

Community Choice Energy In Contra Costa County

Attachment L

Comments Submitted through On-Line Survey

answered question 111
skipped question 206

Number	Response Date	Response Text
1	Jan 31, 2017 8:56 PM	Thank you for considering this and making it happen!
2	Jan 31, 2017 12:31 PM	Any changes adopted MUST be lower cost to the customer...
3	Jan 31, 2017 6:52 AM	As much as I would like green energy I CANNOT and will NOT pay extra for it.
4	Jan 31, 2017 3:04 AM	I currently have solar for my home. Any type of incentive or reward for solar customers would be great for homeowners. We currently have a low electricity bill except in the winter time, but this would be an advantage for homeowners who go solar, if a CCE program could offer some sort of incentive program. It makes no sense to buy electricity from PG&E then resell to the consumer, yet PG&E owns and operates the infrastructure that delivers the electricity. I see no savings in that methodology. The whole thing looks like a scam.!! Norm Ruddick!! 4621 Oak Forest Ave.!! Oakley, Ca. 94561
5	Jan 31, 2017 12:06 AM	
6	Jan 30, 2017 11:21 PM	East County should stay out of the energy business. It will only raise rates.
7	Jan 30, 2017 11:19 PM	We currently have solar on our home.
8	Jan 30, 2017 9:12 PM	Leave our power alone. My choice is to stay with PG&E!
9	Jan 30, 2017 8:58 PM	Hi there! You can reach me and my wife, Tania, at 925-783-8949. Using alternative methods for electricity is paramount to us. PG&E is a great company that has helped the Bay Area grow to such a diverse model it is... now you want to push it aside! Seems very sad! PG&e has used clean alternatives for years but with laws being passed had to sell off some of them. All short sighted by greedy politicians!
10	Jan 30, 2017 8:25 PM	Unless we get full disclosure on costs this is not something I would vote for.
11	Jan 30, 2017 8:22 PM	I think it is utter BS that the lawmakers made the CCE the default and REQUIRES us to OPT OUT to stay with PG&E...sounds like both counties and politicians are getting a little grease for the squeaky wheel since most people won't go through the motions to OPT OUT and will end up with something they really don't want or care about in the first place.!! [] Way to go guys, appreciate getting hosed!! []
12	Jan 30, 2017 8:16 PM	mjdavis1987@yahoo.com
13	Jan 30, 2017 8:10 PM	PG&E is actually cleaner than these others!
14	Jan 30, 2017 8:01 PM	What is this going to cost and how will it be paid for. In addition who will be responsible for the spending control. I firmly that most monies are miss handled.. I hate the fact you have to opt out instead of having residents opt in. Many seniors will not understand and will get included without knowing. I also think the fact that these companies can buy energy certs is WRONG.
15	Jan 30, 2017 7:08 PM	Why are the politicians digging into something that has been proven not to work?
16	Jan 30, 2017 6:53 PM	MCE has been terrific in San Pablo and El Cerrito. They work with business, residents and youth, and offer paid employment experience for young people in our community.
17	Jan 30, 2017 6:35 PM	I work for San Pablo and live in El Cerrito and both are in MCE territory. I have been very happy with their program and I think it would make sense for the County to join an existing successful program. That way, we have more power as a larger entity and can procure more contracts that benefit the ratepayers.
18	Jan 30, 2017 6:25 PM	forcing people to opt out in order to keep what they have should be illegal. The green movement is nothing but a political shell game with tax payers money. This is one big scam and having to opt out is proof that no one really wants this crap. Most people wont even notice it in the mail and will be opted in by default. Crooked.
19	Jan 30, 2017 4:05 PM	Why don't you explain each program and the costs for each by putting it in the paper so we can read and compare costs for each one?
20	Jan 28, 2017 12:40 AM	ANYTHING THAT MAKES THE MONTHLY PAYMENT CHEAPER IS INTERESTING, BUT THE WHOLE GREENHOUSE/CLIMATE/CLEAN THING IS A BUNCH OF BS SO I REALLY DONT CARE.
21	Jan 27, 2017 8:53 PM	
22	Jan 27, 2017 6:41 PM	If this program is implemented, we need to have the choice about which provider we want to use and not be forced to take any action.

