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## **Will the Utilities Spending \$27 Million Again Duck a Public Debate? Prop. 7 Leader Challenges Pacific Gas & Electric to Debate**

Californians for Solar and Clean Energy, sponsors of Prop. 7, today announced that the “Green Cowboy,” David Freeman, will be participating in a debate/discussion at UC Santa Cruz. Proposition 7, the Solar and Clean Energy Act, requires all utilities to provide more solar, wind, geothermal, biomass, tidal, and small hydroelectric energy. Renewable energy standards are increased 2% per year, over seventeen years, so that half of our electricity will come from cleaner and cheaper sources by 2025. This important discussion will take place on the UCSC campus at the Stevenson Event Center, Stevenson College, at 7:00 pm, Friday, October 17.

UCSC has a commitment to the environment, is a leader in advancing global sustainability and steward of the Santa Cruz campus. UCSC was identified by the EPA as the 6<sup>th</sup> largest green power purchaser among U.S. colleges and universities.

Pacific Gas & Electric, one of several investor-owned utilities that have spent over \$27 million against Prop.7, has been invited to represent the “No” side.

“I’m the fellow that ran the utilities in LA and Sacramento. I know all about those big utility guys. They’re spending \$27 million bucks on misleading ads trying to fool you into voting against Proposition 7. Why? Because Prop. 7 forces them to get half their electricity from clean sources. And they want to keep making money burning dirty fossil fuels,” said Freeman.

“Prop. 7 addresses the issues of Global Warming and Energy Independence, which are critical for California. Since no one from PG&E has been willing to debate publicly about Prop. 7, Mr. Freeman may be debating as as yet unnamed campaign representative. I applaud the UCSC student body for hosting this important event,” said Jim Gonzalez, chair of Californians for Solar and Clean Energy.

For additional information about the Solar and Clean Energy Act, please visit: <http://www.yeson7.net/>