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Karl --

Here are some bullets describing what we are asking for, complete with updated numbers.

yours,

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PG&E's SmartMeter™ “Radio Off” Option Filing

- Residential PG&E electric and gas customers will be eligible to request that PG&E “turn off” or deactivate the wireless radios embedded in the electric meter and gas meter module. The only eligibility criterion for the program is that the customer is a residential customer.
- Customers who choose to “turn off” the SmartMeter™ radio will pay a reasonable up-front charge, and an ongoing monthly charge (either in the form of a fixed monthly fee or a volumetric per-kilowatt-hour (kWh) rate applied to the customer’s energy usage) to cover the costs PG&E incurs to implement the program, including the cost of sending personnel to a customer’s premise to manually “turn off” the radio, sending meter readers to manually read the meter on a monthly basis, providing program information to customers through call centers and other customer communications, modifying PG&E’s information technology (IT) as necessary to revert existing SmartMeter™ customers from the automated, hourly-interval usage collection back to the manual legacy system, and upgrading the existing SmartMeter™ RF-mesh network to compensate for any network degradation resulting from turning the radios off.
- PG&E proposes that customers selecting the “radio-off” option have the following fee structure choices, with the ability to finance up-front fees over a reasonable time period and CARE-enrolled customers to receive a 20 percent discount, all as set forth below:

Non-CARE Customers:

One-Time Up Front Charge

(\$) Monthly Fixed Charge

(\$/ month) Monthly Volumetric Charge Applicable to Gas-Only Customers

(\$/therm) Monthly Volumetric Charge Applicable to Electric-Only/ Combined Electric

and Gas Customers (\$/ kwh)

1	\$135.00	\$20.00	N/A	N/A
2	\$135.00	N/A	\$0.532	\$0.036
3	\$270.00	\$14.00	N/A	N/A
4	\$270.00	N/A	\$0.387	\$0.026

CARE Customers:

One-Time Up Front Charge

(\$) Monthly Fixed Charge

(\$/ month) Monthly Volumetric Gas Only Charge (\$/therm) Monthly Volumetric Electric Only/ Combined Electric and Gas Charge (\$/ kwh)

1	\$105.00	\$16.00	N/A	N/A
2	\$105.00	N/A	\$0.426	\$0.029
3	\$215.00	\$11.00	N/A	N/A
4	\$215.00	N/A	\$0.310	\$0.021

- The program will be self-funded; the up-front and monthly customer fees/rates are structured and will be adjusted to ensure full recovery of the costs of the program from customers selecting the no-RF communications “radio-off” option.
- If a customer later terminates service or requests that PG&E turn the radio back on, PG&E will charge the customer a cost-based “exit” charge at that time.