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**CPUC TAKES ANOTHER STEP TOWARD STATE'S RENEWABLE
ENERGY GOAL WITH APPROVAL OF PG&E CONTRACT**

SAN FRANCISCO, March 11, 2010 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today approved a renewable energy contract for Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), furthering the state's progress towards its renewable energy goals.

Through its 25-year power purchase agreement with NextLight Renewable Power, LLC, PG&E will procure renewable generation from the AV Solar Ranch One photovoltaic facility. The 230-megawatt facility is being developed in Antelope Valley, California. Under the agreement, PG&E will receive an average of approximately 590-gigawatt-hours of energy per year beginning in 2014.

The CPUC's Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) program requires investor-owned utilities, energy service providers, and community choice aggregators operating in California to obtain 20 percent of their retail sales from renewable energy sources by 2010. On November 17, 2008, Governor Schwarzenegger signed an Executive Order (S-14-08), which established a 33 percent by 2020 RPS goal.

The proposal voted on is available at

http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PUBLISHED/AGENDA_RESOLUTION/114674.htm.

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