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PUC TAKES ANOTHER STEP TOWARD STATE'S RENEWABLE ENERGY GOAL WITH APPROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR PG&E UTILITY'S CLEAN ENERGY PORTFOLIO GROWS BY 120 MW

SAN FRANCISCO, November 30, 2006 - The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) today approved a renewable power contract that boosts Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) clean energy portfolio by 840 GWh in 2010, contributing to the statewide target of 20 percent renewables by 2010. This contract, together with the 2004 and 2005 solicitation bids under review and negotiation, position the three large California Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs) on a path to be more than 17 percent renewable in 2010. More contracts expected from the 2006 renewable energy solicitations, as well as from later solicitations, could increase that figure.

PG&E's Military Pass Road-Newberry LLC (Vulcan) renewable resource contract will provide 120 MW of capacity from Newberry, OR. The facility is expected to deliver 840 GWh of geothermal energy to California annually.

The PUC's Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) Program requires IOUs, Energy Service Providers, and Community Choice Aggregators operating in California to obtain 20 percent of their retail sales from renewable energy sources by 2010. The three large California IOUs increased the amount of renewable energy in their power mixes by an average of 3 percent between 2001 and 2005, to a 2005 aggregate average of 13.7 percent.

The resolution approving the contact is available on the PUC's website at http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/word_pdf/AGENDA_RESOLUTION/60170.doc.

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