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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**CPUC IMPLEMENTS UTILITY-SCALE  
SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC PROGRAM FOR PG&E**

SAN FRANCISCO, December 16, 2010 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today moved to implement Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Program, which the CPUC adopted in April 2010.

PG&E's five-year solar PV program will facilitate the development of 500 megawatts (MW) of solar PV facilities in the range of one to 20 MW in PG&E's service area. Under the program, PG&E is authorized to hold competitive solicitations for approximately 50 MW per year and to execute contracts with independent power producers for 250 MW during the course of the program.

Through a Resolution approved today, the CPUC adopted program eligibility criteria, competitive solicitation protocols, standard contract terms and conditions, and annual reporting requirements. The CPUC also directed PG&E to provide a preferred locations solar PV map that will help developers identify locations that can accommodate new grid interconnections into the existing infrastructure. The first solicitation is expected to occur in January 2011. Information about PG&E's solar PV program is available at

[www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/energy/Renewables/hot/Utility+PV+Programs.htm](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/energy/Renewables/hot/Utility+PV+Programs.htm).

The Resolution voted on is available here:

[http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PUBLISHED/AGENDA\\_RESOLUTION/128176.htm](http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PUBLISHED/AGENDA_RESOLUTION/128176.htm).

For the latest information about the utilities' progress towards the state's Renewable Portfolio Standard goal, please see the CPUC's Quarterly Report to the Legislature:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/energy/Renewables/index.htm>

For more information on the CPUC, please visit [www.cpuc.ca.gov](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov).

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