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Sonoma Clean Power Approved to Serve All Eligible Cities
Petaluma Becomes the Final City to Join SCP

(**Santa Rosa, CA**) When the Petaluma City Council voted unanimously this week to join Sonoma Clean Power (SCP), their city became the final eligible Sonoma County city to vote in favor of joining the not-for-profit public agency that is Sonoma County's default electricity provider.

"It's exciting that all of Sonoma County now has the option to choose cleaner electricity that costs 5-8% less than PG&E, and with significantly fewer greenhouse gas emissions," said the agency's CEO, Geof Syphers. He added, "We've had our share of critics who said we'd never get the cities to join, we'd never get the financing we needed to get going and we'd never be able to offer electricity with lower greenhouse gases at rates below PG&E's. It's gratifying to be six months into serving customers, and to have achieved every one of those things."

SCP is one of two operating community choice programs in California which allow communities to purchase power on behalf of their residents and business owners. SCP secures electricity from renewable sources such as geothermal, wind and biomass at competitive rates, while creating competition in the marketplace and providing customer choice between the locally run public agency and PG&E.

"On behalf of the Sonoma Clean Power Board of Directors, we welcome Petaluma and Rohnert Park, and I look forward to having the voices of both cities represented on our Board," said Sonoma County Supervisor and SCP Board Chair, Susan Gorin.

Petaluma and Rohnert Park join Cloverdale in what will be SCP's third phase of customer enrollment. Residents and business owners will begin to receive notices about what to expect and how to opt out if they wish, in the spring of 2015. Service to customers in these communities will begin in the summer of 2015.

Sonoma Clean Power provides local, renewable electricity to residential and commercial customers in all cities in Sonoma County (with the exception of Healdsburg who has their own municipal utility) and the unincorporated areas of the county.

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