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

**SUBJECT: COMMENTS REGARDING THE PG&E SMARTMETER OPTION
PROCEEDING NUMBER A11-03-014**

Dear Mr. Peevey:

On Monday, April 4, 2011, the Grover Beach City Council received a presentation from Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) representatives regarding the SmartMeter Program. Following that presentation, the Council took public comments regarding the program.

It is our understanding that the Commission authorized Pacific Gas & Electric to complete the installation of the SmartMeter Program throughout its territory. We also understand that PG&E recently submitted a proposal to your Commission that, if approved, would give residential customers the option to have the radios in their SmartMeters turned off. This option would enable the meters to be manually read and was in response to your request for a proposal from Pacific Gas & Electric to deal with public concerns regarding the program.

Based on our review of the material and testimony presented, we want to communicate to the Commission that this Council supports an option program that provides a clear choice for the customer regarding SmartMeters. We also believe the customer should bear no cost for his or her decision regarding participation in the option program. Additionally, the Council is of the opinion that the customer should have the option of making an initial and informed decision early in the process and prior to the installation of the SmartMeter, thus avoiding the actual installation of the meter if participation is not desired by the customer.

Ultimately, it is incumbent upon the Commission and the Utility to ensure a full public discussion regarding the SmartMeter Program is conducted so that the customer can make an informed decision regarding participation in the program.

Sincerely,

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Mayor Pro Tem

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