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23	Jan 27, 2017 5:22 PM	<p>You misspelled borders in question #4 - you wrote "boarders". Boarders are people who rent a room; borders are boundaries of a given area. Thank you for asking for my opinion.¶</p> <p>¶</p> <p>I think energy self-sufficiency has enormous potential for Contra Costa County. Although it will require more work to implement, ultimately this option is less risky than relying on energy produced elsewhere and transmitted over an aging grid.¶</p> <p>¶</p> <p>The economic development possibilities for building clean energy infrastructure in Contra Costa County, and the resulting revenue that would accrue as the county becomes a net producer of energy, are two compelling arguments for adopting a stand-alone program. EBCE has blazed the way, and those who advocated for it for over a decade can offer valuable assistance to help CCCo set up a similar program.¶</p> <p>¶</p> <p>Why the Board of Supervisors voted (illegally?) to take this option off the table in advance of scheduled informational meetings, as well as before the cut-off date of this very survey, is unusual if not suspect.¶</p> <p>¶</p> <p>Thanks again for asking for my comments.¶</p> <p>¶</p> <p>Janet Johnson¶ electricista545@gmail.com¶ 510-331-3985</p>
24	Jan 27, 2017 2:30 AM	<p>First, I'm really disturbed that the BOS took the County-only option off the table before any further workup had been done on it in the final study. This premature decision prevented a full democratic process from taking place. Now, don't get me wrong: I'm not betting on any particular horse yet, but I do want to be able to do due diligence and make a decision about what to lobby for based on which option can enable the greatest amount of clean energy development and green job growth in Contra Costa. I want the County to lead in this area and not merely take the most expedient and cautious approach. Let's actively invest in local green buildout. Can MCE take us there? EBCE? We need far more data than that provided in the draft study in order to make the best choice. The BOS needs to reconsider its poor decision to kill a stand-alone JPA before we fully understood what it could do for us. Besides, wasn't that 1/17 meeting noticed to the public as informational-only? (Brown Act, anyone?)</p>
25	Jan 27, 2017 1:49 AM	<p>contact: swechs@sonic.net</p>
26	Jan 26, 2017 5:47 PM	<p>What is MCE Clean Energy? Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) or Community Choice Energy (CCE) as it's known here in Contra Costa, is a highly complex topic, but one that could have long lasting ramifications.¶</p> <p>The decision about the future of energy here must not be taken lightly. In addition, any company that comes in with fancy marketing materials and high-paid consultants should not sway us. We need to evaluate the facts.¶</p> <p>MCE may seem appealing, and the marketing campaign they present is compelling, but I have done some research and realized they have failed to fulfill the promises they have made about cleaner, greener power and good jobs.¶</p> <p>The power they're providing to their customers isn't 'greener' - in fact, most of it is procured from Shell Oil in Texas, and they use these phony devices called "Unbundled Renewable Energy Certificates" to make it seem like its cleaner, when it's not. Experts refer to this practice as "greenwashing."¶</p> <p>When compared to what we have right now, PG&E has much more power coming from greenhouse-gas-free sources than MCE over the last 5 years. If MCE stopped using these phony Renewable Energy Certificates to offset their emissions rate (as the California Air Resources Board Guidelines call for), PG&E power would have a lower emissions rate. ¶</p> <p>MCE also promised to create good jobs, which of course everyone wants - but in reality, they are doing the opposite. They have been outsourcing good, local, high-road jobs, and the promises they made to buy and develop power locally have not quite come to fruition. They will point to a handful of tiny projects, but in reality, that account for few jobs and a tiny fragment of the power they are selling to customers.¶</p> <p>We have other options.¶</p> <p>In contrast to Marin, Alameda County is also going through the process to set up a CCA, and at this point, they seem to be far more transparent and worker-friendly. If we have to choose a county to emulate or join up with, Alameda is a better choice than Marin. ¶</p> <p>Alternatively, we could choose to go our own way and really focus on implementing a program that will keep and even create jobs, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect the ratepayers in our community.¶</p> <p>Either way, we need to recognize that there are people in the County -including elected officials --who have an agenda and stand to profit from this decision, and our communities should not be swayed by them.¶</p>
