

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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TO PARTIES OF RECORD IN RULEMAKING 08-12-009

At the Commission Meeting of December 17, 2009, Commissioner Grueneich reserved the right to file a concurrence in Decision 09-12-046. The decision was mailed on December 29, 2009.

The concurrence is attached herewith.

/s/ KAREN V. CLOPTON
Karen V. Clopton, Chief
Administrative Law Judge

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Attachment

Concurrence of Commissioner Dian M. Grueneich
Item 64 [9052]
December 17th, 2009 Commission Meeting

This decision is part of California's continued leadership in smart grid deployment.

Among the most critical issues this decision addresses is customer access to energy information, including electricity usage and pricing information.

As we have explored in a number of proceedings at this Commission, providing customers with clear and timely access to their own energy price and consumption information can serve as an important stimulus towards energy-efficient behavior changes and investments.

The decision sets up a series of policy objectives and firm requirements regarding customer access to price and consumption information, as well as third party access to this data, with customer consent.

Now that the investor owned utilities have launched the roll-out of advanced meters, consumers must be able to benefit as soon as possible. Third parties play a critical role in providing low-cost effect energy management products to customers which can help deliver on the promise of the smart grid. Ensuring streamlined third party access to customer data must be a priority of this Commission.

While there are certain issues which will benefit from further record development in the next phase of this proceeding, this decision sets an aggressive schedule for the resolution of the issues associated with third-party access to customer data.

Specifically it requires that by the end of 2010, utilities shall provide an authorized third party with access to a customer's usage information, should the customer desire and so authorize.

This requirement and timeline serves as a major step toward enabling the customer investment and action necessary to achieve significant reductions in energy consumption.

I want to thank Commissioner Chong, her energy advisor Andy Campbell, and ALJ Tim Sullivan for their willingness to work with my office and my advisor Jamie Fordyce in clarifying the goals, requirements, and schedule set forth for customer and third-party access to smart meter data.

Dated December 17, 2009, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ DIAN M. GRUENEICH

Dian M. Grueneich
Commissioner