

# STOP THE PG&E POWERGRAB



DON'T LET PG&E PULL THE PLUG ON **GREEN POWER**



## THE INITIATIVE

Communities are free to choose to buy their own cleaner and cheaper electricity, but Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) is trying to put an initiative on the ballot that would take this freedom away. Communities could no longer choose to stop paying more and more for PG&E's dirty power.

## FACTS VERSUS FICTION

PG&E says they are spending millions of dollars to qualify this initiative because it will control future taxes and they are concerned about taxpayer rights.

### Both claims are completely false.

- This measure **won't** lower today's taxes and **won't** affect your future taxes.
- Californians are **STILL** paying for the **\$4 billion California ratepayer bailout** that PG&E received during the energy crisis. If PG&E cared about taxpayers, they can start by paying us back.

If this measure passes, it would effectively **enshrine PG&E's power monopoly into the California's Constitution**. Currently, no other corporation has the protection of our Constitution.

### This ballot measure is unprecedented.

PG&E has the reputation for spending incredible sums of money to achieve their political goals - and rightly so. During the height of the energy crisis, PG&E spent \$4 million on lobbyists and got a **\$11 billion ratepayer bailout**. That's a 100,000% return on their investment. PG&E will spend between \$10 million and \$50 million trying to pass this initiative. **How many more billions** could they get from their latest powergrab?

## THE STAKES

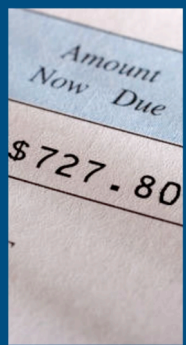
This measure **MUST** be defeated. It won't lower taxes, but it will:

- Cause well-paying **green jobs to leave California**
- **Reduce competition** and increase energy prices
- Generate **more air pollution** and **more greenhouse gasses**

Remember, even if your community isn't choosing to buy its own power **today**, you'll lose this freedom **forever**. And freedom isn't always appreciated - until it's been taken away.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

Environmental groups and consumers are fighting this initiative and we need help **now!** Every dollar and endorsement **now** makes a huge impact on Election Day. To help the campaign, contact:



*Taxpayers Against the PG&E Powergrab,  
by Local Power Inc. and The Utility  
Network (FPPC# 1321957)*

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