

Piedmont's Participation in East Bay Community Energy (EBCE)

East Bay Community Energy is the new local electricity supplier in Alameda County that gives municipal, commercial, and residential accounts the opportunity to use cleaner, greener energy. They are a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) program -a community-governed program authorized by California law in 2002- that pools the electric load of participating accounts for the purpose of purchasing and developing cleaner power at lower rates. EBCE is partnering with PG&E, in that EBCE will procure electricity from clean, renewable sources like solar and wind, and PG&E will deliver the power, handle customer billing, maintain power lines, and respond to new service requests and emergencies (source: <https://ebce.org/overview/>). In addition EBCE will reinvest earnings back into the community to create local green energy jobs, local programs, and clean power projects.

Enrollment for municipal and commercial accounts started automatically in June of 2018, and EBCE will begin serving residential customers in November of this year. EBCE started sending out the first round of residential notices in the beginning of September. They will continue to send notices over a four month period to each account holder: one per month over a four month period. Enrollment in EBCE is automatic; therefore, if no action is taken, you will become an EBCE customer.

[EBCE offers three different service plans: Bright Choice, Brilliant 100, and 100% Renewable.](#)

Earlier this year, the City Council voted to enroll all residential and municipal accounts into customers in EBCE's "100% Renewable" service plan. This service plan will be a significant environmental benefit to Piedmont, as the energy will be completely carbon-free and renewable. EBCE estimates that the 100% Renewable plan will cost residents an average of \$6 more per month (\$0.011 per kilowatt hour) than their current PG&E bill. If the majority of residential accounts remain enrolled with the 100% Renewable Plan, our community will make significant steps towards reaching the greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets of our recently-adopted Climate Action Plan 2.0

Businesses within EBCE's service area were automatically enrolled to EBCE's "Bright Choice" service plan in June of 2018: a plan that uses 85% carbon free energy and is 1.5% lower in cost to PG&E's regular electricity service.

All customers will have the choice to opt up to a cleaner energy service plan, opt down to a cheaper plan, or opt out of the program entirely and remain with PG&E.

For more information about EBCE or to opt up, or opt out of EBCE, you can **call EBCE directly at 1-833-699-EBCE (3223) or visit <https://ebce.org/>** and click on your preferred action located in the header. You will need your PG&E account number to opt up, opt down, or opt out of EBCE. Your account number can be located at the top right corner of your PG&E bill.

For more information on the City Council's consideration of East Bay Community Energy, please see below:

- February 5, 2018 – [Presentation](#), [Minutes](#), [Video](#)
- May 21, 2018 – [Agenda Report](#), [Minutes](#), [Video](#)
- June 4, 2018 – [Agenda Report](#), [Minutes](#), [Video](#)