



## ATTACHMENT

June 28, 2010

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

Dear President Peevey:

I am writing to bring your attention to a situation that I believe should concern the Commission. As you are aware, Utility Workers Union of America Local 132 (UWUA) was a party in the Southern California Gas Company AMI Application. After the case was decided, UWUA petitioned for rehearing.

During the pendency of the AMI proceeding, the Gas Company had been bargaining with UWUA and other unions on the property for the creation of several hundred new jobs to mitigate the impact of AMI on displaced meter readers.

Now, in retaliation for the UWUA's continued opposition to AMI before the CPUC, the Company has withdrawn its proposal to create these new jobs, in effect punishing its meter reading workforce because the Union has chosen to exercise its rights under California law. Not confining its negotiating position to the bargaining table, the Gas Company has sent communications directly to the represented employees themselves in order to underscore its retaliatory action.

I am aware that the Commission has little interest in involving itself in collective bargaining, and we are not asking you to do so. This case, however, is more than that. It involves a regulated utility making threats against its employees in order to coerce a party (UWUA) to withdraw from a Commission proceeding. If permitted, this practice is a challenge to the integrity of the regulatory process itself.

I hope that you can look into the matter and take appropriate action to protect the workers, the ratepayers and the regulatory process.

Sincerely,

/s/ Carl Wood  
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Cc: All Commissioners



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