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For your eyes only. Actually, upon rereading, this actually contains most of what your report contained.

Tonight, the Town of Fairfax hosted a special community meeting to allow a PG&E panel the opportunity to respond to the nearly one hundred SmartMeter-related questions raised at the open-mic "Listening Meeting" two weeks ago. The four-person panel included CPUC Representative Marzia Zafar, EMF/RF Consultant Robert Cleveland, Leeka Kheifets, Ph.D of UCLA School of Public health, and Bill Devereaux, Sr. Dir. of the SmartMeter program. Jana Corey, Dir. of Policy Planning acted as Moderator.

Presenting first, Bill Devereaux gave a thorough explanation of SmartMeter's origins, development, technology, and deployment process. After some time, the crowd of about 65 had grown increasingly impatient and began expressing their displeasure of the meeting's "shameful" format, demanding specific answers to the questions that had been raised, despite many of them having been embedded into his presentation.

Next, Leeka Kheifets presented the leading scientific research, publications, and evidence that taken collectively, show no scientific connection between electromagnetic sensitivity and RF exposure. She then responded to various health and RF related questions and later gave qualified explanations to the many mistruths spoken from the crowd. Finally, Robert Cleveland addressed the policy related to EMF/RF exposure and stated that PG&E was fully compliant with mandated FCC guidelines.

Nearly two hours of public commentary and questioning ensued, with responses provided by the appropriate panelist. Notable public commentary included "If I'm afraid of them, they ought not to be installed", and the exposure causes "too many unknown effects". Further, a resident pleaded to the Council for a moratorium to prevent "trouble in the streets", in reference to a previous speaker who warned of "public uproar that would surely arise with continued deployment".

On October 28th, PG&E will return to respond to the billing, security, and accuracy concerns raised at the "Listening Meeting" two weeks ago. In sum, tonight's PG&E panel was prepared and offered thoughtful presentations, despite the fervent group of SmartMeter opposition. Moving forward, Marzia from the CPUC will join PG&E reps at upcoming Council meetings across Northern California.

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