From: Horner, Trina Sent: 3/18/2010 9:23:05 AM To: 'Deal, Matthew' (matthew.deal@cpuc.ca.gov) Cc: Bcc:

Subject: RE: PGE UN-PLUGGED Week 1 Newsletter

Between this and yesterday, quite a set of fan clubs we have lately.

From: Deal, Matthew [mailto:matthew.deal@cpuc.ca.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2010 11:11 PM
To: Cherry, Brian K; Horner, Trina; Hughes, John (Reg Rel)
Subject: Fw: PGE UN-PLUGGED Week 1 Newsletter

Fyi...interesting spam received today...

From: PGE GRC To: Deal, Matthew Sent: Tue Mar 16 20:12:55 2010 Subject: PGE UN-PLUGGED Week 1 Newsletter



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Welcome to **PGE Un-Plugged**. A weekly newsletter update for those organizations and individuals interested in following the progress of PG&E's General Rate Case (GRC). PGE Un-Plugged is designed to keep you connected to the latest developments with PG&E's GRC.

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PG&E Proposes One of the Largest General Rate Increases in California History:

Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) is proposing one of the largest general rate increases in the history of California - an increase of more than one billion dollars for 2011 and more than four billion dollars for the three years 2011 to 2013 general rate case cycle. If PG&E gets its way, the cost for essential utility services will skyrocket and will impose a heavy burden on California residents, businesses and industries from Bakersfield to Redding.

The increase PG&E is proposing is functionally equivalent to a huge tax increase that PG&E is seeking to impose without any review or approval by the Legislature or the voters.

Even if some increase were justified under normal circumstances, it is simply not appropriate for PG&E to impose such a large additional cost on ratepayers under current economic conditions.

Ratepayers should demand a reduction in the costs imposed on ratepayers to stimulate economic growth in communities hard hit by the recession, not a new multi-billion dollar utility tax that will stifle the economic recovery.

Ratepayers must vigorously participate in every element of the PG&E General Rate Case (GRC) process.

A thorough top to bottom review of PG&E must be conducted in the GRC to wring out the excess, waste, fraud and abuse inherent in PG&E's current policies and practices. There's no better place to shine a light on PG&E's abusive practices than by intervening in their GRC.

Additionally, the CPUC should hold public participation hearings throughout PG&E's service territory so that the CPUC can hear directly from ratepayers where they live and work.

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CPUC TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSITION 16

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will hold a public forum to hear from those opposed to and supportive of Proposition 16, the ballot initiative supported by PG&E Corp. that would create a constitutional amendment requiring a two-thirds voter approval before local governments provide electricity service to new customers or establish a community choice electricity program using public funds or bonds.

> March 17, 2010, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. CPUC Auditorium 505 Van Ness Ave. San Francisco, CA

For more information visit http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PUBLISHED/NEWS_RELEASE/114655.htm

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