27	Jan 26, 2017 4:16 PM	
28	Jan 26, 2017 11:15 AM	<p>MCE is a very experienced, efficient provider and does a wonderful job educating residents about all aspects of their program.</p>
29	Jan 24, 2017 8:17 PM	<p>I moved to Concord from San Francisco where we have CleanPowerSF. I am a big supporter of this program and am looking forward to having a similar one in Concord. Please include me on your mailing list: greengwynn@yahoo.com</p> <p>MCE is not appropriately regulated to promote the policy goals of our county. Walnut Creek opted in precipitously, without providing existing solar users information about the consequences. Don't abdicate the county's responsibility to the independent management of MCE, which would not be effectively supervised by 35 elected officials meeting once every few months. Scott Rafferty 202-380-5525</p>
30	Jan 24, 2017 5:04 AM	
32	Jan 21, 2017 2:08 AM	<p>I would prefer to join an existing energy group then have the county start its own, but I don't have all the information</p> <p>We have been thrilled with the Deep Green MCE program in El Cerrito. We don't have solar and appreciate that we can get 100% renewable energy. MCE also has great customer service. Let's keep expanding options for Contra Costa residents!</p>
33	Jan 19, 2017 5:16 AM	

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		I am currently a MCE Deep Green customer in El Cerrito and have been so thrilled. From community education prior to launch, seamless roll-out process, great customer service, re-investment in local solar, outreach to low-income communities, engagement with local groups, and the MCE Community Power Coalition, I have been very impressed with MCE. As MCE has been up and running for several years and has worked through many of the bumps and challenges of operating a CCA, it seems to be the easiest choice for the county. That said, in my professional capacity I am involved with EBCE. I feel that the community voice of EBCE is unique and critical to ensuring engagement of disenfranchised communities who have been left out of the process. I encourage County to seek a commitment to local clean energy build out for jobs and community benefits.[]
34	Jan 18, 2017 11:12 PM	On a separate note, I responded to the survey as a ratepayer. Although I, personally, can afford a higher electricity bill, I do want CCE in Contra Costa to be accessible by the whole community and feel that local, affordable, renewable energy is critical.
35	Jan 14, 2017 11:25 PM	I am very interested in lowering my elcercity bill. PG&E keeps raising its prices. We have never paid \$435 for a bill before until recently.
36	Jan 13, 2017 11:00 PM	I think the full benefits of local control, best pathway for ensuring a CCE can be part of stimulus for local energy production. Most important to me is that there is commitment to build out in our County. I want local clean energy from my County or region to be a key goal.
37	Jan 13, 2017 10:48 PM	Since we have had solar panels for over 10 years, we are eager for others to have access to clean energy as well, even though they may not have solar panels on their house or business. ellen.beans@gmail.com
38	Jan 13, 2017 9:51 PM	I would like a tool that allows me to enter my data about my PG&E consumption and see how that compares with what another company would provide.
39	Jan 13, 2017 8:04 PM	What are the benefits of joining a future CCC program, or to Join MCE or EBCE?[] I want to make sure the rates dont go up.Not a PG&E Fan!
40	Jan 13, 2017 2:09 AM	As solar panel cost and pay back becomes more viable, why would I want to jump from the frying pan into the fire? You are merely going from one state sanctioned private monopoly to a local government monopoly.
41	Jan 12, 2017 10:16 PM	I think it's critical to develop a LOCAL clean energy program that reduces our GHG while developing our local resources and jobs. Joining EBCE could be a good option. Prefer to narrow options to a Contra Costa Program or joining EBCE.
42	Jan 12, 2017 9:51 PM	I have lived in Concord for 20+ years and in the last 3 Yrs, my PG&E has nearly doubled. I qualify for a income discount, but 30 days later I received a letter warning of penalty fees will be starting for using more than average useage. We use smart thermostats & appliances, but I have 3 small children so I use my heat some. I'm already paying \$400-500/Month or more in the summer on PG&E, now I'm to pay more? Please bring a competitive option to our residents to give utility companies a reason to keep their pricing within reason. There has got to be a better way.
