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Meeting Transcript

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POWER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2021, 11:00 A.M.

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING EVERYONE. WELCOME TO THE JUNE 17TH, 2021, ABAG POWER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. WITH THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER. AND WOULD THE ABAG/MTC STAFF, PLEASE, BEGIN THE COVID ANNOUNCEMENT? [RECORDED MEETING PROCEDURES ANNOUNCEMENT] DUE TO COVID-19 THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED AS A ZOOM WEBINAR PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20 WHICH SUSPENDS CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF THE BROWN ACT. THIS MEETING IS BEING WEBCAST ON THE ABAG WEB SITE. THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON COMMISSIONERS, PRESENTERS, STAFF, AND OTHER SPEAKERS BY NAME AND ASK THAT THEY SPEAK CLEARLY AND STATE THEIR NAMES BEFORE GIVING COMMENTS OR REMARKS. PERSONS PARTICIPATING VIA WEBCAST AND ZOOM WITH THEIR CAMERAS ENABLED ARE REMINDED THAT THEIR ACTIVITIES ARE VISIBLE TO VIEWERS. COMMISSIONERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING BY ZOOM WISHING TO SPEAK SHOULD USE THE RAISED HAND FEATURE, OR DIAL STAR NINE, AND THE CHAIR WILL CALL UPON THEM AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. TELECONFERENCE ATTENDEES WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE LAST FOUR DIGITS OF THEIR PHONE NUMBER. IT IS REQUESTED THAT PUBLIC SPEAKERS STATE THEIR NAMES AND ORGANIZATION, BUT PROVIDING SUCH INFORMATION IS VOLUNTARY. WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED AT INFO@BAYAREAMETRO.GOV BY 5:00 P.M. YESTERDAY WILL BE POSTED TO THE ONLINE AGENDA AND ENTERED INTO THE RECORD BUT WILL NOT BE READ OUT LOUD. IF AUTHORS OF THE WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK, THEY ARE FREE

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TO DO SO. A ROLL CALL VOTE WILL BE TAKEN FOR ALL ACTION ITEMS. PANELISTS AND ATTENDEES SHOULD NOTE THAT THE CHAT FEATURE IS NOT ACTIVE.

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: GREAT. THANK YOU. WE'LL NOW INVITE THE CLERK TO CONDUCT THE ROLL CALL AND CONFIRM WHETHER WE HAVE A QUORUM, OR NOT.

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: YES, CHAIRMAN BREES, GOOD MORNING ALL. COMMITTEE MEMBERS I'LL CALL YOUR NAME AND AGENCY PLEASE BE READY TO UNMUTE YOURSELF TO STATE YOUR PRESENCE. DAVE BREES WITH CITY OF LOS ALTOS?

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: HERE.

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: ANDRE DUURVOORT WITH CITY OF CUPERTINO IS ABSENT. DIANA OYLER WITH COUNTY OF CONTRA COSTA?

DIANA OYLER: HERE.

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: RICH SCHROEDER WITH CITY OF MILPITAS?

SPEAKER: HERE.

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: ANGELA WALTON FROM CITY OF RICHMOND?

ANGELA WALTON: HERE.

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CINDY CHEN, CLERK: DOUG WILLIAMS? SANTA ROSA.

DOUG WILLIAMS: HERE.

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: QUORUM IS PRESENT.

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: I WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE THE PROCESS FOR VOTING WITH TELEPHONIC PARTICIPATION. CLERK WILL CONDUCT A ROLLCALL VOTE TO RECORD THE VOTE OR ABSTENTION FOR EACH MEMBER PRESENT FOR THE ACTION. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE CLERK TO, PLEASE, CALL THE ROLL FOR STAFF?

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: BRAD PAUL DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES?

BRAD PAUL: HERE.

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: BRIAN MAYHEW CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER IS ABSENT.

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: ARLEICKA CONLEY, FINANCE MANAGER?

ARLEICKA CONLEY: PRESENT. RAYMOND WOO, BUDGET MANAGER?

RAYMOND WOO: PRESENT. KATHLEEN KANE, GENERAL COUNSEL?

KATHLEEN KANE: GOOD MORNING EVERYONE.

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CINDY CHEN, CLERK: JENNIFER BERG, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR?

JENNIFER BERG: PRESENT.

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: RYAN JACOBY PROJECT MANAGER.

RYAN JACOBY: PRESENT.

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: CINDY CHEN, PROGRAM COORDINATOR IS PRESENT. ARE THERE ANY OTHER STAFF MEMBERS WHOSE NAME WAS NOT CALLED? I DO NOT SEE ANY IN PANELIST. SEEING NONE. ROLL CALL CONCLUDED.

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: AGENDA ITEM 2, PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION WHERE ANY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISHES TO SPEAK ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA. I DO NOT SEE ANY RAISED HANDS. I'LL ASK THE CLERK IF THERE ARE ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH US WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK?

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: THERE IS NO PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ANY OF THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: GREAT. THANK YOU MUCH. TAKES US TO OUR CONSENT CALENDAR. WHICH, TODAY IS THE APPROVAL OF THE SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE ABAG POWER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 15TH, 2021. IS THERE A MOTION FROM THE COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR?

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DOUG WILLIAMS: DOUG WILLIAMS CITY OF SANTA ROSA, I MOTION TO PROVE THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 15TH, 2021.

CHRIS SCHROEDER: CHRIS SCHROEDER, CITY OF MILPITAS OF MILPITAS, I SECOND.

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: GREAT. ANY DISCUSSION FROM MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE? OKAY. SEEING NONE. ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS? THEN I WILL NOW REQUEST THE CLERK TO CONDUCT A VOTE OF THE COMMITTEE.

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: YES. I WANT TO CONFIRM, I DO NOT SEE ANY RAISED HANDS NOR ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR THIS ITEM. SO, COMMITTEE MEMBERS, PLEASE BE READY TO UNMUTE YOURSELF TO STATE YOUR VOTE FOR THIS ITEM. DAVE BREES?

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: AYE.

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: ANDRE DUURVOORT IS ABSENT. DINA OYLER?

DIANA OYLER: AYE.

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: CHRIS SCHROEDER?

CHRIS SCHROEDER: AYE. ANGELA WALTON?

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ANGELA WALTON: AYE.

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: DOUG WILLIAMS?

DOUG WILLIAMS: AYE.

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: MOTION PASSES.

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: NEXT ITEM IS ENERGY MANAGER'S PROGRAM REPORT. JENNY?

JENNIFER BERG: GOOD MORNING EVERYBODY. I'M EXCITED FOR THIS MEETING. THERE IS A LOT TO REPORT ON THE ABAG POWER SIDE WITH THE REALLY INFORMATIVE STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS THAT RYAN WILL GET INTO. I WANT TO GIVE YOU A QUICK UPDATE ON THE BAYREN SIDE OF THE HOUSE. THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED A PRETTY LANDMARK DECISION IN THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY SPACE IN THAT THEY WILL NO LONGER EVALUATE ENERGY EFFICIENCY BASED ON A STRICT COST EFFECTIVENESS ANALYSIS. THEY NOW WILL LOOK AT THREE DIFFERENT BUCKETS, ONE OF THEM IS STILL A COST EFFECTIVENESS, THE OTHER IS EQUITY, AND THE THIRD IS MARKET SUPPORT. SO IT'S -- IT'S AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY THE CPUC THAT THERE ARE BENEFITS OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY BEYOND JUST ENERGY SAVINGS. SO WE'RE REALLY, REALLY EXCITED ABOUT IT. WE'LL HAVE TO SUBMIT A NEW BUSINESS PLAN THAT ALIGNS WITH THE NEW MARKET SEGMENTATION. SO THAT IS DUE IN FEBRUARY. WE ALSO -- THERE WAS SOME CHANGES TO OUR BUDGETING WHICH WILL MAKE IT A LOT EASIER ADMINISTRATIVELY. SO, A LOT TO BE DONE, BUT ALSO A REAL LOT OF EXCITEMENT AMONG ALL THE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS AND

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STAKEHOLDERS, IN THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY WORLD ABOUT, YOU KNOW, CHANGES IN THE CPUC. SO THAT WILL KEEP US BUSY UNTIL FEBRUARY 15TH WHEN WE FILE OUR APPLICATION. SO WITH THAT IN MIND, I KEPT THAT IN MY MIND AS I ATTENDED A LOT OF THE STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS THAT BRIAN WILL TALK ABOUT, AND WE CONTINUE TO FEEL LIKE THERE IS A LOT OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATING AMONG THE DIFFERENT PROGRAMS. ANY QUESTIONS?

