

ABAG Publicly Owned Energy Resources (ABAG POWER)**Executive Committee**

June 17, 2021**Agenda Item 5.b.**

Natural Gas Program

Subject: Program Membership Recruitment

Background: The ABAG POWER natural gas aggregation program (program) is currently comprised of 38 participants and is governed by the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) and the Natural Gas Sales and Aggregation Agreement (NGSAA). The JPA defines what entities are eligible for membership:

- ABAG
- Members of ABAG, and
- Any other public entity so long as such entity is a cooperating member of ABAG at the time it joins ABAG POWER

Two members have recently given notice of intent to withdraw from the program. Increased membership in the program has been identified as a priority and is part of the reason for the retention of professional consultants to provide strategic direction.

Discussion Items: At its December 8, 2020 meeting, the Executive Committee authorized retaining GPT, Inc. to identify, prioritize, and implement programmatic modifications to provide greater value to the existing membership, and help identify target jurisdictions for member recruitment. Jurisdictions that are members of a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) and/or jurisdictions with a municipal utility (muni) will be prioritized for recruitment since they are already customers of a non-investor-owned utility (IOU) energy provider.

In addition to GPT, the Executive Committee members have discussed their own outreach. The attached chart identifies current members of ABAG POWER, participants in a CCA, and jurisdictions with a muni, and is provided to assist with identifying priority jurisdictions for recruitment.

The ABAG POWER Executive Committee is requested to review the list of participating and non-participating jurisdictions, and to discuss opportunities to increase the number of participants.

Recommended Action: None.

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Attachment(s): Program Membership Chart

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