43	Jan 12, 2017 3:38 PM	I think encouragement of renewables, along with aggregation of distributed generation growing rapidly on rooftops, is hugely important. But the price points of wind and solar today are such that it should not cost any more than PG&E. How much financial risk is involved for customers and for Contra Costa / Concord if the energy mix selected is primarily solar and we have a "year without a summer" such as occurred in 1816? If there is risk, is there a way to hedge that risk with a purchasing agreement option for nuclear or other power, or with some kind of pricing insurance?[]
44	Jan 11, 2017 8:20 PM	Email: ahmchugh@gmail.com[] Mobile: 408-666-3813
45	Jan 6, 2017 10:53 PM	I am very interested in clean energy. I want there to be a future for our children. Please put all of your resources into making this happen - the sooner the better!!
46	Dec 23, 2016 7:51 PM	I think it is important to grow CCE group(s) as large as possible, to give the organization a stronger voice. I believe that we should start a new group only if an independent CC County CCE program would provide additional environmental benefits that are not available in an existing group.
47	Dec 22, 2016 12:41 AM	Just how is this money to be saved? Where is the investment capital to come from? What happens to PG&E delivery rates when there profits from selling gas and electricity dry up?
48	Dec 22, 2016 12:28 AM	I don't expect my local government to be involved in this topic. I particularly dislike having to opt out of the program to stay with PG&E. The state needs only to regulate how clean PG&E will be.
49	Dec 21, 2016 5:51 PM	Without knowledge of what a Contra Costa program offers- I can not choose between MCE or a new plan
50	Dec 20, 2016 10:43 PM	I wish there was more public knowledge of what CCE is and how it affects everybody
51	Dec 17, 2016 7:06 PM	robndonna@sbcglobal.net
52	Dec 16, 2016 8:05 PM	Choice #1 would be to join MCE because it exists and works. Choice #2 would be to Contra-Costa or other East Bay program
53	Dec 15, 2016 9:45 PM	MCE is a great organization with several Contra Costa communities already enrolled and serving customers with affordable choices for electricity from renewable energy sources. They have been excellent at community outreach and communication and their commitment to local energy development (and local job development) like the 10MW "Solar One" project in Richmond. While starting a new CCA provider is also a good option, in the case of Contra Costa, it makes more sense to join MCE
54	Dec 15, 2016 8:03 PM	countywide (like Napa and Marin counties) to avoid unnecessary confusion and to benefit from the excellent work and experience MCE has developed already. I have solar panels and annually supply just a bit more than I use.
55	Dec 12, 2016 10:54 PM	I doubt if CCE will result in more wind or solar power plants as the utilities are already mandated to grow their green portfolio. Dedicating green power to subscribed customers seems to be a marketing ploy and rip off. What's needed are energy storage devices such as pumped storage, batteries, and or hydrogen generating facilities using green power. Biomass burning power plants could be included as well. The problem is demonstrated by the duck curve. We need to be able to use green power when the sun goes down and the wind isn't blowing. Energy storage is critical to make this happen. And don't give up on nuclear power.

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		There is not enough information to answer Question 7. []
		I'm extremely interested in his program. When we had the choice many years ago, I opted for Enron. I loved their service - they were a great electrical supplier, but not a good corporate citizen. []
56	Dec 12, 2016 6:48 AM	WE NEED CHOICE - not what PG&E wants to take from us!! I can be reached at: 925-246-5231 or MAMoros@LifelineSolutions.net.
57	Dec 11, 2016 8:48 AM	the most important thing to me is clean energy ! ok if it costs more but i am very poor and live on social security so don't have much room in my budget ! kd.mars@sbcglobal.net
58	Dec 11, 2016 3:25 AM	Renewable energy with no emissions most important as I will use candles walk to save environment
59	Dec 10, 2016 10:09 PM	I would need to know much more about program works. The various CCE proposals are all scams. None deliver energy that is any cleaner than PG&E. Their claim of clean energy is purely on paper through the use of
60	Dec 9, 2016 6:27 PM	Renewable Energy Certificates
61	Dec 9, 2016 3:52 PM	I'm going solar. Screw pg&e. Your survey questions are rigged. You use buzzwords like 'clean' energy, but do not define it. You tie the lowering of greenhouse gases to 'clean' energy. The only alternative you offer is wind and solar. More humans have died due to solar energy than have ever died due to nuclear energy. We, as a state, need modern nuclear energy. There is no way around that, Moving forward as population increases and demand, alternative energy will be insufficient to meet demand, and its far more destructive to rely on coal and oil than to invest in modern nuclear plants, such as LFTR, molten salt, and traveling wave reactors which are inherently safe, and can even burn 99% of waste from existing, outdated reactors.