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: GREAT, THANKS JENNY. IT IS EXCITING TO KNOW ABOUT THE DIFFERENT COLLABORATIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES AND WHAT'S OUT THERE AND WHAT'S THE START OF THE PROCESS IN WORKING WITH OUR CONSULTING AND ALL THE STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS. THAT'S GOOD. THAT'S GOING TO TAKE US INTO OUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND PROGRAM MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT. RYAN.

RYAN JACOBY: THANKS. DAVE AND GOOD MORNING, AGAIN, TO EVERYONE. I'M RYAN JACOBY PROGRAM MANAGER FOR ABAG POWER. NICE TO SEE YOU, APPRECIATE EVERYONE'S CAMERAS BEING ON TODAY. ITEM FIVE CONTAINS ITEMS TO CONSIDER MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE WITHIN THE PROGRAM GENERALLY STARTING WITH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE POSITION UNCHANGED SINCE FEBRUARY'S REPORT WHICH WE DISCUSSED CONDUCTING OUTREACH TO POTENTIAL DIRECTORS WITH THE PROGRAM DESIGN WORK BEING THE PRIMARY MOTIVATION FOR THAT OUTREACH. JOINING US THIS MORNING IS GUEST PATRICK CARTER WITH THE CITY OF PETALUMA WHO ATTENDED OUR MEMBER STAKEHOLDER EVENT LAST MONDAY AND AFTERWARDS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE COMMUNITY'S INVOLVEMENT IN THESE EFFORTS. NO UPDATES REGARDING ONGOING COMMUNICATIONS WITH POTENTIAL DIRECTORS. ON THE PROGRAM MEMBERSHIP FRONT ONLY ONE ITEM TO REPORT THAT WE

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HAVE RECEIVED A RECENT MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY FROM THE DEPUTY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF VACAVILLE BUT THOSE CONVERSATIONS ARE STILL IN THE EARLY STAGES. THAT'S IT FROM MY SIDE. DAVE DO YOU HAVE COMMENT OR REQUESTS EITHER FOR STAFF OR THE COMMITTEE?

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: FIRST OF ALL, WELCOME PATRICK, WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE WITH US. WE MET DURING THE INITIAL STAKEHOLDER MEETING THAT WE HAD LAST WEEK OR A COUPLE OF WEEKS BACK. I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING FURTHER TO REPORT-OUT ON THAT. ANY COMMITTEE MEMBERS HAVE ANYTHING THEY WOULD LIKE TO REPORT-OUT? WELL, IT'S ENCOURAGING THAT WE'RE IN TALKS WITH VACAVILLE, HOPEFULLY THOSE WILL BE VERY PRODUCTIVE HERE. LET US KNOW HOW WE CAN HELP OR BE A PART OF THAT, IF YOU WOULD LIKE. OKAY. OUR AGENDA ITEM SIX IS A STRATEGIC PROGRAM DESIGN INITIATIVE. THIS IS AN ACTION ITEM. RYAN?

RYAN JACOBY: GREAT. FOR THOSE ABLE TO ATTEND LAST WEEK'S MEMBER ROUNDTABLE, THANK YOU. I KNOW IT WAS A PRETTY JAM-PACKED 90 MINUTES. I THINK THE EVENTS SO FAR HAVE BEEN WELL RECEIVED AMONG THE MEMBERSHIP AND STAKEHOLDERS. IF YOU WERE ABLE TO REGISTER FOR THAT EVENT OR OTHER ONES YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED AN E-MAIL THANKING YOU ARE IF YOUR PARTICIPATION AND ALSO CONTAINING THE POLL RESULTS THAT ARE CONTAINED IN YOUR PACKET AS AGENDA ITEM 6C I'LL GO OVER THEM BRIEFLY BUT YOU SHOULD HAVE INDIVIDUAL RESPONSES AND PERCENTAGES FOR THOSE QUESTIONS. TO SUMMARIZE OUR EFFORTS OVER THE PAST FEE WEEKS WE CONDUCTED TWO ROUNDTABLE EVENTS MONDAY JUNE 7TH ONE FOR MEMBERS AND ONE FOR STAKEHOLDERS. THE MEMBER ROUNDTABLE SAW 20 AGENCIES AND TEN ORGANIZATIONS ATTEND THE STAKEHOLDER ROUNDTABLE WITH EACH

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LASTING ABOUT 90 MINUTES AND GETTING SOME PRETTY GOOD CONVERSATION FROM THEM. THEN THROUGHOUT THE REMAINDER OF LAST WEEK AND A COUPLE OF DAYS THROUGHOUT THIS ONE WE HAVE HELD A SERIES OF SMALLER FOCUS GROUPS WHERE WE MET WITH COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION AND GAS VENDORS, SUPPLIERS, PG&E AND CAL RECYCLE AND PARTIES IN ORDER TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK, INITIAL FEEDBACK, ON A SERIES OF PROGRAM PRODUCT IDEAS WE'RE CONSIDERING AS PART OF THIS STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH EVENT AND A SERIES OF PROGRAM DESIGN WORK THAT WE'RE CONDUCTING WITH GPC AND THE PROJECT TEAM. SO FAR ON THE PRODUCT SIDE WE GAUGING INTEREST IN VIABILITY OF ABAG POWER EXPANDING INTO THINGS LIKE CARBON OFFSETS [INDISCERNIBLE] FREE GAS, RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS, IN THE VEHICLE FUEL MARKETS THAT WE TALKED ABOUT IN APRIL AND FEBRUARY ONCE WE WERE CONCLUDING THE SOLICITATION AND STARTED INITIAL FRAMING WITH GPT. WE'RE LOOKING AT FRAMING ALL THOSE PRODUCTS POTENTIALLY AS PART OF A RENEWABLE GAS PORTFOLIO IN A MODEL THAT'S SIMILAR TO WHAT HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL ON THE ELECTRIC SIDE WITH THE RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD. ON THE PROGRAM SIDE, WE'RE CONSIDERING TRANSITIONAL ELECTRIFICATION AND DECARBONIZATION PROGRAMS, GREENHOUSE GAS ACCOUNTING AND VERIFICATION SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND ENHANCED EFFICIENCY INCENTIVE PROGRAMS THAT ARE A LITTLE BIT MORE TRADITIONAL IN TERMS OF INCENTIVIZING MORE EFFICIENT EQUIPMENT BUT NOT NECESSARILY A TRANSITION TO ELECTRICITY OR ANOTHER FUEL SOURCE. THROUGHOUT BOTH OF THOSE DISCUSSIONS, KIND OF A -- I WOULD SAY A MAIN COMPONENT OF THAT DISCUSSION, AS WELL, IS FOR US TO BE ABLE TO DETERMINE HOW WE MIGHT VOLUNTARILY LEVERAGE POLICIES TO SUPPORT BOTH MINORITY OR WOMAN OWNED OR DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES THROUGHOUT DIFFERENT ASPECTS OF THOSE PRODUCTS AND PROGRAM IDEAS. THERE IS A LOT TO

