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City Of Palo Alto Approves New Photovoltaic Feed-In-Tariff Program

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The [Palo Alto, Calif., city council](#) has approved implementation of a new initiative called Palo Alto CLEAN (Clean Local Energy Accessible Now).

Under the feed-in-tariff (FIT) program, the City of Palo Alto Utilities (CPAU) will purchase locally produced solar energy at a fixed rate of \$0.14/kWh for 20 years, according to national advocacy organization [CLEAN Coalition](#).

CPAU will begin accepting applications for power contracts on April 2. In the program's first year, the city's goal is to contract for up to 4 MW of solar energy delivered by systems located on local large commercial rooftops in Palo Alto.

The city plans to expand the program to include smaller sites and a wider range of energy-generating technologies in the future. Further details on the program are available [here](#).

"Palo Alto CLEAN will expand clean local energy production while only increasing the average utility bill by a penny per month," says Yiaway Yeh, mayor of Palo Alto. "The program is a major step toward meeting our goal of supplying 33 percent of our electricity with renewable energy by 2015 without significant rate increases."

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