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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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.
(U 39 M)

Application 11-03-014

NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

Pursuant to Rule 8.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, The Utility Reform Network (TURN) hereby gives notice of the following *ex parte* communication.

On January 4, 2012 at approximately 2:00 p.m., Marcel Hawiger, staff attorney with TURN, met with Sepideh Khosrawjeh, advisor to Commissioner Florio, in her office at the CPUC. Mr. Hawiger explained that TURN was especially concerned about the cost allocation issues in the Proposed Decision. Mr. Hawiger stated that any ratepayer cost responsibility should be capped at

the cost of the mesh upgrade and IT expenditures, and that PG&E shareholders should bear some of the opt-out costs as a normal risk of the SmartMeter Upgrade project. The cost allocation of any socialized costs among ratepayer classes should not be predetermined. Mr. Hawiger recommended that an analog meter option be made available to opt-out participants, and that a lower-cost self-read option should be made available. Mr. Hawiger stated that TURN had not taken a position on proposals for community-wide opt-out. The meeting lasted approximately 45 minutes.

To obtain a copy of this notice, please contact Jeffrey Johnson at (415) 929-8876 ex. 300.

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