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UNPACK IN EACH OF THOSE. WE WENT INTO THAT A LITTLE MORE IN DEPTH DURING THE MEMBER AND STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS BUT OUR CURRENT EFFORT IS TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHEN OF THESE ARE VALUABLE MEMBERS OF OUR OBJECTIVE. THE MEETING WAS STRUCTURED WITH TEN POLL QUESTIONS AND 30 MINUTES FOR Q&A AFTER EACH SESSION RESPONSES TO A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS ARE CONTAINED IN THE MEETING AGENDA REPORT AS ITEM 6C SO FAR WHAT WE'RE FINDING SO FAR IS COST CONTINGENT SUPPORT FOR THESE IDEAS AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES LIKE RENEWABLE AND NATURAL GAS. REALLY A MUTUAL COMPLIANCE NEED FOR SB1378, AND IN THAT PARTICIPANTS ARE SELF REPORTING NATURAL GAS USE AS REPRESENTING A SOMEWHAT SIGNIFICANT PART OF THEIR EMISSIONS PORTFOLIO WHICH TO ME REPRESENTS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO REDUCE THOSE EMISSIONS THROUGH VARIOUS WAYS. WE ALSO FOUND THAT A VAST MAJORITY OF RESPONDENT JURISDICTIONS HAD DECIDED TO OPT UP TO A PREMIUM ELECTRICITY PRODUCT LIKE 100% RENEWABLE OR CARBON FREE ALTERNATIVES SUCH AS SOMETHING OFFERED BY MCE EAST BAY COMMUNITY ENERGY OR ANOTHER COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATOR. WE ALSO PINGED FOLKS TO TRYING TO IDENTIFY SOME COMMONLY IDENTIFIED BARRIERS WHICH TURN OUT TO BE THE CURRENT LIFESPANS OF THE EQUIPMENT NOT BEING DUE FOR REPLACEMENT IN THE NEXT FIVE YEARS BEING THE MOST POPULAR BARRIER ANOTHER BEING LACK OF INCENTIVES OR SUBSIDIES TO REPLACE THE EQUIPMENT WHICH WE CAN REMEDY THROUGH SOME OF THESE VOLUNTARY PROGRAMS. ULTIMATELY AS JENNY MENTIONED, I THINK THE OUTREACH EVENTS AND THESE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER INPUT WILL CONTINUE TO BE VALUABLE FOR STAFF, COMMITTEE, AND AS WELL AS PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS AS WE CONSIDER THESE IDEAS ON A PRETTY AGGRESSIVE SCHEDULE, BUT THE POSITION WE'RE IN, NOW, HONESTLY, IS THAT WE HAVE HAD TO DIVERT ABOUT 60% OF THE INTENDED FUNDING FOR THESE OUTREACH EVENTS, TO THE

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GAS SCHEDULING AND OPERATIONS NEEDS THAT YOU HEARD ABOUT IN FEBRUARY WITH THE TRANSITION OF SERVICES FROM DMJ TO GPT. THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR THIS ITEM TO REMEDY THAT, REALLY IS A BACKFILL OF THE DIFFERENCE IS TO AUGMENT THE CURRENT BUDGET BY $100,000 BRINGING IN LINE WITH THE INTENDED BUDGET FOR ACTIVITY CONSIDERED IN PHASE 2 AND 3 OF THE PROGRAM DESIGN WORK SET TO CONCLUDE LATER THIS YEAR. THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION FOR THIS ITEM, AND OF COURSE I'M LEADERSHIP TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS.

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: I JUST HAVE ONE REAL QUICK ONE ON WHAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT IN SUMMARY OF THE FINDINGS AND THAT MANY OF THE AGENCIES HAVE MADE THAT JUMP FROM THE ELECTRIC TO THE RENEWABLE ENERGY ELECTRIC. AND WE'RE LOOKING AT THAT ON THE GAS SIDE. HOW BIG -- OR WHAT WAS THE GAP DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WHAT THE ELECTRIC RATE WAS VERSUS THE RENEWABLE ELECTRIC RATE? IS THAT, LIKE, A ONE TIME, TWO TIME? BECAUSE I KNOW WHEN WE WERE LOOKING AT THE GAS ONE, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ALMOST A TEN TIME JUMP. I DON'T THINK IT WAS THAT BIG FOR THE ELECTRIC?

RYAN JACOBY: YEAH, FOR THE ELECTRIC, IT DOES DEPEND. THERE IS A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT TRANCHES, SOMETHING LIKE LOCAL COMMUNITY SOLAR, THAT'S A VERY LOCAL INSTALLATION THERE'S TYPICALLY A HIGHER PREMIUM ASSOCIATED WITH THAT VERSUS ANOTHER TRANCHE THAT MIGHT BE ASSOCIATED WITH THE STATE BUT THAT IS NOT NECESSARILY ALL WIND AND SOLAR THE PREMIUMS ASSOCIATED WITH THAT KIND OF VARIES WITHIN THE 5% RANGE AND USUALLY CALCULATED ON IMPACT OF AN AVERAGE BILL FOR A RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER OR A COMMERCIAL CUSTOMER AND WHAT THAT TURNS OUT TO BE IS TYPICALLY, LIKE, FIVE OR $10 PER ACCOUNT, IF YOU

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FALL WITHIN THAT GHAT GORE OF HAVING A SPECIFIED USAGE TREND THAT MIRRORS THE RESIDENTIAL USAGE. FOR US IT'S RNG RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS IS IN SOMEWHAT OF A DIFFERENT BOAT WHERE THE PRICE PREMIUM WOULD BE MUCH HIGHER FOR THAT FOR US IT'S REALLY IN THE NEXT STAGE OF TALKING TO VENDORS AND SUPPLIERS TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THE DIFFERENCE IS IN STATE SUPPLY WHICH WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR SB1378, AND I KNOW THAT SEEMS TO BE A SOMEWHAT LARGE DRIVER FOR AGENCIES INTERESTED IN THIS EFFORT VERSUS OUT OF STATE RESOURCES THAT MAY HAVE HIGHER CARBON -- OR LOWER CARBON INTENSITIES AND THEREFORE A MORE ENVIRONMENTAL OFFERING BUT NOT QUALIFYING FOR SB1378, BUT THE, YOU KNOW, KIND OF THE HIGH LEVEL IS RNG, RIGHT NOW WE'RE EXPECTING THE SUPPLY TO GROW BUT I THINK IT'S PROBABLY GOING TO BE FOR THE ACTUAL PHYSICAL GAS, PROBABLY A 4 TO 5 FOLD PREMIUM, YOU KNOW, OF YOUR TRADITIONAL NATURAL GAS AND WE RECOGNIZE THAT MAY BE COST PROHIBITIVE IN MOST CASES AND MAY ONLY MAKE SENSE TO USE THAT IN THE VEHICLE FUEL MARKET OR FOR VERY SPECIFIC PURPOSES. SO WE'RE DEFINITELY CONSIDERING THOSE ELEMENTS.

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: GREAT. THANK YOU. OTHER QUESTIONS ON THAT?

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: JENNY HAS HER HAND RAISED.

JENNIFER BERG: DAVE, IT'S JUST MORE OF A COMMENT THAT, I FOUND IT REALLY INTERESTING THAT ALMOST UNIFORMLY JURISDICTIONS WERE OPTING UP WITH THEIR ELECTRICITY, AS YOU NOTED, AND RYAN DID AS WELL. AND WHY ARE THEY NOT -- WHY IS THAT -- WHY IS THE ONE CONCERN, IS THE COST WITH GAS YET IT'S NOT

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ON THE ELECTRICITY SIDE. IT'S JUST MORE OF A COMMENT OF THINKING ABOUT, PERHAPS, MESSAGING, SO THAT THERE CAN BE MORE SUPPORT AROUND THE INCREASE IN GAS, WITH THE CLEANER SOURCES. I MEAN, I JUST FOUND THAT VERY, VERY INSTRUCTIVE, AND IF THEY CAN DO IT ON THE ELECTRICITY SIDE, THEN WHY NOT ON THE GAS? AND THEN HOW COULD WE HELP INCREASE THE SUPPORT FOR RNG DESPITE THE COST?

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: I THINK OUR INVOLVEMENT WITH GPT AND THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE BEING PRESENTED BOTH IN TASK 1, 2, AND 3, AND JUST BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER, AND HAVING THOSE CONVERSATIONS, BRANDING, OR GETTING THE MESSAGE OUT TO THE DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS IS A GREAT ASSET THAT WE CAN BRING, AS A GROUP, TO THE COMMUNITIES THAT WE SERVE. AND WITH THAT, I JUST USE THAT AS A SEGUE FOR RYAN. DO YOU HAVE MORE ON THIS?

