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## **City of South San Francisco Customers Save Nearly Three Million on Electricity Bills**

*City Earns National Recognition for Commitment to Clean Energy*

**SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., May 9, 2019** - During last night's City Council meeting, City staff announced its partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a Green Power Community. The City received this designation because last year, City of South San Francisco customers saved \$2,649,000 on their electricity bills with Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE), while also earning national recognition for their commitment to renewable energy.

"Our city council voted three years ago to form Peninsula Clean Energy so that customers can enjoy cleaner energy at lower rates. We are proud to deliver on that promise," said Buenaflor Nicolas, City of South San Francisco Council Member who represents the City on Peninsula Clean Energy's Board of Directors.

As one of 91 communities in the United States that have this designation, the City also ranks sixth in terms of collective usage of green power in the County, and 22<sup>nd</sup> based on percentage of green power usage for all of the Green Power Communities.

"By switching to renewable, zero-emissions electricity, our community is reducing its carbon footprint, supporting the deployment of cleaner energy alternatives, and demonstrating to our residents, peers, and stakeholders that green power is a key component of best practice environmental management," added Nicolas.

Peninsula Clean Energy consistently sets its rates at five percent below PG&E's electricity generation rates for its ECOplus product, resulting in millions of dollars of savings annually across its 290,000 customers. More than 97 percent of San Mateo County households and businesses purchase their electricity through Peninsula Clean Energy, and collectively saved an

estimated \$18 million in 2018.

This year the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recognized the City of South San Francisco as a new member of its national Green Power Community Program, based on PCE's ECOplus clean energy mix containing at least 50 percent renewable energy.

Peninsula Clean Energy exceeds not only the EPA's clean energy targets, but also California's ambitious goals. PCE plans to provide 100 percent renewable energy by 2025, while the statewide goal is currently set at 60 percent renewable by 2030.

### ***About South San Francisco***

The City of South San Francisco proudly remains *The Industrial City*, a reflection of its steel mill and ship building past, redefined to reflect the innovative, entrepreneurial and industrious spirit which has made South San Francisco the Biotech Capital of the World, with 217 active biotech companies and growing. A vibrant community of 67,082 residents, South San Francisco enjoys a high quality of life with an extensive public parks system, active library and learning programming and a dynamic, engaged community making South San Francisco a great place to live, learn, work and play.

### ***About Peninsula Clean Energy***

Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE) is San Mateo County's official electricity provider. PCE ([www.PeninsulaCleanEnergy.com](http://www.PeninsulaCleanEnergy.com)) is a public not-for-profit local community choice energy agency that provides all electric customers in San Mateo County with cleaner electricity at lower rates than those charged by the local incumbent utility. PCE is estimated to save customers more than \$18 million a year. PCE, formed in March 2016, is a joint powers authority made up of the County of San Mateo and all 20 cities and town in the County. PCE serves approximately 290,000 accounts.