

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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INC. (DE&O);
and THE TERMO COMPANY,

Complainants,

v.

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(U 39 E),

Respondent.

Case No. C.26-04-014

(Filed April 27, 2026)

**DECLARATION OF BILL BUSS
ON BEHALF OF THE TERMO COMPANY**

(The Termo Company)

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Self-Represented, on behalf of The Termo Company

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**DECLARATION OF BILL BUSS
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(The Termo Company)

I, Bill Buss, declare as follows:

1. I am Vice President of Operations for The Termo Company ("Termo"), one of the Complainants in this proceeding. I make this declaration on behalf of Termo and of my own personal knowledge, and if called as a witness I could and would testify competently to the matters stated herein. I have personal knowledge of, and access to, Termo's business records relating to its natural gas receipt points on Pacific Gas and Electric Company's ("PG&E") system.

2. On November 19, 2019, Termo executed the California Producer Interconnection and Operating Agreement (“CPIOA”) No. 5044 with PG&E for two receipt points: Meter 04305 (Doheny 39-3) and Meter 00506 (Bounde Creek 1-4).
3. In or about 2020, PG&E installed internal corrosion monitoring equipment on Termo’s Meter 00506 (Bounde Creek 1-4). PG&E installed that equipment at no cost to Termo and did not provide Termo with an advance cost estimate before doing so.
4. Meter 00506 (Bounde Creek 1-4) has at all relevant times remained on active status. It continues to receive and deliver Termo’s gas into PG&E’s system to the present day, with the internal corrosion monitoring equipment in place and in operation.
5. In 2025, PG&E required internal corrosion monitoring equipment at Termo’s other receipt point, Meter 04305 (Doheny 39-3), as a condition of continued gas deliveries. PG&E provided Termo an estimated cost of \$184,500 for that installation.
6. On March 21, 2025, I, Bill Buss, on behalf of Termo, responded to PG&E in writing. Termo did not refuse compliance outright. Termo objected that the quoted cost was uneconomical at then-current gas prices, requested substantiation of the cost components (including the approximately \$50,000 engineering charge and approximately \$124,000 construction charge), and offered alternative means of meeting the regulatory objective — including routine gas analysis, dew-point and water-vapor monitoring, and the use of PG&E-approved third-party contractors as had been permitted for prior odorizer work. A true and correct copy of that correspondence is in the record as Exhibit C2.
7. Because the \$184,500 cost was uneconomical relative to the value of the production served by Meter 04305 (Doheny 39-3), Termo declined to pay that cost. PG&E thereafter terminated the CPIOA for Meter 04305, and the production associated with that receipt point was shut in.
8. The documents Termo has placed in the record of this proceeding as Exhibits C1 and C2, insofar as they originate from or were received by Termo, are true and correct copies of records made and kept in the ordinary course of Termo’s business.
9. Termo submits this declaration to preserve these facts in the record of this proceeding. Termo’s withdrawal as an active Complainant does not alter the accuracy of the matters stated above.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on July 27, 2026, at Long Beach, California.

/s/ Bill Buss

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