62	Dec 9, 2016 8:33 AM	why not just use solar panels on the roof?
63	Dec 9, 2016 5:52 AM	
64	Dec 9, 2016 1:31 AM	Marin Clean Energy is mostly fraud about Green source.
65	Dec 9, 2016 12:03 AM	I do not care where my energy is coming from, I'd like the flat rate per KW and not the masked robbery called tiered rate by PG&E
66	Dec 8, 2016 10:54 PM	I'd like to know more information, benefits, etc. and why Cities are starting to go this route.
67	Dec 8, 2016 9:28 PM	could you offer a tax break or some incentive for using solar power? as for question 7 I don't know enough of the choices to answer it. if it would be more expensive i would not be at all interested. i would like to see pg&e have some competition and more accountability. their monopoly is not in the best interest of our community
68	Dec 8, 2016 8:20 PM	
69	Dec 8, 2016 8:06 PM	you may spell check question #4 Boarders should be borders. Yes. I chose to try an alternative gas provider & paid more than just staying with pg&e. Would this happen with this new electricity program? It's very important for people on a fixed income to have all the pricing & billing information prior to signing up for the alternative program.
70	Dec 8, 2016 7:44 PM	
71	Dec 8, 2016 6:45 PM	Please give us a choice other than PG&E. I am interested in learning more about options, existing programs, and feedback from those users.[] Please contact me at: []
72	Dec 8, 2016 6:42 PM	sfmiraj@yahoo.com
73	Dec 8, 2016 6:17 PM	I already have solar panels I am curious how they'd be handled by a CCA. Abstansbury@gmail.com
74	Dec 8, 2016 4:24 AM	I own an excellent solar system which produces nearly 100% of my residential electrical use.
75	Dec 8, 2016 4:18 AM	this is a joke. It's too late. The new administration has sealed our coffins. Our children will very likely not live a full life. Good planets are hard to find I would like to know how the Concord city council acts on this effort, since I understand they have brownfields that will be crucial to implementing a CCE/CCA here in the East Bay counties of Alameda and Contra Costa.[]
76	Dec 8, 2016 1:50 AM	Please email me at pdrich350@gmail.com - thank you!
77	Dec 8, 2016 1:18 AM	If your "green power" is from purchasing RECs, then you are lying to the consumer.
78	Dec 7, 2016 10:19 PM	Can it be guaranteed that rates will not increase because of the decision that is made?
79	Dec 7, 2016 6:11 PM	Let's not go here. Most community choices appear to have mucked up the works more than they already are. Leave well enough alone. PG and E sends out notices that they want to raise prices pretty much every other month. With solar they try to stick you with extra fees too, Would love an alternative to this price gouging.
80	Dec 7, 2016 5:48 PM	
81	Dec 7, 2016 3:50 PM	I'd also be interested in a program which promoted widespread use of residential solar power to complement county power sources. I think it's very important that residents have a choice of who their electric provider can be similar to cable and cell phone companies. This way there are choices and different ways to receive electricity.
82	Dec 7, 2016 3:20 PM	Would this new energy company include medical baseline and balanced payment programs?[] [] William Moisson Srl wmmoisson@yahoo.com
83	Dec 7, 2016 2:19 PM	
84	Dec 7, 2016 4:52 AM	Why doesn't the city encourage options for residential solar? It would allow for more green power and also more stable and predictable energy rates. I'm a big fan of this concept. We have solar panels and MCE's rate structure allows you to roll over credit from one year to the next (good for people planning on electric cars in the future), and a fair rate if you become a net producer. I could add panels and have a negative electric bill with them (via NEM).[] Lastly, I'm a proponent of local energy projects - solar and wind, that provide engineering and construction jobs short term, and maintenance jobs long term. Longer term, with zero fuel costs, energy costs should go down for contra costa county.
85	Dec 7, 2016 3:32 AM	
86	Dec 7, 2016 2:58 AM	I am unclear as to the pros and cons of the different CE programs, but I want Concord to join one. I can make an informed choice if I can see the pros and cons. I hope that is forthcoming.

