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My question was not addressed. What is the purpose of asking for public comments if you don't address a serious comment as I had below. I sent it to both email addresses (see below)

Instead you have the same guy giving 3 times totally off-base comments...

Disappointing.

rgds, Bart

On Dec 6, 2022, at 12:52 PM, bart decanne [REDACTED] wrote:

Forwarding this since I didn't get a reply to below...

I want to make sure this is addressed during the ongoing meeting.

Thanks.

Bart

Begin forwarded message:

From: Bart DeCanne <[REDACTED]>

Subject: City council 12/6: agenda item 6.1 22-1798 Public Comment

Date: December 3, 2022 at 3:10:41 PM PST

To: city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov

Hi,

this is a comment for City Council meeting of Dec 6 2022 for agenda item:

6.1 [22-1798](#) Recommendation: Amended Agenda December 6, 2022 2023 Power Rates, Service Options and Financial Reserve Policy.

Pls address my comment and questions below during the meeting and include it in the minutes of the meeting (you can include my name).

I will be participating via Zoom to hear it addressed. Thanks.

rgds, Bart DeCanne

San Jose

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In 2021 SJCE introduced GreenValue as the lowest cost program competitive with PG&E rates and increased rates for GreenSource 8% above PG&E rates. However by default all customers who were before on GreenSource, which was the lowest-cost program until then, were kept on GreenSource, not moved to GreenValue, and thus saw their electric rates increase by 8%.

I had a months long email discussion with SJCE about this underhanded practice: if you're on the lowest cost program before, you should have been kept on the lowest-cost program, not be moved to a more expensive program by default without explicit opt-in.

Eventually they moved me retroactively to GreenValue.

SJCE communicated to me via email during this exchange that only 2K households were on GreenValue. So the vast majority, except for the 20% or so that are on SJ Cares, pay a power rate for generation that is 8% HIGHER than PG&E's, probably many of them without even realizing it!

I now see in the agenda of this meeting that GreenValue may be suspended.

So does it mean that SJCE will move GreenSource rates to the same as GreenValue to make it the same cost as PG&E?

Or does it mean that basically everyone will now pay more than if they would move for generation to PG&E?