RYAN JACOBY: THAT WAS ACTUALLY ON MY SIDE. I WOULD JUST NOTE, TOO, THAT WE'RE IN PHASE ONE, REALLY, AT THESE OUTREACH EVENTS AND THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF SUBSTANCE TO THOSE CONVERSATIONS BUT THESE ARE THE INITIAL IDEAS I WOULD SAY THAT, THAT WE'RE TRYING TO AVOID BEING FULLY BAKED WHEN WE PRESENT THOSE TO THE STAKEHOLDERS AND TO THE MEMBERS SO THAT WE CAN INCORPORATE IMPACTS AND REALLY LEARN ABOUT WHAT WOULD BE VALUABLE FOR THE MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS. THAT'S BEEN A BIG COMPONENT AS WELL. I IMAGINE, AS I SAID, RNG WITH CONCERNED SCENARIOS OR SMALLER AGENCIES WHERE MAYBE THE PRICE PREMIUM MAY NOT BE SO SIGNIFICANT I THINK IT'S A KIND OF BALANCE THERE BETWEEN POTENTIAL EMISSIONS REDUCTION US THAT SEE AS TRADITIONING FROM RNG CARBON OFFSETS VERSUS THE COST ON IMPLICATION ASSOCIATED WITH

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THAT. SO WE'RE WORKING ON THAT IN THE SCHEDULE OUTLINING PHASE 2 AND 3 TAKING PLACE PRESUMABLY WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS AND ULTIMATELY THE DELIVERABLE FOR THIS WORK WOULD BE THAT PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION ROADMAP TO BE PRESENTED TO THE BOARD LATER THIS YEAR, AND THEN, HOPEFULLY TO HIT THE GROUPED RUNNING WITH IMPLEMENTING SOME OF THESE IDEAS EARLY NEXT YEAR. IS

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: GOOD. VERY GOOD. WE HAVE THIS DOWN AS AN ACTION ITEM, THE APPROVAL OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT.

RYAN JACOBY: CORRECT. IT IS A STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO AUTHORIZE THE INCREASE.

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: OKAY. DO YOU WANT INTRODUCE THIS ITEM? OR THIS IS -- WE DISCUSSED THIS BACK IN FEBRUARY, THAT WE WANTED TO GO IN THIS DIRECTION, AND I BELIEVE THIS IS THE ADMINISTRATIVE TASK OF -- OR ACT OF APPROVING THE AGREEMENT?

RYAN JACOBY: CORRECT. YES. THIS WOULD BE THE ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT OF INCREASING THE AUTHORIZATION ASSOCIATED WITH CONTINUING THIS WORK AT A LEVEL THAT WAS ORIGINALLY INTENDED FOR THE FUNDING BEING ABOUT 150,000 PER FISCAL YEAR. SO WE'RE A LITTLE BIT LOWER THAN THAT, FRANKLY, IN TERMS OF THE OVERALL FUNDING FOR THESE ACTIVITIES SPECIFICALLY, AND THAT'S OUR WAY OF TRYING TO EFFICIENTLY, KIND OF MANAGE THE COST ASSOCIATED WITH THIS. OBVIOUSLY WE'RE A COST SENSITIVE PROGRAM. BUT IT IS A CONTINUATION OF THE

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CONVERSATION WE HAD BACK IN APRIL, WHERE I SPOKE ABOUT AND NOTIFIED THE COMMITTEE OF THE TERMINATION OF DMJ CONSULTING AND THE SUBSEQUENT TRANSFER OF THOSE RESPONSIBILITIES TO GTP FOR OUR GAS SCHEDULING SERVICES. SO THE IMPACT OF THAT, REALLY SHIFTED ABOUT 60% OF THE BUDGET ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROGRAM DESIGN WORK TO SPECIFICALLY THE GAS SCHEDULING AND OPERATIONS SERVICES AGREEMENT AT THAT TIME. SO THAT CHANGE WAS PRESENTED AT THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET BACK IN APRIL, AND THEN, AS YOU SAID, THIS IS REALLY KIND OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CLOSER AND TASK THAT WE WOULD NEED IN ORDER TO ACTUAL AMEND THE CONTRACT AS WELL AS INCORPORATE INTO THIS NEXT FISCAL YEAR'S BUDGET WHICH WE'LL SEE LATER.

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: IS THERE A MOTION FROM THE COMMITTEE TO APPROVE THE STAFF RECOMMENDATION TO AMEND THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH GBP, INC. NOT TO EXCEED $106,800 FOR PROGRAM DESIGN AND OPERATION SERVICES THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021?

CHRIS SCHROEDER: I MOTION BUT I'M GOING TO BE HARD PRESSED TO REPEAT THAT.

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: YOU CAN SAY MOVE IT.

CHRIS SCHROEDER: MOVE IT.

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: IS THERE A SECOND?

SPEAKER: I WILL SECOND.

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DAVE BREES, CHAIR: ANY DISCUSSION BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE MOTION? OKAY. SEEING NONE. THE CLERK INFORM US IF THERE IS ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE MOTION?

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: I DO NOT SEE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR THIS ITEM.

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: OKAY I'LL NOW CALL FOR A VOTE.

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: COMMITTEE MEMBERS, PLEASE BE READY TO UNMUTE YOURSELF TO STATE YOUR VOTE FOR THIS ITEM. DAVE BREES?

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: AYE.

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: DIANE OYLER?

DIANA OYLER: AYE.

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: CHRIS SCHROEDER?

CHRIS SCHROEDER: AYE.

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: ANGELA WALTON?

ANGELA WALTON, V. CHAIR: AYE.

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CINDY CHEN, CLERK: DOUG WILLIAMS?

DOUG WILLIAMS: AYE.

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: THANK YOU. THE MOTION PASSES.

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: THAT TAKES US TO OUR NEXT AGENDA ITEM WHICH IS NUMBER SEVEN, THE REPORT ON THE NATURAL GAS PROGRAM. THIS IS AN INFORMATION ITEM. RYAN, TAKE IT AWAY.

RYAN JACOBY: THANK YOU. CAN I ASK OUR AV STAFF TO PULL UP THE PRESENTATION, PLEASE? PERFECT. THANKS. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. OKAY. SO, AS A SUMMARY OF OUR GAS OPERATIONS, AS OF APRIL 30TH, WE'RE CURRENTLY SITTING AT A PREMIUM OF ABOUT THREE AND A HALF PERCENT. WHEN WE LAST MET IN MID-APRIL WE WERE ON PAR WITH PG&E'S PRICES SO THIS IS PRETTY DIFFICULT FOR ME TO SEE SUCH A SWING, REALLY N THAT SHORT PERIOD OF TIME IN TWO MONTHS. A REALLY WHAT'S DRIVING THAT IS THE BEGINNING OF THE SIX MONTH AMORTIZATION OF THE $90 MILLION THAT PG&E IS CREDITING ITS CORE CUSTOMERS BEGINNING IN THE APRIL PERIOD. THE CREDIT, IN GENERAL, IS DUE TO FAVORABLE GAS SALES DURING THE FEBRUARY STORMS THAT TOOK PLACE EARLIER THIS YEAR. THE CREDIT, ITSELF, IS REALLY SIGNIFICANT AT $1.33 PER DEKATHERM, AND EXPECTING TO FULLY AMORTIZED BY SEPTEMBER 2021. WHEN THIS WAS ANNOUNCED IN LATE APRIL WE JOINED A PROTEST WITH OTHER CORE TRANSFER AGENTS PROPOSING A CREDIT EITHER BE APPLIED TO PASS UNCOLLECTIBLE UTILITY BILLS OR CREDIT AMORTIZED

