Greenhouse Gases

Mike and Paul - I mentioned in our conversation yesterday that we had concerns over MEAs claims that their Deep Green 100% portfolio was not California RPS compliant, as they have claimed numerous times in public forums and advertising material. The attached documents were provided by MEA at the request of a Marin resident, who shared them with PG&E. MEAs representations here clearly show that they are using large hydro that is not RPS compliant. Tri-Dam consists of three facilities, two of which -- Beardsley and Tulloch -- are RPS compliant (11.5 MW and 19 MW, respectively), while the third is not (Donnells @ around 72 MW). Shell buys all of the output from Tri-Dam. MEA claims they will use up to 36 MW of Tri-Dam in 2010. Clearly, if you give them the benefit of the doubt that they are using RPS complaint facilities first (30.5 MW), it does not fulfill MEAs 36 MW demand which is being fulfilled by non-compliant RPS energy. As Sandy mention, their contract with Shell clearly states that some of their energy in not CA complaint.

That said, I'm not looking for a remedy here - I am merely pointing out that if you are going to referee the parties, it needs to be done equitably.

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Sent: Monday, April 26, 2010 3:37 PM
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Cc: Redacted
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Slammed here. You are all opening this before I do.

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From: Weisz, Dawn
To: Jim Phelps ; rhalstead@marinij.com
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Cc: Arnold, Judy; Hymel, Matthew; Rasmussen, Elizabeth

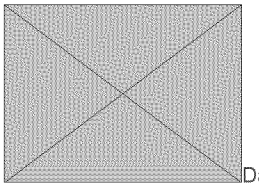
Subject: RE: MEA -- Public Records Request -- Generating Plants

Hi Jim,

Thank you for your request from Friday, April 23rd. I have attached the information you referenced. For your convenience we have also attached some charts that breakdown the resources by percentage. We hope this information is helpful to you.

Best,

Dawn



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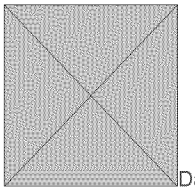
Subject: MEA -- Public Records Request -- Generating Plants

Hello Ms. Weisz --

Please respond to my attached letter.

Thanks,

Jim Phelps



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Subject: MEA Effect Upon Greenhouse Gases

Hello Rick --

I received your voice-mail Friday requesting input about the story you are writing regarding MEA and its effect upon greenhouse gas emissions (GHG). I applaud your effort. The net effect upon GHGs is the basis of MEA's business model (at prices equal to or below PG&E). I have made two (2) Public Records Requests from MEA and from the County of Marin about the renewable generating plants that

are scheduled to dispatch power to meet MEA's Light Green and Deep Green renewable loads. I have yet to receive substantive data, including capacity factors.

MEA appeared before the California Public Utilities Commission on March 17, 2010 and told President Peevey that their renewable generating plant list would be available "in the next few days" from March 17.

The data I requested will help confirm MEA's contribution to helping California's environment, and more specifically to Marin's environment. While everyone is focused on CO2 and 'renewable energy' the MEA-Shell Energy North America contract does nothing to address other GHGs in Marin County that lead to air cleanliness and respiratory problems, including asthma. Longer term, MEA will actually worsen asthma conditions for County residents when, per its Implementation Plan, it constructs a biomass plant(s) in Marin or surrounding counties - MEA will need to factor in costs for electrostatic precipitators and baghouses into their construction budget. First costs for this auxiliary equipment aren't cheap, and on-going, parasitic power costs represent another financial drain. Bondholders' financial pay-back will be worse than anticipated.

I do note, oddly, that the contract allows MEA to include CO2 credits in its Carbon Neutral Energy calculations from nuclear power and large hydro. To dismiss this as "system power" is nonsensical and hypocritical after MEA takes great strides during its public relations & marketing campaign to point out that it will not procure power directly from these sources. MEA says it is all about the environment... and then rides the coattails of the very thing it claims not to be.

As you may recall, much of the MEA's original appeal and promise to Marin residents during its public relations & marketing campaign was transparency and access. MEA claims PG&E possesses neither of these qualities, and that this is a reason to embrace MEA. I am still waiting for MEA to prove it is not another PG&E. I am still waiting for the information requested in my letters of April 10 and April 23.

As a suggestion to your research, you might ask for copies of the same data contained in my letters. You will also need to ask for the same data periodically to identify the methods MEA employs to meet RPS and carbon neutral representations, particularly after the (no) Opt-Out public relations campaign ceases.

The data, if presented accurately and comprehensively, should speak for itself without lobbying from anyone. Good luck.

Thanks,

Jim Phelps

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