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NCPA PARTNERS WITH SAN JOSE CLEAN ENERGY TO PROVIDE WHOLESALE ENERGY SERVICES

ROSEVILLE, Calif. (April 2, 2018) — Last week, the San Jose City Council voted to approve a contract with the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) to provide San Jose Clean Energy (SJCE) with wholesale energy services. The city established SJCE to offer renewable energy choices to customers, lower greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, increase local control, and promote economic growth.

"SJCE is excited about partnering with NCPA to support the launch of our program. This is an important step for SJCE to start serving our customers. NCPA brings tremendous expertise in helping locally-governed community choice energy providers and public power utilities meet local energy needs," said Lori Mitchell, Director of Community Energy.

A state law passed in 2002 authorizes local governments in investor-owned utility service territories to establish their own programs to purchase electricity on behalf of their communities. Under this framework, commonly referred to as community choice energy, the local government makes energy resource decisions, while the investor-owned utility maintains the transmission and distribution system. There are 11 community choice energy programs that are currently operational in California, and SJCE is one of several new programs expected to launch this year.

NCPA will provide SJCE with a variety of wholesale energy services, including scheduling coordination and portfolio management and optimization services. These services will provide support as SJCE procures power for delivery to SJCE customers over the Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) transmission and distribution system.

"NCPA has been providing local communities and agencies with wholesale energy services since 1968," said NCPA General Manager Randy Howard. "We are already providing similar services to the nearby City of Palo Alto and City of Santa Clara, as well as to several of our other members based in the Bay Area. We are also working with other community choice energy programs, including East Bay Community Energy, which spans several cities in the Bay Area, and Pioneer Community Energy in Placer County. We look forward to sharing that expertise and economies of scale with SJCE as it offers electric service to San Jose

residents and businesses. Extending a commitment to help SJCE deliver affordable, reliable, and clean electricity to the city truly honors NCPA's roots as we celebrate our 50th anniversary this year."

SJCE will offer customers a choice of clean power options. In support of the *Climate Smart San Jose* plan, SJCE will offer 100 percent carbon-free electricity as a base offering to all of its customers by 2021. San Jose is one of the first large cities in America to develop a plan to reach the GHG emissions reduction targets of the Paris Agreement.

About San Jose Clean Energy: The City of San Jose is the 10th largest city in America and the 3rd largest city in California. SJCE is San Jose's community choice energy program, making the city the largest in the nation to offer its own electricity services. Once fully operational, the program is projected to serve roughly 5,000 gigawatt-hours of electric load and over 300,000 customers.

About NCPA: Headquartered in Roseville, California, NCPA is a nonprofit California joint powers agency established in 1968 to construct and operate renewable and low-emitting generating facilities and assist in meeting the wholesale energy needs of its 16 members: the Cities of Alameda, Biggs, Gridley, Healdsburg, Lodi, Lompoc, Palo Alto, Redding, Roseville, Santa Clara, Shasta Lake, and Ukiah, Plumas Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative, Port of Oakland, San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), and Truckee Donner Public Utility District—collectively serving nearly 700,000 electric consumers in Central and Northern California.

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