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## **Renewable Hydrogen in California**

**CEC Workshop: Renewable Hydrogen Transportation Fuel Production** 

Marino Monardi Corporate Strategy

PG&E Corporation January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017





#### PG&E is focused on providing safe, reliable, affordable and clean energy to nearly 16 million Californians





# Why is PG&E interested in hydrogen?





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#### **CAISO Energy Market Pricing: Recent History**



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Recent Day Ahead market prices were <u>below \$25/MWh about 40% of the year</u>

In the Real Time Market, prices were below \$0/MWh about 5% of the time



	<b>Electrolyzer characteristics</b>	<ul> <li>Conversion efficiency</li> <li>Fixed and variable costs</li> </ul>
	Access to wholesale power	<ul> <li>Wholesale or retail</li> <li>Electric Storage-like regulatory treatment</li> <li>Dedicated renewable generation</li> </ul>
G	Low cost wholesale power	<ul> <li>Overall system supply/demand</li> <li>CAISO expansion</li> <li>Investments in electric storage</li> <li>Increase in renewables</li> <li>Commitments to flexible generation</li> <li>Retirements of baseload generation</li> </ul>



## **Multiple Objectives**



- Safe
- Reliable
- > Affordable
- Clean
- Utility investments need to satisfy multiple objectives
- Safety comes first
  - Ensure customer and employee safety
- Affordability is an important consideration
  - Demand stagnation and increased system investments for reliability can increase costs to our customers





Thank you!

**Questions?** 

