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CELEBRATE AMP'S LEADERSHIP IN CLEAN POWER



by Nicolas Procos - AMP General Manager

Just last month, Gov. Jerry Brown signed legislation requiring the state to obtain 60 percent of its electricity from clean sources—such as wind, solar and hydropower—by 2030 and 100 percent by 2045.

While I applaud California for taking this momentous step in response to climate change, I also congratulate you, Alameda's residents and businesses, for taking this same great step long ago.

AN ESSENTIAL PUBLIC SERVICE

It all began in 1887, when Alameda Municipal Power (AMP) was created by a group of concerned residents who saw electricity as an essential public service.

During the 20th century, when little local utilities across the country were being bought up by big corporations, Alamedans remained

committed to local control and local decision-making at their electric utility.

SETTING STANDARDS

It was that same commitment to local control that enabled Alameda to set the standard for environmental stewardship in the 1980s.

Residents and businesses wanted their power to come from renewable resources, so AMP added geothermal to its energy supply, followed by wind, landfill gas, hydropower and solar over the next several decades, earning AMP the moniker of "Greenest Little Utility in America."

RATES KEPT LOW

AMP set these standards for green energy while keeping rates low. In fact, our rates average 17 percent below those in neighboring communities.

And because AMP is

community owned, rates go toward operation of the electric system and to improving public services through annual transfers of more than \$5 million to the city's general fund.

WORLD-CLASS RELIABILITY

AMP went green without sacrificing electric reliability. There are far fewer power outages in Alameda than in many other communities.

In public power communities like Alameda, customers are likely to be without power for an average of 59 minutes per year, compared to customers of investor-owned utilities that may lose power for an average of 133 minutes a year -- provided there are no major adverse effects.

PART OF THE COMMUNITY

AMP committed to green power because it is part of the community. Decisions about AMP's policies are made by Alameda residents who

volunteer to serve on the city's Public Utilities Board.

CLEAN POWER AND LOCAL CONTROL

Alameda's focus on clean energy and local control in the past puts us in the strong position we are in today. I am excited to announce that AMP's long commitment to clean power will result in a 100 percent carbon neutral energy supply for Alameda starting in 2020.

PUBLIC POWER WEEK

This year, we're celebrating Public Power Week from Oct. 7-13, along with more than 2,000 other utilities that provide electricity on a not-for-profit basis to 49 million Americans.

I've worked in a number of communities over my 20 years in the utility industry, and it's clear that Alameda truly stands out. AMP not only works for Alameda, it's been a cornerstone of our community since its founding.

GREEN YOUR DREAM HOME SERIES

Learn how to create a
sustainable holiday season

**NOVEMBER 14
6 PM AT ELKS LODGE**





UNDERGROUNDING UPDATE

Are you interested in the city's program to move overhead utility lines underground?

Come out to the Public Utilities Board (Board) meeting on Nov. 5 for an update on the city's undergrounding program.

RESIDENTS WERE SURVEYED

In 2017, the technical advisory committee for the undergrounding program had recommended underground utility lines in the Otis Drive and Broadway areas and the Webster Street area.

A recent survey of residents and property owners who live in those areas showed there was not

enough community support for underground utility lines in the Webster Street area.

OTIS DRIVE AND BROADWAY DISTRICT

At the Nov. 5 meeting, AMP staff will ask the Board to recommend that the Alameda City Council approve a project to move utility lines underground in the Otis/Broadway district. The topic of underground utility lines will go before the City Council meeting in December.

KEEP UP TO DATE

For updates on the city's undergrounding program, sign up for email alerts on AMP's website: www.alamedamp.com/undergrounding

OTIS/BROADWAY UNDERGROUNDING DISTRICT

Along Otis Drive from High Street to Broadway Street including streets south of Otis Drive (i.e. Pearl Street, Versailles Avenue, Mound Street, Waterton Street and Court Street); AND along Broadway Street from La Jolla to Encinal Avenue.



ARE PHANTOMS STEALING YOUR POWER?

There's something you can do this October to celebrate Energy Awareness Month AND Halloween at the same time. Rid your home of phantoms that steal electricity behind your back.

PHANTOM LOADS

These electricity goblins, known as "phantom loads," are devices that eat up your power when you leave them plugged in – even if you've turned them off.

UNPLUG

To say goodbye to energy-wasting ghosts, unplug your phone chargers, television screens, and kitchen appliances. Good riddance, ghouls!



BEWARE OF UTILITY BILL PAYING SCAMS

Unfortunately, utility bill payment scams continue to be frequent occurrence in our industry. Here are a few tips to help keep you safe.

BE SUSPICIOUS...

...if you get a demand for immediate payment on your AMP account.

BEWARE...

...of anyone asking you to use pre-paid debit cards such as Green Dot prepaid debit cards to pay your electric bill.

NEVER...

...provide unsolicited callers or visitors information that may compromise your financial security.

KNOW...

...that AMP reps will never ask for credit or debit card numbers and only provides automated courtesy calls to accounts.

IDENTIFICATION BADGES AND LOGOS

AMP employees always carry photo ID.

All AMP vehicles display the AMP logo.

If you have any doubts or concerns, call AMP at (510) 748-3900, or the police at (510) 337-8340.

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