

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



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Application of Southern California Gas
Company (U-904-G) for Approval of
Advanced Metering Infrastructure.

Application 08-09-023
(Filed September 29, 2008)

**NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION OF
THE UTILITY REFORM NETWORK AND
THE UTILITY WORKERS UNION OF AMERICA**



March 12, 2010

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Pursuant to Rule 8.3(a) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, The Utility Reform Network ("TURN") and The Utility Workers Union of America ("UWUA") hereby give notice of the following *ex parte* communication in the above proceeding.

The communication occurred on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 3:00 pm at the Commission's offices in San Francisco between TURN and UWUA and Commissioner Simon and his advisor Paul Phillips. TURN was represented by attorney Nina Suetake and Mark Toney, TURN's Executive Director. UWUA was represented by Milton Davis, Regional Officer, Local 132.

TURN asserted that SoCalGas' AMI project was not cost-effective and discussed its concerns with the conservation benefits forecast by Southern California Gas Company ("SoCalGas") in its application for approval of gas-only advanced metering infrastructure ("AMI"). TURN explained that the studies used by SoCalGas to forecast its expected conservation benefits were not applicable to Southern California gas customers because they were largely conducted in other states or foreign countries, in colder climates, and based on electric customers or combined electric and gas systems. TURN stated that the customer response to consumption information in the cited studies and behavioral changes suggested by SoCalGas' expert witness were not applicable to SoCalGas' customers because many of the measures taken are already included in California building standards or conservation and energy efficiency programs. TURN also stated that SoCalGas failed to include any costs to facilitate direct feedback with its customers.

UWUA explained that meter readers provided an additional benefit of inspecting gas facilities for any problems that could threaten customer safety and that the AMI system could not replace this functionality. UWUA also suggested that one limiting factor in gas conservation was not a customer's lack of knowledge about their consumption, but their inability to replace obsolete furnaces and water heaters.

There were no written materials handed out. To obtain a copy of this notice, please contact Larry Wong (415) 929-8876 or adminassistant@turn.org

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Respectfully submitted,

By: ___/S/ _____

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Serrita Teer, certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the following is true and correct:

On March 12, 2010 I served the attached:

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on all eligible parties on the attached lists **A.08-09-023** by sending said document by electronic mail to each of the parties via electronic mail, as reflected on the attached Service List.

Executed this March 12, 2010, at San Francisco, California.

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