

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).

Application 11-03-014  
(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 Pacific Gas and Electric Company for approval of modifications to its SmartMeter™ Program and associated revenue requirements.

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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