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OVER THE WINTER SEASON WHICH TYPICALLY HAS A MORE SIGNIFICANT BILL SUPPRESSION FACT SINCE THAT USAGE IS HIGHER DURING THE WINTER MONTHS WHEN GAS USAGE IS MORE FOR HEAT RATHER THAN THE SUMMER MONTHS UNFORTUNATELY THE CPUC HAS NOT RESPONDED TO THE PROTEST WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO SEE ADMORTIZATION OVER THE NEXT SIX MONTHS OVER THE SUMMER MONTHS WHETHER THEY ACT ON THAT PRO TEST OR NOD R NOT. IN ADDITION THIS DEVELOPMENT RECENT EFFORTS HAVE BEEN FOCUSED ON COMPLETING SCHEDULING TRANSITION WHICH I SPOKE ABOUT STAKEHOLDER EVENTS INITIATING INTERNAL CONVERSATIONS REGARDING A MODERNIZATION OF BILLING APPLICATION THAT CREATES OUR INVOICING DOCUMENTS. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THE COMMITTEE HAS HEARD ABOUT THE PG&E PROCUREMENT CREDITS IS THERE ANY QUESTION ON THIS ITEM SPECIFICALLY OR ANYTHING ELSE BEFORE I MOVE ON? OKAY. SEEING NONE. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. I'M NOT GOING TO SPEND TOO MUCH TIME ON THIS SINCE I RECAPPED IT IN A PRIOR ITEM. WE'RE IN THE FIRST PHASE OF OUTREACH WITH THREE OFFICE HOURS UPCOMING AND THEN WE'LL CONCLUDE PHASE ONE OF STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT OUTREACH. AFTER THAT WE'RE GOING TO SYNTHESIZE OUR CONVERSATIONS AND FINDINGS BEFORE BEGINNING A SECOND ROUND TO PROVIDE MORE INPUT OPPORTUNITIES FOR GENERALLY THE SAME STAKEHOLDERS THAT WE REACHED OUT TO IN THE FIRST ROUND OF ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES. WE'RE ANTICIPATING A SECOND ROUND TO KICKOFF IN MID-TO EARLY Q3, AND THIS DELIVERABLE WILL RESULT IN A PRESENTATION OF A PROGRAM DESIGN IMPLEMENTATION ROADMAP TO THE BOARD IN Q4. I'M UNSURE YET WHETHER WE'RE GOING TO NEED THAT OCTOBER TIME FRAME FOR OUR CURRENTLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING OR WHETHER THIS IS GOING TO BE IN THE DECEMBER TIME FRAME THAT'S IT, TBD AT THE MOMENT DURING THAT TIME YOU CAN PLAN SOME OF THESE ROADMAP OFFERINGS WITHIN THE FIRST HALF OF

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THE NEXT CALENDAR YEAR IT'S A PRETTY AGGRESSIVE SCHEDULE BUT PARTICULARLY WITH THE FEEDBACK WE'RE RECEIVING ON SB1378, I THINK THAT SCHEDULE IS APPROPRIATE THERE ARE SOME COMPLIANCE QUESTIONS AMONG THE MEMBER AGENCIES THAT PRESENTS A ROLE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR POTENTIALLY ABAG POWER TO FILL IN PROVIDING THAT ASSISTANCE I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE THAT WE KEEP OUR FOOT ON THE PEDAL AND REACH THAT AGGRESSIVE TIME FRAME ASSOCIATED WITH THIS. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. INTO FISCAL YEAR USAGE COMPARISON WE'RE BEGINNING TO SEE THE FAMILIAR FEBRUARY DIP LAST YEAR AND DECENT INTO THE SUMMER SEASON AS SEASONAL WARMING DECLINES. NOTHING UNUSUAL GOING ON IN THIS FRONT COMING SLIDES WHERE WE BUDGETED FOR USAGE THIS FISCAL YEAR. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. FROM A GAS SUPPLY PERSPECTIVE, YOU SEE THE RECENT PEAK IN FEBRUARY AND THE DECLINE THROUGH THE SUMMER MONTHS THEY SPOKE ABOUT ALREADY, OUR GOAL FOR PROBABLY THE PAST TWO YEARS, AGO, HAS BEEN TO GET OFF THAT PG&E CITYGATE THE MAROON COLORED COLUMN REPRESENTED IN THIS CHART SO YOU WILL PROBABLY NOTICE DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS OF THIS YEAR WE'RE EASING MALIN ENTIRELY TO FULFILL THE LOAD. WE'RE SEEING MORE FORWARD PRICING COMING OUT OF MALIN THAN THE ALBERTA MARKETS DURING THOSE MONTHS THIS IS GOING TO BE THE FIRST TIME SINCE FEBRUARY 2019 THAT WE HAVE NON-INCORPORATED THE MEDIAN GAS ON A MONTHLY BASIS BUT IT'S IMPORTANT IN THE BIGGER PICTURE THAT WE HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY MONTH TO SHIFT THE FLEXIBILITY. THE PURPOSE IS TO GET IN A PLACE WHERE WE CAN REACT QUICKLY TO CAPITALIZE ON CHANGES IN MARKET CONDITIONS THAT'S WHAT WE'RE SEEING FOR THE FIRST TIME AS WE SHIFT DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS DURING THE CANADIAN SUPPLY BASINS TO MALIN OREGON. YOU WILL NOTICE THE CANADIAN SUPPLY DOES RETURN IN THE SUMMER NOT NOTICING PRICE DISCOUNT AT THIS POINT BUT VALUING THAT CANADIAN DIFFERENT

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BY INCORPORATING RISK DIVERSIFICATION PERSPECTIVE. SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER MUCH LIKE WE'RE THINKING ABOUT TODAY UNFORTUNATELY THAT MEANS FIRE SEASON LOCALLY, AND I WANT TO INSULATE US FROM SOME OF THOSE PRICES IF WE'RE IN A SITUATION WHERE LOCAL PRICES ARE INFLATED BECAUSE OF FIRES, DROUGHT, OR OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS TO ME THAT'S A POTENTIAL BENEFIT OF REALLY PURCHASING IN MULTIPLE LOCATIONS THAT MAY NOT BE AS DIRECTLY IMPACTED BY THOSE REGIONAL EFFECTS SUCH AS THE FIRES. ANY QUESTIONS ON THIS SLIDE? OR THE LAST ONE? OKAY. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. FOLLOWING UP ON THAT CONVERSATION A LITTLE BIT, FROM A PRICE PERSPECTIVE, YOU CAN SEE THE PREMIUM ASSOCIATED WITH, REALLY, THE ALBERTA, AND OREGON GAS SUPPLY, CLOSING IN. YOU'RE SEEING A LOT OF UPWARD VOLATILITY LOCALLY AT PG&E CITY PRICES WHICH WE HAVE SEEN HISTORICALLY OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS, BUT APPLYING A HISTORICAL MARKER AS YOU CAN SEE LOOKING BACK TO 2019. WE'RE CONTINUING TO SEE OVERALL SAVINGS ASSOCIATED WITH THAT MOVE INTO THE CANADIAN SUPPLY BUT REALLY THE 80% DIFFERENCE THAT YOU SEE HERE FOR DEKATHERM IS CLOSING PRETTY RAPIDLY AND WE'RE STILL CONTINUING TO REAP THOSE SAVINGS BUT MAINLY THAT $0.08 DIFFERENCE THAT'S GOING TO CONTINUE TO CLOSE OR AT LEAST IS EXPECTED TO CLOSE DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS EXPLAINS SOME OF MY DECISION TO MOVE INTO THE MALIN MARKET FOR THE UPCOMING TWO SUMMER MONTHS. LASTLY, YOU'RE LIKELY TO NOTE THAT WE HAVE REALLY BEEN ABOVE THAT BUDGETED COMMODITY COST IN THE FUEL DASH LINE OF THIS CHART FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE YEAR AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THE MAJORITY OF PURCHASES OCCURRED DURING THE WINTER MONTHS WHEN YOU'RE SEEING HIGH SPIKES IN PRICES YOU WILL SEE IN GRATE DETAIL AS WE LOOK AT THE BUDGETING AMENDMENT. SORRY ABOUT THAT. I ACCIDENTALLY MUTED MYSELF. LASTLY YOU WILL NOTE THE TWO COLUMNS TO THE

