



### First Round of Direct Access Reopening Quickly Oversubscribed Customers' Interest in Direct Access Outstrips Limits Set by CPUC

The Alliance for Retail Energy Markets (AREM) and California Alliance for Competitive Energy Solutions (CACES) announce that they are pleased with the strong interest shown by business customers in potentially switching to direct access but disappointed that many customers will not be able to consider switching to an energy service provider in 2010 because the cap on customer enrollments was exceeded by the requests that

were submitted. "The California Retailer's Association (CRA) is excited about the opportunity for their retail members to once again have the option to choose their energy service provider", said Bill Dombrowski, President and CEO of CRA, "but unfortunately with the cap being as low as it is, not all of the customers who wanted to be able to switch had their requests honored and there

are some very disappointed and frustrated businesses out there. They want to be able to utilize the energy management tools that are provided to them by Electric Service Providers for them to remain competitive and achieve their environmental goals."

To read this Press Release in its entirety please go to: <http://www.caces.org/cacesnews.htm>

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### Assembly Bill 32 Stopper Headed for Ballot

It looks like there will be a measure on November's statewide ballot to block full implementation of California's greenhouse gas regulations. Groups supporting the measure they call the "California Jobs Initiative" claim they gathered more than 800,000 signatures, nearly twice what they needed to qualify the proposal as a statewide referendum.

The existing climate law, known widely as AB 32, allows for the Governor to

declare an emergency suspension of up to one year. But John Kabateck, who heads the California branch of the National Federation of Independent Businesses, says small businesses in particular can't wait to see what the next governor might do; that the measure is needed to "stop the madness." Kabateck said it's time to "just push the pause button and please stop loading small businesses with new costs, new mandates and new regulations at a time when we need to crawl out of the hole."

Studies have reached varying conclusions about what effect the state's current regulatory path for carbon emissions would have on the California economy. Opponents of the measure have already formed their own campaign, trying to keep momentum behind the three-year-old climate law known as AB-32.

To read more on this please go to: <http://blogs.kqed.org/climatewatch/>

#### COMING SOON...

- DA Reopening Updates
- No on Prop 16 Campaign
- CPUC News and Updates

## CPUC APPROVES SOLAR PV PROGRAM FOR PG&E

*"The PV program allows for development of solar facilities owned by PG&E and also owned by third parties."*

On April 22, 2010 the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) authorized a five-year solar photovoltaic (PV) program to develop up to 500 megawatts (MW) of solar PV facilities in the range of 1 to 20 MW in Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) service area.

The PV program allows for development of solar facilities owned by PG&E and also owned by third parties. Under the utility owned portion of the PV program, PG&E is

authorized to install up to 250 MW of PV facilities from 1 to 20 MW in size in its service area at a rate of 50 MW per year. Similarly, under the third-party owned portion of the program, PG&E can solicit energy from 250 MW of PV facilities from 1 to 20 MW in size located in its service area, also at a rate of 50 MW a year.

The CPUC authorized expenditures of up to \$1.454 billion for the capital costs associated with the utility owned portion of the PV program.

If PG&E develops fewer than 250 MW over the five year duration of the PV program, this amount will be adjusted based on the number of megawatts PG&E does develop. Pricing under the third-party owned PV will be based on competitive solicitations, with the successful bidders entering into a 20-year power purchase agreement with PG&E.

To read this article in its entirety please go to: [http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PUBLISHED/NEWS\\_RELEASE/116816.htm](http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PUBLISHED/NEWS_RELEASE/116816.htm)

## In The Know...

- ✓ Backers of a proposed initiative to suspend AB32 plan to turn in signatures to qualify for November ballot.
- ✓ Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger chipped in another \$1.25 million for the Proposition 14 campaign.
- ✓ GOP Assemblyman Sam Blakeslee officially threw his hat in the ring for the SD15 special election.
- ✓ Steve Poizner launched a new TV ad attacking Republican rival Meg Whitman's ties to Goldman Sachs. Whitman shot back with a threat to "roll the tape" on Poizner's 2004 debate appearances. The blows were traded days before the second, and likely last, debate of the primary.
- ✓ California is preparing to apply for round two of Race to the Top federal funds for education.
- ✓ DaVina Flemmings of the CPUC Legislative Office will be joining the staff of the Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee next Monday. She will be replacing Gina Adams, who was promoted to Chief Consultant to the committee a few weeks ago.