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87	Dec 7, 2016 2:01 AM	This is a gimmick being proffered by so-called clean energy generators to create a market for their product and force PGE to pay much higher prices for it. This program will raise electricity prices for everyone.
88	Dec 7, 2016 1:25 AM	Please email further information to mccarthy.kellym@gmail.com
89	Dec 7, 2016 1:24 AM	There are no guarantees switching to a community power provider will keep rates lower. Ask other cities who have switched. I would only want more wind produced power if its made in such a way that it isn't a danger to birds ☹
90	Dec 7, 2016 12:57 AM	I can be reached at kckahn@gmail.com
91	Dec 7, 2016 12:07 AM	I live in a mobile home park whose owners will not allow the installation of solar panels on our homes. Can you help? Yes, I would like to have a choice, either with CCC only program or with the MCE Clean Energy program. Which one would work better in Concord? How much I would save? We are retirees with fixed income, so the cost is a big part of our decision.
92	Dec 6, 2016 11:59 PM	the program most like SMUD
93	Dec 6, 2016 11:43 PM	How can we have confidence in a city plan that doesn't even meet in the city it will serve?
94	Dec 6, 2016 11:27 PM	The county has not managed the budget redponsibly to date. I am not inclined to increase their control over another utility.
95	Dec 6, 2016 11:01 PM	I would be interested in alternate sources of power, but at the same time, I don't want ugly panels on my roof- I rather buy the energy.
96	Dec 6, 2016 10:56 PM	Don't know the difference between the choices in #7, need more information.
97	Dec 6, 2016 10:52 PM	I
98	Dec 6, 2016 10:48 PM	Lower pge for the elderly
99	Dec 6, 2016 10:42 PM	I have heard of these community choice programs from friends who live in other cities and there energy costs increased. If Contra Costa County moves forward with community choice I will opt out of the program as my friends have.☹
100	Dec 6, 2016 10:31 PM	Not remotely interested in participating in the community choice program. We have had solar for 3 years now and just this year we became required to pay \$10 month for grid maintenance. If solar customers are paying an added \$10/month for grid maintenance everyone should pay an extra \$10/ month for this. It is a scam that PG&E is getting away with calling this a minimum. We need options that reward people for investing in solar.
101	Dec 6, 2016 10:19 PM	Please consider Wind Trees - micro turbine leaves to generate electricity - https://youtu.be/UOp7hYwObA4
102	Dec 6, 2016 10:16 PM	How would this work in a condominium complex with a homeowner's association? joelcarico@gmail.com
103	Dec 6, 2016 10:09 PM	I would be interested in learning more about the programs in Question 7. If you could email them to me at rlwse@yahoo.com that would be great.
104	Dec 6, 2016 8:41 PM	(No need for a response.☹) ☹
105	Dec 5, 2016 10:52 PM	The sooner the better :).
106	Dec 5, 2016 9:51 PM	Go with the proven model! Faster, cheaper, and we know it works. Community Choice Energy is very important. We need a public agency to replace evil PG&E as the provider of electricity in the county. I urge a "feed in tariff" type program with which the owners of solar panels that produce more energy than they consume can be reimbursed for the excess energy that they provide. That way, we'll have incentive to put up more solar panels than we need. I believe MCE does not provide that option, which is why I think we should join the new East Bay CE program that is forming in Alameda Co and push for the feed in tariff which has made solar power the norm in Germany and Japan.
107	Dec 5, 2016 2:36 PM	I would be concerned that people and businesses in unincorporated areas might not be part of some of the choices. Is the Contra Costa County-only program the only one which would produce jobs and businesses here?
108	Dec 3, 2016 10:46 PM	I have had rooftop solar since about 2003. This survey doesn't address my issues: to re-think the grid as a local distribution network, extend solar panel locations to attain dense local energy security, battery and storage with mixed energy source balancing. CCE doesn't protect users from big upcoming distribution costs. Neither does it help gas users.
109	Dec 2, 2016 7:44 PM	Myself and other contra costans need to understand and be engaged to discuss the pros and cons of the different options
110	Dec 2, 2016 7:20 PM	The survey would not allow me to answer all questions in #4.
111	Dec 2, 2016 5:04 PM	