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RIGHT REPRESENTING MAY 2021 WE'RE WAITING FOR FIGURES ON THAT BUT I ASSUME THEY'LL COME IN ABOUT RELATIVE TO OUR BUDGET AS WELL. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. ON THE USAGE SIDE OF THE EQUATION WE'RE SITTING AT ABOUT 3% DEFICIT BELOW OUR BUDGETED USAGE FOR FISCAL YEAR THROUGH DATE, THROUGH APRIL -- SORRY ABOUT THAT -- WITH MOST OF THE GAP ATTRIBUTED TO THE FIRST COUPLE OF MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEAR WHERE WE SAW HOT SUMMER SEASON WITH LOW HEATING DEGREE DAYS SUPPRESSING THAT USAGE DURING THE EARLIER PART OF THE YEAR. I'M EXPECTING US TO END THE YEAR WITH A SLIGHT DEFICIT THAT PROBABLY WON'T GET WIDER THAN THIS 3% COMPARED TO THE BUDGET BUT AGAIN NO CAUSE FOR CONCERN IT'S NOT A SIGNIFICANT ENOUGH DIFFERENCE TO HAVE AN IMPACT BEYOND THAT. AS I SPOKE ABOUT IN THE APRIL MEETING, TRYING TO REALLY PROVIDE SOME SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION FOR US BEING A LITTLE BIT BELOW BUDGET, WE ARE ATTRIBUTING THAT TO JUST A -- I WOULD SAY, A MAJOR MINOR VARIATIONS AND WEATHER COMPARED TO PRIOR YEARS WE HAVE KEPT TABS ON ACCOUNT ATTRITION AND IT DOESN'T SEEM TO BE A LEADING FACTOR MORE OR LESS OF A BREAKING POINT IN TERMS OF ACCOUNTS BEING ADDED OR REMOVED FROM THE PORTFOLIO OVER THE PAST YEAR. NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. LOOKING AT THE COST SIDE OF THE EQUATION WE HAVE A SIMILAR STORY IN THE EARLY MONTHS BEFORE GAS PRICES REALLY START TAKING OFF DURING THE WINTER. THE GAP CONTRIBUTING TO STORAGE OFFSET SUGGEST MARKET PRICE PURCHASES BUT THE MAJORITY DUE TO A TIMING DIFFERENCE FOR PG&E LATE TRANSMISSION OF BILLING DATA FOR A NUMBER OF ACCOUNTS THAT SHIFTED THOSE PG&E PASS THROUGH COSTS FROM FEBRUARY INTO MARCH. YOU WILL SEE THAT JUST NET OUT IF YOU WERE TO COMBINE THE FEBRUARY MARCH FIGURES BUT AS OF APRIL WE'RE SITTING AT ABOUT 3% DIFFERENCE HIGHER THAN THE ACTUAL BUDGETED FIGURE AT THIS POINT IN THE YEAR. WHAT'S DRIVING

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THOSE HIGHER COSTS PRIMARILY ARE TWO ITEMS. ONE BEING THE MARKET PRICE FOR GAS, AND THE OTHER BEING PG&E'S PASS THROUGH RATES BOTH OF WHICH WE'LL NEED TO ADDRESS IN THE PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT ITEM AS I'LL TALK IN MORE DETAIL ON THOSE. WHAT'S NOT SHOWN IN THIS SLIDE ARE THE MAY AND JUNE PRICES WHICH REMAIN HIGHLY ELEVATED. WE'RE STILL SEEING MARKET PRICES CURRENTLY UPWARDS OF $FOUR, LOCALLY AT PG&E CITYGATE OR LOCALLY INCLUSIVE TRANSPORTATION COST WE'RE NO LONGER AT A POINT WHERE WE HAVE MONEY IN THE BUDGET TO PAY THESE COSTS WITHOUT TAKING ADDITIONAL ACTION IF YOU LOOK AT THE BUDGET AND AGENDA MATERIALS YOU WILL HAVE MORE DETAIL ON WHAT THE LINE ITEMS LOOK LIKE AND YOU WILL SEE THE CURRENT DEFICIT SHOWING $300,000 CASH DIFFERENCE WITH A PROJECTED FISCAL YEAR DEFICIT OF ABOUT THE SAME. REMEMBER THERE IS TWO MONTHS UNKNOWN AT THE POINT THESE ITEMS ARE PREPARED. ANY QUESTIONS ON THE COST COMPONENTS? OKAY. NEXT SLIDE, PLEASE. LAST BUT NOT LEAST IS A STANDING UPDATE ON OUR REGULATORY PARTICIPATION IN PROCEEDING THAT PG&E IS SEEKING TO EXECUTE AMENDMENTS ON THE PIPELINE. IF YOU RECALL FROM PRIOR MEETINGS RUBY IS ONE OF THE PIPELINES THAT WERE ALLOCATING TRANSPORTATION CAPACITY ALONG 107 WE TAKE OR PAY FOR THAT CAPACITY SO THE PROCEEDING ITSELF IMPACTS US FINANCIALLY AND SEEKS TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THOSE COMMITMENTS FROM PG&E WITH RUBY. THE MAJORITY OF THE PROCEEDING ITSELF IS CONFIDENTIAL BECAUSE IT DOES CONTAIN MARKET SENSITIVE INFORMATION BUT REALLY ALL I CAN SAY IN THIS SETTING IS WE ARE MOVING AHEAD ON SCHEDULE THE PROCEED SUGGEST ABOUT A-YEAR-OLD AT THIS POINT AND WE JUST CLOSED, I WANT TO SAY OPENING BRIEFS, AHEAD OF SCHEDULE, AND I BELIEVE WE'RE EXPECTING A PROPOSED DECISION SOMEWHERE AROUND MID-

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SUMMER, I THINK WE'LL RECEIVE ONE IN MID-AUGUST. AND THAT CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION ON THE MONTHLY SUMMARY.

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: GREAT. ANY DISCUSSION AMONGST THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS. THE $4 DEKATHERM WAS ASTONISHING THIS TIME OF YEAR THAT IT'S THAT EXPENSIVE ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WITH US THAT WOULD LIKE TO JOIN? OR HAVE COMMENT ON HERE?

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: I DO NOT SEE ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THIS ITEM.

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: THANK YOU RYAN. AGENDA ITEM EIGHT FISCAL YEAR 2020, 2021 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT. THIS IS AN ACTION ITEM. RYAN?

RAYMOND WOO: GOOD MORNING THIS IS RAYMOND WOO MTC/ABAG STAFF HERE. THIS IS BUDGET AMENDMENT THAT WE'RE PROPOSING FOR FY2021 FISCAL YEAR MAY 31ST, 2021 THE PROGRAM EXPENDITURES ARE PROJECTED TO EXCEED THE APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET THE REGIONAL APPROVED BUDGET IS AT $7.6 MILLION AND THE SHRINKAGE COST AND PG&E PASS THROUGH COST AND THE COST OF ENERGY USED BUDGET CATEGORY ARE TRENDING SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER THAN ANTICIPATED COST LIKE RYAN HAS MENTIONED EARLIER. THE PROGRAM'S GENERAL PURCHASING STRATEGY ATTEMPTS TO BALANCE WITH THE CLOSURES WITH COST SAVINGS AND PRICIBILITY, BUT ULTIMATELY THE MARKET PRICE FOR NATURAL GAS IS SUBJECT TO SUPPLY AND DEMAND BEYOND THE CONTROLS OF THE PROGRAMS. THE OPERATING BUDGET MUST BE AMENDED TO ACCOMMODATE THE VENDOR'S PAYMENT EXCEEDING THE ADOPTED BUDGET AND STAFF IS PROPOSING TO INCREASE THE OPERATING EXPENSE BUDGET BY A HALF

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MILLION DOLLARS FROM $7.6 MILLION TO 8.1 MILLION. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE WORKING CAPITAL DEPOSITS BE USED TO PAY FOR THE INCREASE OF THE OPERATING COSTS IN THIS FISCAL YEAR. THE WORKING CAPITAL DEPOSIT IS APPROXIMATELY AT $2 MILLION RIGHT NOW, AND ARE SUFFICIENT TO ADDRESS THIS PROJECTED DEFICIT OF HALF A MILLION. ANY DIFFERENCE IN THE ACTUAL COST WILL BE COVERED IN THE ANNUAL TRUE-UP PROCESS. THIS REQUEST SEEKS TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES, BUT TO NOT MODIFY ASSOCIATED REVENUES. THEREFORE, THERE IS NO CHANGES TO THE PROGRAM'S BUDGETS RATE OR MONTHLY LEVELIZED CHARGES. WITH THAT, STAFF REQUESTS ABAG POWER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO AUTHORIZE THE INCREASE OF THE FY2021 OPERATING BUDGETS BY HALF A MILLION DOLLARS, NOT TO EXCEED $8.1 MILLION. AND I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY OF YOUR QUESTIONS.

