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February 17, 2010

Michael R. Peevey  
President  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Installation of PG&E Smart Meters in the City of Sebastopol

Dear Mr. Peevey:

At its last meeting on February 2, 2010, the Sebastopol City Council provided the opportunity for PG&E to make a presentation on the Smart Meter Program and for our community to ask questions and comment. Our Council recognizes the wide variety of opinion in our community and our commitment to the goals of AB32 and the importance of green house gas emission reductions.

This item of business was agendized due to concerns expressed by a significant number of citizens. As Mayor, I personally made sure that, in advance of the meeting, the PG&E representatives received copies of the written questions that I had received from one citizen's group.

The issues raised by the public speakers included problems in: accuracy in recording and billing; administration (such as closing accounts or cutting off services); potential interference with other appliances or equipment; invasion of personal privacy; breaches in personal and community security; an unevaluated impact on energy consumption, rather than energy savings; loss of jobs; review of customer choices; and health risks from radio frequency emissions.

During our discussion of the topic, it appeared that there are discrepancies between PG&E's information, our public's information, and the research provided by our commenting citizens. While PG&E maintains that the Smart Meters are reliable and safe, independent studies may show otherwise. There is ongoing deliberation about the actual impact of radio frequency emissions on people's health and well-being. We are also informed that Sonoma County Fifth District Supervisor Efrén Carrillo is working to coordinate a forum on these issues, to be held locally sometime in April 2010.

The City of Sebastopol passed a resolution last year requesting the FCC to update its research and safety standard regarding radio frequency emissions. On behalf of our residents, we would like to make two requests. First, we

request that you defer installation of Smart Meters within the City of Sebastopol, allowing sufficient time to conduct investigations into the possible effects on public health and the environment. Secondly, we request that you allow customers a choice to opt out of the installation of Smart Meters and that you conduct an investigation into the effects on health and the environment so that customers can make an educated choice whether or not to allow installation of Smart Meters on their property.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

  
 Sarah Glade Gurney  
Mayor

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