



BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (U39E) for Approval of Demand Response Programs, Pilots and Budgets For 2012-2014.

Application 11-03-001
(Filed March 01, 2011)

And Related Matters.

Application 11-03-002
Application 11-03-003

**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 for Southern California Edison to file a plan for approval of a smart-meter opt-out plan.

The communication took place on March 30, 2012 at approximately 1:45 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 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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