Renewable Power Content? We’re Taking the Long View.

If you’ve seen the 2021 Power Content Label that was just released, you may have been surprised to see that VCE’s renewable content is not as high as expected. Let us explain.

A Strategic Decision to Benefit Customers and Climate

VCE’s Board of Directors recently made a deliberate and strategic decision to take a longer view when procuring power. Rather than increase renewables by tiny increments year over year, we’ve secured significant renewable contracts that will bring us up to 80%+ for our Standard Green offering when they’re all online. We think that’s a bet worth taking, for the sake of our climate and communities.

We Took a Few Unavoidable Hits

Our renewable portfolio did take a dip in 2021, for a number of reasons:

- **Drought conditions** affected the small hydro contract that has been supplying us.
- **Hydro power in general has dropped** by nearly 2/3 since 2019, forcing a reliance on more system power.
- **Supply chain issues** delayed the start of some of our new renewable and storage contracts.
- **We turned down a nuclear allocation** from PG&E; that power allocation appears on the PCL as “unspecified.”

The Path to a Cleaner Climate isn’t Always Straight

The power contracts we have in place have grown exponentially, and will provide VCE’s customers with some of the highest levels of renewables of any electricity provider for standard service in the near future. Focusing on multi-year contracts keeps our power affordable; negotiating the best and highest renewable contracts we can find keeps us true to our goal of cleaning up on climate.