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Michael Peevey  
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California Public Utilities Commission  
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Re: Smart Meter implementation

Dear Mr. Peevey:

Since the beginning of the installation process for PG&E's SmartMeters, my office has fielded a number of concerns from my constituents. The concerns have been varied and have ranged from the accuracy of meter billing, health and environmental risks, security and privacy issues, to fire safety.

In order to provide constituents with the most accurate information my office has shared information provided by PG&E which directed questions or concerns to call PG&E's SmartMeter hotline. It was my understanding that this hotline would be staffed with personnel able to both answer questions, and place people who are opposed to having a meter installed on their property on a "Last to Install" list. Unfortunately, as people have called this hotline, they have been told that the "Last to Install" list does not exist. This has resulted in more concern with the process, questions about the effectiveness of the program, and failure to provide adequate information to consumers.


Given some of the issues which have been raised by the public, the CPUC has asked PG&E to conduct third party testing to verify accuracy of the meters. However, there are a number of concerns from the public which are not being addressed in an informative open dialogue. My office is working with extremely limited resources to try to bring information to the community in order for the public to make informed decisions about the issues surrounding SmartMeters. This forum would provide a balanced format that presents accurate information and gives the public access to informed experts. Our office is currently working with PG&E to facilitate this meeting and it is our intention to include experts on the topic from PG&E, the CPUC, and authorities with a concern about the SmartMeter program. We have already heard from CPUC who have agreed to participate and expect this event to take place at the end of April.

It is critical that an open, public, and frank dialogue with a balanced perspective take place prior

to the SmartMeter program being imposed. Until such time as this public dialogue can commence it would be reasonable to request that SmartMeter efforts in the 5th District of Sonoma County be delayed until this information can be provided and consumers are given a full accounting of their options, the issues surrounding billing accuracy are addressed by a third party, as well as a candid discussion of potential health issues has taken place.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to call me at any time to discuss this important issue.

Sincerely,



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