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PUC Takes Another Step Toward State's Renewable Energy Goal With Approval Of Five Contracts For PG&E *UTILITY'S CLEAN ENERGY PORTFOLIO GROWS BY 232 MW*

SAN FRANCISCO, December 14, 2006 - The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) today approved five renewable power contracts that boost Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) clean energy portfolio by 1,934 GWh in 2010, contributing to the statewide target of 20 percent renewables by 2010. These contracts 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, should increase that figure. The tables below provide a brief explanation of each project.

Generating facility	Type	Term Years	MW Capacity	GWh Energy	Online Date	Location
Northwest Geothermal	Geothermal	20	30-120	210-840	1/1/2010	Newberry, OR
IAE Truckhaven	Geothermal	20	49	370	7/01/2010	Truckhaven, CA
El Nido	Biomass	15	9	72	9/30/2007	Fresno, CA
Chowchilla	Biomass	15	9	72	12/31/2007	Fresno, CA
Geysers	Geothermal	6	200	1,752	1/2007	Sonoma and Lake County, CA

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 resolutions approved by the Commission are available at
http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/word_pdf/AGENDA_RESOLUTION/62168.pdf,
http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/word_pdf/COMMENT_RESOLUTION/61932.pdf, and
http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUBLISHED/AGENDA_RESOLUTION/62328.htm.

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