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: THANK YOU, RAY. IS THERE A MOTION ON THIS ITEM?

CHRIS SCHROEDER: I MOTION THAT WE APPROVE THE ITEM.

SPEAKER: I SECOND.

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: OKAY. IS THERE ANY DISCUSSION YOU WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT ON THIS ITEM? I HAVE ONE. JUST, ALONG THE LINES WHERE YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT THAT WE HAVE ENOUGH MONEY IN THE RESERVES, AND THAT THE RESERVE POT WILL GET REFILLED THROUGH THE TRUE-UP PROCESS, DO WE HAVE AN IDEA, AS FAR -- DO WE NEED TO BE GIVING OUR MEMBERS A HEADS UP THAT WHEN WE COME BACK AT THIS TRIP, MANY TIMES, SEVERAL TIMES, PEOPLE ARE GETTING

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MONEY BACK. THEY ARE GETTING CREDITS, SO THIS SEEMS LIKE, ACTUALLY, WE'RE GOING TO BE COMING BACK AND HITTING THEM, POSSIBLY WITH HIRE RATES, AND SO, DO WE NEED TO BE DOING SOMETHING TO, SEEING HOW WE'RE COMING INTO JUNE AND BUDGET TIME, DO WE NEED TO BE LETTING OUR MEMBERS KNOW? AND TO MAN FOR HIGHER RATES, POSSIBLY?

RAYMOND WOO: YES, RYAN, CAN YOU RESPOND TO WHAT ARE THE NORMAL PROCEDURES ON THIS ONE?

RYAN JACOBY: ABSOLUTELY. I WOULD SAY, YOU KNOW, IF WE, REALLY, WHAT YOU THINK IS APPROPRIATE, DAVE, TYPICALLY IN TERMS OF PROTOCOL, WE WOULD SEND OUT A NOTICE, AND IT HAS BEEN FOR PROBABLY THE PAST FIVE YEARS OR SO OF OVER-COLLECTION REALLY DURING THE TRUE-UP PROCESS, TYPICALLY THAT WOULD GO OUT, I WANT TO SAY MID-AUGUST OR SO ONCE WE HAVE A FIRMED UP FIGURE OF WHAT EXACTLY WOULD BE THE OVER OR UNDER-COLLECTION WOULD BE FOR SPECIFIC FISCAL YEAR SEND THAT OUT IN ADVANCE OF THE ANNUAL BOARD MEETING SO THAT FOLKS WHO HAVE QUESTIONS IS REACH OUT TO US COLLECTIVELY WITH INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONS. WHAT WE SEEING HERE SPEAKS TO THE ABNORMALITIES OF LAST YEAR WITH, OBVIOUSLY THE EFFECTS OF COVID, FIRE, OPERATIONAL CHANGES FOR BUILDINGS, AND THEN THE FEBRUARY STORMS, TO ME, REALLY ARE SIGNIFICANT EVENTS TO OCCUR EACH IN ONE YEAR, AND TO ME, THE KEYNOTE OF IMPACT OF THAT IS WHAT WE'RE SEEING HERE IS THE OVERALL UNDERCOLLECTION THIS YEAR WHICH IS UNUSUAL FOR THE PROGRAM. IT CERTAINLY HAS HAPPENED MORE THAN A HANDFUL OF TIMES IN THE PAST, BUT IT'S PROBABLY FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS IT HAS

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BEEN THAT OVER-COLLECTION WHERE WE RETURNING MONEY TO THE MEMBERS. SO THIS WOULD BE A LITTLE BIT DIFFERENT.

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: L I THINK IT'S -- WE -- AS FAR AS MESSAGING, AS FAR AS GETTING THE WORD OUT, I THINK THAT IT'S IMPORTANT THAT, AS WE HAVE, IN THE PAST, BEEN BRIEFING OUR MEMBERSHIP ABOUT TRYING TO DO THIS RATE COMPARISON WITH PG&E, AND MISSING IT, AND WE'RE TRYING TO DO ALL THESE GOOD THINGS, AND NOW WE'RE SETTING UP THE PROGRAM WITH GPT, IN TRYING TO JUST EXPAND OUR PROGRAMS IN DOING THIS, AND IF WE CAN GET THAT -- I'M JUST TRYING TO DO THE THREAD ALL THROUGH T THAT EARLIER YOU TALKED ABOUT KEEPING OUR PEDAL TO THE METAL TO ROLL OUT OUR NEW PROGRAMS IN JANUARY, AT THE FIRST QUARTER AND WHY WE NEED TO BE AGGRESSIVE, I THINK WE NEED TO BE AGGRESSIVE IN TRYING TO METEOROLOGIST THAT BECAUSE WE'RE TRYING TO STAY RELEVANT, TRYING TO STAY IN THE GAP AND THIS SB1378 IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THAT AND THAT MAKES US BE VALUABLE AND PEOPLE ARE SEEING, HEY, THEY'RE PAYING A 3% PREMIUM HOPEFULLY WE CAN BRING THAT DOWN TO BE PART OF OUR PROGRAM THESE ARE THE BENEFITS THAT WE CAN BE DOING AND WE JUST HAVE TO DO THAT BECAUSE THAT'S A -- IF THAT TRAIN LEAVES AND SOMEBODY ELSE STEPS INTO THAT OPPORTUNITY, AND WE'RE BEHIND, PEOPLE ARE PAYING MORE FOR OUR PRODUCT, IT'S GOING TO BE A CHALLENGE. BRAD, I SEE YOU HAVE YOUR MIC OFF. DID YOU WANT TO SHARE SOMETHING? I CAN'T SEE THE HAND.

BRAD PAUL: I THINK MY MIC IS ON. I WANT TO REINFORCE THAT IF WE SEND SOMETHING OUT WHICH I THINK WE SHOULD, FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS, IF RYAN IS CORRECT, THEY HAVE GOTTEN A REFUND, SO THIS IS UNUSUAL, A BRIEF

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EXPLANATION AND THEN LOOKING FORWARD TO SEE SOME EXCITING THINGS WE'LL WORK OUT JUST SO THERE IS SOME KIND OF CONTEXT.

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: I AGREE. COMMITTEE MEMBERS, ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS ON THE MOTION? ALL RIGHT. SEEING NONE. IT'S BEEN MOVED AND APPROVED. ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS?

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: THERE IS NO PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THIS ITEM.

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: OKAY. THANK YOU. I WILL NOW CALL FOR A VOTE.

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: PLEASE BE READY TO UNMUTE YOURSELF TO STATE YOUR VOTE FOR THIS ITEM. DAVE BREES?

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: AYE.

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: DIANA OYLER?

DIANA OYLER: AYE.

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: CHRIS SCHROEDER?

CHRIS SCHROEDER: AYE.

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CINDY CHEN, CLERK: ANGELA WALTON?

ANGELA WALTON: AYE.

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: DOUG WILLIAMS?

DOUG WILLIAMS: AYE.

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: THANK YOU. THE MOTION PASSES.

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: GREAT. THANK YOU, RAY, THANK YOU, RYAN, BEING DETAILED ON THAT. TAKES US TO AGENDA ITEM NINE FISCAL YEAR '21/'22 OPERATING BUDGET.

