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MARIN CLEAN ENERGY PAYS SOLAR CUSTOMERS +\$150,000 FOR EXCESS ENERGY PRODUCTION

SAN RAFAEL, CA— Marin Clean Energy (MCE) recently completed its fifth annual cash out process for rooftop solar customers, issuing over \$150,000 in checks to buy excess electricity generation. MCE buys back all of its customer's excess solar energy at premium retail rates in order to support and encourage local rooftop solar installations.

For customers with solar power at their home or business, MCE offers a unique and advantageous Net Energy Metering program. A meter tracks the net difference between the amount of electricity their solar panels produce and the amount of electricity used during each billing month. When the panels produce more electricity than is used on-site, customers receive a credit on their bill. Customers who earn credits of \$100 or more have an option to "cash out" each year in April.

MCE pays premium rates for excess electricity, crediting customers at the full retail rate plus an extra \$0.01/kWh. Excess credits roll over month after month and never zero out. Most customers with solar in California are required to forfeit any excess credits on their account each year through a "true-up" process, although a percentage of customers are entitled to receive a minimal payment at wholesale rates. MCE offers a better alternative, allowing customers to cash out MCE credits at their full retail rate, or simply roll them over into the next year.

The Kentfield School District, Las Gallinas Sanitary District, Bellam Self Storage, and the Marin County Fire Department are recipients of some of the largest cash out payments. More than 500 residential customers were also offered cash out payments.

MCE is proud to support all of our solar customers through our Net Energy Metering program, and we salute them for adding 100% renewable, local solar power to our community energy supply.

MCE also offers rebates for new solar installations. MCE is currently partnering with Grid Alternatives to offer \$500 rebates to low income customers who install solar panels.

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About MCE: MCE is a not-for-profit, community-based electricity provider that offers 50% to 100% renewable electricity from clean sources such as solar, wind, bioenergy, geothermal and hydroelectricity at competitive rates.