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

SAN FRANCISCO, January 29, 2009 - 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 2010 and 2020 renewable energy goals.

The table below provides a brief explanation of the project:

Generating Facility	Type	Term Years	MW Capacity	Annual Deliveries	Online Date	Project Location
Topaz Solar Farms	New Solar PV	20	550 MW	1,096 GWh	12/31/2011 to 06/30/2013 (2.5 year phase-in)	Carrizo Plain, San Luis Obispo County

Through its agreement with Topaz Solar Farms, PG&E will receive deliveries equal to approximately 1,096 gigawatt hours (GWh) of energy per year. The project, which is owned by OptiSolar, Inc., will generate electricity using thin-film solar photovoltaic panels and will be located in San Luis Obispo County.

The CPUC's 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, Governor Schwarzenegger signed an Executive Order (S-14-08) which established a 33 percent by 2020 RPS goal.

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