

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA



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Application of Utility Consumers' Action
Network for Modification of Decision
07-04-043 so as to Not Force Residential
Customers to Use Smart Meters.

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(Filed March 24, 2011)

**NOTICE OF *EX PARTE*
COMMUNICATION OF THE
DIVISION OF RATEPAYER ADVOCATES
PURSUANT TO RULE 8.3(C)(3)**

[PUBLIC/REDACTED VERSION]

In accordance with Rule 8.3(c)(3) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the California Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”), the Division of Ratepayer Advocates (“DRA”) submits this notice of the following *ex parte* communication in connection with the Application of Utility Consumers' Action Network for Modification of Decision 07-04-043 so as to Not Force Residential Customers to Use Smart Meters.

The communication took place on March 30, 2012 at approximately 1:40 p.m., at the Commission’s headquarters in San Francisco. DRA Acting Director Joseph P. Como delivered a copy of a confidential report entitled “Case Study of Smart Meter System Deployment: Recommendations for Ensuring Ratepayer Benefits” along with a non-confidential cover memo and appendices to the offices of Commission President Michael Peevey, Commissioner Mark Ferron, Commissioner Mike Florio, Commissioner Catherine Sandoval, and Commissioner Timothy Simon.

DRA initiated the communication, which was written. As explained in the attached cover memo and confidential report entitled “Case Study of Smart Meter System Deployment: Recommendations for Ensuring Ratepayer Benefits,” DRA makes a number of recommendations designed to ensure that ratepayers receive net benefits from their investments in Advanced Metering Infrastructure. A redacted, public version of “Case Study of Smart Meter System Deployment: Recommendations for Ensuring Ratepayer Benefits,” is attached to this notice and is also available at

<http://www.dra.ca.gov/DRA/energy/EnergyMgtConservation/Smart+Meters/Smart+Meter+System+Deployment.htm>.

Copies of this Notice may be obtained by contacting Sue Muniz at (415) 703-1858 or sam@cpuc.ca.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

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