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Good Morning, Below is my report to the Commission on Marina City. I try to capture the essence of the meeting so our staff know what we're dealing with. Anyway, please let me know when the next event will be.

marzia Hello, Yesterday PG&E continued its listening tour in Marina City. And the City asked the CPUC to also give a presentation, so I went to listen and present. It seems that we have a following in this listening tour - the ladies of EMF Safety Network joined us at the city council meeting as public speakers. The mayor is up for re-election and one of the council members sitting beside him is his opponent. For the first hour or so we heard a very acrimonious back-n-forth discussion about who is more qualified followed by public speakers supporting one or the other. This was followed by a group wanting to build a dog training development center, but the horse riders were upset because the new development center would run through existing horse trail. One of the horse people also voiced his concern over RF emissions on our animals including the horses and the dogs - he presented evidence that one horse had major health issues, then the doctor said to turn off the wireless "microwaves" near the horse, and as soon as he did that the horse was up and running and healthy as ever. The smart meter presentation started off with me giving a background on how we got to the 2006 decision and why smart meter and smart grid. I got the brunt of the hissing and heckling because I went first (I will not be going first again). I was asked to define smart grid and why it is needed, so I used the room as an example with 8 microphones plugged into the wall, 5 cameras plugged into the wall, 3 computers plugged into the wall, projector plugged in and lights every where... I asked them to imagine every room like this in the State and especially at 2pm in the afternoon and then ask yourself when the system was first designed way back when did the architects of the system take into account this much demand and also whether they think there is an infinite amount of supply out there. I think maybe I got one or two council members to understand it, but that's about it. I should have done a better job of explaining, but lost my focus with the darn hissing. PG&E followed and their presentation was pretty good and pretty basic which is good. There were some good questions from the city council, but the ladies (EMF Safety network) were pretty harsh. One lady has moved out of Berkeley to Marina to get away from the "buzzing" that started when smart meters were installed in Berkeley. The non EMF public speakers wanted an opt-out program and compared the opt-out program with that of a kid having a peanut allergy and that's why elementary schools don't have peanuts. I got home around 1:30 in the morning, and I'm very much looking forward to the next listening tour; if anyone is getting tired of these emails let me know and I'll take your name out. Marzia Zafar - Zaf@cpuc.ca.gov [mailto:Zaf@cpuc.ca.gov] - 415-703-1997