

# SmartMeter™ Technology Outperforms Analog Meters

97% function accurately

### **Analog Meters (4.5 million)**



Measurement Issues

2 - 3%

	91.000000
Compromised Data / Misread	Communications / No Data
0.3%	1%

September 2007 to March 2010 (314 million total bills generated)

Analog meters are manually read - one time per month

Volume = 284,000 per day Estimated Bills = 0.73%

Escalated customer complaints for non-SmartMeter<sup>TM</sup> accounts = 24,259

Errors Lead to Estimated Bills

**SmartMeter™ Devices (5.5 million)** 

99% function accurately











Installer Errors (one time)	Measurement Issues (meters)	Data Storage Issues (meters)	Communication Failures/No Data
0.4% (23,000)	0.001% (8)	0.2% (11,376)	0.1% (9,000)
Fixed	Sent in for testing	Meter still works	Manually read
Replaced	Replaced	Replaced	Replaced
Improving Process and Training	Researching root cause	Software correction	Enhance network software improvements

SmartMeter<sup>™</sup> devices electronically transmit data 24 times per day

Volume = 176,000 per day Estimated Bills = 0.21%

If 100% bills were from the SmartMeter ™ program in March 2010, we would have approximately 2,500 fewer estimated bills.

Escalated customer complaints = 998



## **SmartMeter™ Device Testing**

2 Years of Due Diligence Testing

#### **Pilot Programs:**

San Francisco (approx.7,000 meters) Vacaville (approx. 5,000 meters)

Monitored other pilots:
Fort Lauderdale, FL
(Florida Power and Light;
50,000 meters)
5 other utility locations

**End-to-end system testing** 

Individual meter testing

## **Testing Before Installation**

100% Factory Tested Independent 3<sup>rd</sup>
Party Random
Factory Testing

PG&E Receiving: Random Testing

**INSTALLED** 















### **Testing After Installation**

24/7/365 Monitoring Billing Exception Tests

Random Field Tests Side-By-Side Tests











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