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RE: Letter Certifying Pioneer Community Energy's *Addendum No. 3 to the Community Choice Aggregation Implementation Plan and Statement of Intent Addressing Pioneer Expansion to the Cities of Chico, Live Oak, Orland, Oroville, Sonora, Willows, And Yuba City; The Town of Paradise; The Counties of Butte, Glenn, Nevada, Sutter, And Tuolumne*

Dear Donald Eckert Jr.:

I am writing to certify receipt of Pioneer Community Energy's *Addendum No. 3 to the Community Choice Aggregation Implementation Plan* to expand to include the Cities of Chico, Live Oak, Orland, Oroville, Sonora, Yuba City, and Willows, the Town of Paradise and unincorporated Counties of Butte, Glenn, Nevada, Sutter, and Tuolumne. *Addendum No. 3 to the Community Choice Aggregation Implementation Plan* was submitted to the Energy Division on March 11, 2025, to begin service in these municipalities effective after October 1, 2027.

Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 366.2 (c)(7), within 90 days after the Community Choice Aggregator (CCA) establishing load aggregation files and submitting an Implementation Plan, the Commission is required to certify that it has received the Implementation Plan, including any additional information necessary to determine a cost-recovery mechanism.

Public Utilities Code Section 366.2 (c)(3) requires a CCA Implementation Plan to contain all of the following:

- A) An organizational structure of the program, its operations, and its funding.
- B) Ratesetting and other costs to participants.
- C) Provisions for disclosure and due process in setting rates and allocating costs among participants.
- D) The methods for entering and terminating agreements with other entities.
- E) The rights and responsibilities of program participants, including, but not limited to, consumer protection procedures, credit issues, and shutoff procedures.

- F) Details regarding the termination of the program.
- G) A description of the third parties that will be supplying electricity under the program, including, but not limited to, information about financial, technical, and operational capabilities.
- H) The methods for ensuring procurement from small, local, and diverse business enterprises in all categories, including but not limited to, renewable energy, energy storage system, and smart grid projects.

Pursuant to Public Utilities Code Section 366.2 (c)(4), a CCA is also to prepare and provide for all of the following:

- A) A statement of intent; and
- B) Provision(s) that provide for:
 - 1. Universal access;
 - 2. Reliability;
 - 3. Equitable treatment of all classes of customers; and
 - 4. Compliance with any legal requirements concerning aggregated service.

On June 29, 2023, in Decision (D.) 23-06-029, the CPUC adopted new requirements based on resource adequacy program compliance for load serving entities that elect to expand service (collectively, “RA LSE Expansion Requirements”). Because Pioneer Community Energy submitted *Amendment No.7 to Pioneer’s JPA - Expansion* following the effective date of the RA LSE Expansion Requirements, it is therefore subject to this new rule. Id. at 41.

Having found that *Amendment No.7 to Pioneer’s JPA - Expansion* complies with other applicable expansion requirements, CPUC staff evaluated the expansion effective date based solely on Pioneer Community Energy’s compliance with the RA LSE Expansion Requirements. Pursuant to this guidance, the CPUC reviewed Pioneer Community Energy’s RA filings. Energy Division staff have determined that Pioneer Community Energy is in compliance with the RA LSE Expansion Requirements and confirms October 1, 2027 as the effective date.

Energy Division staff confirms that Pioneer Community Energy’s *Amendment No.7 to Pioneer’s JPA – Expansion* contains the information required by Public Utilities Code Section 366.2 (c). Should there be any modification to the Implementation Plan, including but not limited to the start date, anticipated load, and phase-in schedule, Pioneer Community Energy shall submit an updated Implementation Plan to the Commission in the same manner it submitted the original plan.

Pursuant to P.U. Code Section 366.2 (c)(7), the Commission is required to provide Pioneer Community Energy with “its findings regarding any cost recovery that must be paid by customers of the community choice aggregator to prevent a shifting of costs as provided for in

P.U. Code Section 366.2 subdivisions (d), (e) and (f).” The costs referenced in P.U. Code Section 366.2 subdivisions (d), (e) and (f) are recovered via separate charges for: (1) Power Charge Indifference Adjustment (per kWh); (2) DWR Bond Charge (per kWh); and (3) Competition Transition Charge (CTC) (per kWh). By this letter, the Commission informs Pioneer Community Energy that these costs are identified on each of PG&E’s customer-class-specific tariff sheets, in the Electric Rates Schedules section.¹

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leuwam Tesfai". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Leuwam" and last name "Tesfai" clearly distinguishable.

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¹ [PG&E Tariffs](#) under Electric Rate Schedules: Schedule CCA-CRS