

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



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Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company
for Approval of Modifications to its
SmartMeter™ Program and Increased Revenue
Requirements to Recover the Costs of the
Modifications. (U39M)

A.11-03-014
(Filed March 24, 2011)

AND RELATED MATTERS

A.11-03-015
(Filed March 24, 2011)
A.11-07-020
(Filed July 26, 2011)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIANS FOR WIRED SOLUTIONS TO SMART METERS
(SCWSSM) PREHEARING CONFERENCE STATEMENT AND INTENT TO
CONTINUE AS A PARTY TO THE CONSOLIDATED PHASE II OF THE OPT OUT
PROCEEDINGS.**

Pursuant to California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) Rules of Practice and Procedure Rule 7.2, Southern Californians For Wired Solutions to Smart Meters (SCWSSM) is a party in the SDG&E and SCE Opt Out proceedings, A.11-03-014 Consolidated proceedings pursuant to ALJ ruling and related proceedings. and A. 11 -07-020, respectively; and will continue as a party in the newly consolidated Phase II of the Opt Out proceedings.

SCWSSM is a non profit association of Southern Californians who are rate payers of SDG&E and SCE. Barbara Schnier is the president of this non profit association and may also authorize a representative to specially appear for SCWSSM at this pre hearing conference as we are located in Apple Valley and it would be a hardship to travel to San Francisco. SCWSSM will file the party status form provided by the ALJ.

We concur with requests made in UCAN's Application, A.11-03-015(Filed March 24, 2011), and have additional ratepayer issues of concern we would like addressed in the Phase II of the Opt Out Consolidated proceedings.. Positions and Issues SCWSSM requests to be addressed are as follows:

SCWSSM's PREHEARING CONFERENCE STATEMENT AND INTENT TO CONTINUE AS
PARTY IN CONSOLIDATED OPT OUT PROCEEDINGS.

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1. Opt Out charges and fees for ratepayers whom are disabled and those with medical conditions adversely affected. That no additional fees or costs apply to ratepayers for replacing the analog meter due to disability or medical condition, and determine applicability of CPUC Code of Practice and Procedure section 453 to this issue.
2. Issues surrounding charges and fees for the accommodation of disabled ratepayers and charges by the utility for those accommodations.
3. Determine fair and just fees if any, for such opt out.
4. Legal requirements to accommodate the disabled.
5. Terms and charges to ratepayers for Community Opt Out, Neighborhood opt out and disability opt out w/"zone of safety" disability accommodation. [It is discrimination to allow community and neighborhood opt out and not allow disability opt out accommodations to disabled and those adversely affected (ie. Approval and specific parameters for a "Zone of Safety" around customers' home)]
6. Renew our Motion for Health Study or at least hearings to take expert evidence on scientific basis establishing safety guidelines for new wireless statewide smart meter mesh network. [There are new studies and position papers of relevant organizations and government agencies which will be available at the Pre Conference Hearing)
7. Hearings on Disability issues and legal requirements of PUC to recognize and accommodate disabilities and those adversely affected by the wireless mesh network.
8. Request an Order that all utilities determine a plan in collaboration with affected rate payers representatives, to accommodate Americans with Disabilities, and those who are ill affected by the emissions of the wireless smart meters. ⁱ

9. Request for workshops and hearings on disability accommodations and related issues for residential and commercial customers.

Dated: May 3, 2012

Respectfully requested by: /s/ Barbara Schnier
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¹This includes rate payers whom are more vulnerable to the radiation, radio frequency, and dirty electricity emissions from this wireless smart grid and wireless smart meters such as rate payers with implanted medical devices, those with medical conditions, pregnant women, the elderly, physically compromised, and those with radiation/radio frequency illness that make those customers more vulnerable to the damaging effects of the emissions¹.