RAYMOND WOO: THIS IS RAYMOND WOO AGAIN, MTC/ABAG STAFF. AGENDA ITEM 9A FY 20-21, 202 OPERATING BUDGET THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGETS FOR NATURAL GAS PROGRAMS IS HAVING A -- SORRY -- THE NATURAL GAS PROGRAMS BUDGETS FOR FISCAL YEAR '21, '22 REFLECT INCREASE OF FOUR% FROM $8.1 MILLION TO $8.5 MILLION COMPARED TO THE PRIOR YEAR PRELIMINARY BUDGET WAS PRESENTED IN OCTOBER 15TH, 2021 OPERATING BUDGETS OF PG&E PASS THROUGH COST INCREASED FROM $4.2 MILLION TO $4.8 MILLION $500,000 INCREASE FROM THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET AND ALSO THE COMMODITY AND SHRINKAGE COST INCREASED TO $22 MILLION ABOUT $230,000 INCREASE, INCREASE DUE TO HIGHER COST, AND ON THE REVENUE SIDE, THE PROPOSED BUDGET IS SHOWING AN $8.5 MILLION OF REVENUE, AS THE GAS PROGRAMS OPERATING AT A NOT FOR PROFIT ENTITY, THE MAJORITY OF THE

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REVENUE SOURCE IS CHARGES FOR SALES OF ENERGY COLLECTED FROM THE MEMBERS. THE INCREASE IN THE REVENUE IS DUE TO A CORRESPONDING INCREASE IN EXPENSE. SO, TOTAL EXPENDITURES, WE'RE BUDGETING AT $8.5 MILLION, AND THE FIRST CATEGORY IS THE COST OF ENERGY, WHICH IS $7.7 MILLION. COST OF ENERGY IS COMPRISED OF PASS THROUGH, GAS COMMODITY, AND SHRINKAGE, TRANSPORTATION, AND STORAGE COST. PG&E PASS THROUGH COST REPRESENT 56% OF THE PROGRAM BUDGETS, AND PRIMARILY CONSIST OF CUSTOMERS AND TRANSPORTATIONS COST ASSOCIATED WITH LOCAL DISTRIBUTIONS. COMMODITY COSTS ARE IMPACTED BY THE PROGRAM'S USAGE AND MARKET FACTORS INCLUDING SUPPLY AND DEMAND, PURCHASE LOCATIONS, AND CONTRACT STRUCTURES. SHRINKAGE REFERS TO THE LOSS OF SMALL VOLUME OF GAS DURING COMPRESSIONS AND LONG DISTANCE TRANSPORTATIONS. BECAUSE OF SHRINKAGE THE PROGRAMS MUST PURCHASE MORE GAS THAN IS ACTUALLY USED. THE INTEREST IN BOTH PG&E AND COMMODITY AND SHRINKAGE COST ARE DUE TO HIGHER COST MEASURES LIKE BEFORE. INTRA-AND INTERSTATE PIPELINE TRANSPORTATION COSTS ARE DEPENDENT ON THE PROGRAM'S GAS PURCHASING STRATEGY, WHICH DETAILS WERE IN WHICH AMOUNT GAS IS PURCHASED. PIPELINE TRANSPORTATION RATES ARE DETERMINED BY STATE OR FEDERAL AGENCY, WHICH REGULATES PIPELINE OPERATORS. THE ANTICIPATED TWO% INCREASE REFLECTED ROUTINE SAFETY AND MODERNIZATIONS MEASURES PROPOSED BY THE PIPELINE OPERATORS. STORAGE COSTS ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE DUE TO BOTH AN INCREASE IN THE PROGRAM'S INVENTORY CAPACITY AND THE RISING COST FOR STORAGE PROVIDED BY PG&E, AND THIRD PARTY PROVIDERS. THE NEXT CATEGORY IS STAFF COST WHICH ARE BUDGETED AT $455,000, SLIGHTLY DECREASE IN STAFF COST DUE TO STAFF LOCATIONS IN OTHER PROGRAMS IN MTC AND ABAG. THEN CONSULTANT SERVICE BUDGETED AT $295,000, TOTAL CONSULTANT EXPENSE INCREASED BY

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$65,000, THE INCREASE COMES FROM THE PROGRAM -- I'M SORRY -- YES, THE PROGRAM'S GAS SCHEDULING SERVICE THAT RYAN HAS MENTIONED EARLIER, WITH THE NEW SERVICE PROVIDER, AND THE OTHER EXPENSE IS BUDGETED AT $86,000, JUST A MINOR DECREASE. THE PROPOSED '21, '22 BUDGET HAS OPERATING SERVICE $3,000 ALCOHOL RETURN TO THE MEMBERS AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR WITH THAT STAFF REQUESTS THAT THE ABAG POWER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REVIEW AND APPROVE THE FY '21/'22 ABAG POWER OPERATING BUDGET OF $8.5 MILLION, AND ACCOMPANYING LEVELIZED CHARGES. AND I AM HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY OF YOUR QUESTIONS.

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: GREAT. THANKS RAY. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMITTEE? OKAY. SEEING NONE. IS THERE A MOTION FROM THE COMMITTEE?

CHRIS SCHROEDER: MOTION TO PROVE.

DOUG WILLIAMS: MOTION TO FORWARD THIS ITEM.

CHRIS SCHROEDER: SORRY. GO AHEAD, DOUG.

DOUG WILLIAMS: I MOTION TO FORWARD THIS BUDGET.

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: OKAY. YOU AND, CHRIS, YOU ARE A SECOND?

CHRIS SCHROEDER: YES. I'LL SECOND.

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DAVE BREES, CHAIR: SO, KATHLEEN, READ THE WHOLE MEMO -- THE WHOLE MOTION, INTO THE RECORD.

KATHLEEN KANE: NO. YOU CAN JUST DESIGNER IT AS THE AGENDA ITEM, AND THEN THAT WILL SERVE AS THE RECORD.

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: PERFECT. OKAY. IS THERE ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE ITEM? ARE THERE ANY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE ITEM?

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: THERE IS NO PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR THIS ITEM, AND I DO NOT SEE ANY RAISED HANDS.

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: GREAT. THEN I WOULD NOW CALL FOR A VOTE BY THE COMMITTEE.

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: COMMITTEE MEMBERS PLEASE BE READY TO UNMUTE YOURSELF TO STATE YOUR VOTE FOR THIS ITEM. DAVE BREES?

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: AYE.

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: DINE DIANA OYLER?

DIANA OYLER: AYE.

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CINDY CHEN, CLERK: CHRIS SCHROEDER?

CHRIS SCHROEDER: AYE.

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: ANGELA WALTON?

ANGELA WALTON, V. CHAIR: AYE.

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: DOUG WILLIAMS?

DOUG WILLIAMS: AYE.

CINDY CHEN, CLERK: THANK YOU. THE MOTION PASSES.

DAVE BREES, CHAIR: GREAT. THANK YOU, AGAIN, RAY, AND RYAN, FOR DOING A GREAT JOB WITH THAT. THIS BRINGS US TO OUR AGENDA ITEM NUMBER TEN. OTHER BUSINESS. ARE THERE ANY -- IS THERE ANY OTHER BUSINESS WE NEED TO DISCUSS BEFORE WE TAKE A BREAK? OR ADJOURN THE MEETING? I SEE NONE. BUT I WOULD ALSO JUST THROW OUT THERE, RYAN, IF YOU WANT TO DRAFT A LETTER, THAT WE DESCRIBED EARLIER, TO OUR MEMBERS ABOUT WHAT'S THE CURRENT STATUS, AND WHERE THE PUCK IS AND WHERE THE PUCK IS GOING, AND THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT ARE HAD, THAT WE CAN HAVE OUT THERE, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO WORK WITH YOU ON THAT.

RYAN JACOBY: ABSOLUTELY. WE'LL GET SOMETHING TO YOU SOON.

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DAVE BREES, CHAIR: PERFECT. OKAY. WELL, SEEING THAT WE DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER HANDS RAISED, AND THERE IS NO OTHER BUSINESS, THAT'S GOING TO CONCLUDE TODAY'S MEETING. OUR NEXT MEETING IS AUGUST 9TH, 2021. UNTIL THEN I HOPE YOU GUYS ALL HAVE A GREAT SUMMER, A SAFE AND SANE FOURTH. GO OUT THERE AND MAKE A MEMORY. [ADJOURNED]

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