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Michael Peevey, President
California Public Utilities Commission
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RE: Sonoma County support for Petition of Protest and Response to PG&E SmartMeter Opt-Out Program (A.11-03-014)

Dear Mr. Peevey,

In light of the recent ruling by the CPUC in regard to Approval of Electric Preliminary Statement FW, SmartMeter™ Opt-Out Memorandum Account, and Gas Preliminary Statement CU, SmartMeter™ Opt-Out Memorandum Account, in Compliance with D.12-02-014, we wish to inform you of our support for the filing before you titled Protest of the Town of Fairfax, California, the Alliance for Human and Environmental Health, and County of Marin, California (A.11-03-014).

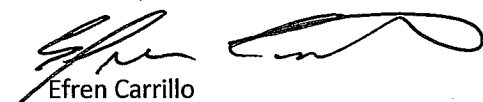
First and foremost, the tariff that PG&E is allowed to charge those who choose to opt-out has no valid financial basis and therefore are discriminatory as set forth in the aforementioned Protest. Citizens should be allowed to freely choose whether to permit the installation of SmartMeters™ on their homes without the coercive effect of price discrimination.

Communities as well as individual citizens must be able to choose whether SmartMeters™ are permitted within their jurisdictions. A citizen who opts-out for their home might still be exposed involuntarily to SmartMeter™ technology installed on their neighbors' homes. Local government should be able to choose to limit or exclude the technology based upon community sentiment. A citizen who opts-out for their home might still be exposed involuntarily to SmartMeter™ technology installed on their neighbors' homes.

It is concerning that there are currently no provisions for business customers to opt-out of the SmartMeter™ program. In failing to include businesses in either a community-wide or individual customer opt-out program, the CPUC decision discriminates against those businesses that might choose to offer customers a environment free from exposures to SmartMeters™.

Additionally, in considering a community-wide opt-out program, no tariff should be granted to PG&E for the same reasons alluded to above: there is not financial justification for such charges and they are discriminatory.

Sincerely,


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