

EBCE Board of Directors Public Comment received for 3/15/23 Meeting

Letter #	Name	Date
1	Audrey Ichinose	3/15/2023
2	Eloise Haman	3/15/2023

To: EBCE Board of Directors, CAC, and Staff
From: Audrey Ichinose, East Bay Clean Power Alliance
and California Alliance for Community Energy
Re: Follow-up to Public Comment, Board meeting March 15, 2023

Thank you very much for taking this brief follow-up to my public comment at last night's Board meeting. I'm not yet practiced enough in using this format to keep my comments short.

Now that the Board has authorized Staff to enter into the contract with Middle River Power, I urge Board and Staff to act in two areas to counterbalance EBCE's symbolic endorsement of gas-fired peaker plants in California.

The first area concerns **Renewable 100**, the more expensive but 100% green level of service EBCE offers its customers. To offset the impression of continued support for fossil fuel use, EBCE can mount an aggressive campaign to encourage customers who can afford it to opt up from Bright Choice. Better yet, it could seek to persuade non-participating member jurisdictions to adopt Renewable 100 as their default, while of course preserving and maybe even increasing financial protections for low-income customers.

Secondly, EBCE could follow a **NEM policy** that continues to incentivize rooftop solar+storage and microgrid development. If the CPUC does not reverse its new NEM3 proposal, EBCE should devise its own NEM policy.

From my vantage point as a member of CACE, one is struck by the diversity of CCAs throughout California. EBCE is among the largest, but apart from wind generation in the Altamont Pass, it has fewer easily accessible renewable energy resources (eg., geothermal, offshore wind, etc.) than other smaller CCAs. But what EBCE does have that few others do is its huge customer base and extensive built environment and transit hubs. This includes the vast extent of its commercial, municipal and residential (single and multifamily) rooftops. NEM3 proposes to unfairly cut EBCE off from this, its best "naturally occurring" source of renewable energy!

Action on these two fronts would do more for EBCE's public image than a mere change of logo or "brand."

Thank you for taking public comment.



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Public Comment at the 3/15/23 meeting of the EBCE Board

2 messages

Eloise Hamann <eloisehamann@gmail.com>
To: cob@ebce.org

Wed, Mar 15, 2023 at 7:19 PM

I didn't do my homework re public commenting and I was on a desktop of all devices! At any rate here are the comments I wanted to make:

I, Eloise Hamann, worked hard to get EBCE on board way back when, but once it became a reality, I haven't been paying much attention. Well, except for my disgust over PG&E's influence on the CPUC.

Now, I am wondering why EBCE has been silent on NEM 3.0. Should EBCE customers just assume EBCE is falling in line with PG&E with its deadline of April 14th for staying on NEM 2.0?

We have old solar panels that we'd like to replace as I presume other EBCE customers may have. We are also considering battery storage as promoted by EBCE. We have been operating in the dark about how much time we have to decide. If EBCE is NOT going to offer its customers a better deal, why not say so? If it is, why not promote it, and get more people on the most efficient solar panels available?

Eloise Hamann

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To: Clerk of the Board <COB@ebce.org>
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Wed, Mar 15, 2023 at 7:42 PM

Dear EBCE Board Members,

The following written public comment from Eloise Hamann was received after the general public comment period had concluded. This comment will be posted on the public meetings page for the March 15, 2023 meeting within the next 24 hours under the "Public Comment" tab.

Sincerely,
Adrian
[Quoted text hidden]

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Adrian Bankhead | Clerk of the Board

Letter #2

3/20/23, 12:54 PM

East Bay Community Energy Mail - Public Comment at the 3/15/23 meeting of the EBCE Board

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