

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
SmartMeter™ CPUC Staff Inquiry
Data Response

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QUESTION 1

Please provide the following data in connection with your smart meter deployment. If the requested data item does not exist or difficult to develop, please provide some reasonable substitute.

- a. How many smart meters have been deployed and operational for billing purposes to date, for each major customer class or group (for example: large C&I, medium, SMB, residential, CARE, or some alternative customer breakdown if the suggested example is not available).
- b. How many total smart meters will eventually be deployed for each customer class noted above.
- c. When will each of the above customer class or group be fully deployed and operational for billing purposes (month/year estimate)?
- d. Is the end-date provided in #3 above the same as originally planned in your respective AMI business case that were approved by CPUC (assuming the business case was broken down by customer class). If not, provide the original target date for each customer class.

ANSWER 1

Generally, PG&E plans for and monitors its SmartMeter™ deployment by geographical area (Meter Reading Office), rather than by customer class. PG&E employs this approach to ensure a robust mesh network as deployment progresses in particular geographic areas. Thus, PG&E's actual deployment schedules show street routes and locations without differentiation for customer class, and PG&E stocks deployment trucks with meters that will serve all customers - e.g., large Commercial, Industrial and Agricultural customers, as well as Residential customers.

Nevertheless, PG&E retains customer-specific data in its Customer Care and Billing (CC&B) system on the SmartMeters™ that it has deployed, and bases its response to part (a) of this Data Request on that recorded information.

While PG&E does not plan for meter deployment by customer class, it uses a high-level customer class distinction for meter procurement purposes (i.e., Commercial/Industrial, Agricultural, and Residential). PG&E bases its response to part (b) of this Data Request on that procurement information.

- a. The number of SmartMeters™ PG&E has deployed and has transitioned for billing purposes as of March 31, 2011, is shown by major customer class in the two tables below.

SmartMeters™ Deployed as of March 31, 2011 By Customer Class			
Customer Class	Electric Meters	Gas Meters	Total
E Commercial Agricultural Power	26,874		26,874
E Interdepartmental Sales	561		561
E Medium Commercial & Industrial	34,315		34,315
E Public Street & Highway Lighting	8,674		8,674
E Residential Individually Metered	3,686,650		3,686,650
E Residential Master Metered	11,375		11,375
E Small Commercial & Industrial	271,551		271,551
G Commercial Sales		184,993	184,993
G Interdepartmental Sales		164	164
G Residential Individually Metered		3,532,540	3,532,540
G Residential Master Metered		42,506	42,506
GRAND TOTAL	4,040,000	3,760,602	7,800,602

Estimated SmartMeters™ Transitioned to Billing as of March 31, 2011 By Customer Class			
Customer Class	Electric Meters	Gas Meters	Total
E Commercial Agricultural Power	21,007		21,007
E Interdepartmental Sales	357		357
E Medium Commercial & Industrial	29,570		29,570
E Public Street & Highway Lighting	7,812		7,812
E Residential Individually Metered	3,333,289		3,333,289
E Residential Master Metered	8,830		8,830
E Small Commercial & Industrial	228,009		228,009
G Commercial Sales		165,135	165,135
G Interdepartmental Sales		141	141
G Residential Individually Metered		3,313,427	3,313,427
G Residential Master Metered		38,500	38,500
GRAND TOTAL	3,628,874	3,517,203	7,146,077

- b. The total estimated number of SmartMeters™ that PG&E expects to deploy by the project's end is shown by major customer group in the table below. Note that the total includes 371,000 retrofit meters.

Total Estimated SmartMeters™ To Be Deployed By Major Customer Group			
Customer Class	Electric Meters	Gas Meters	Total
Commercial, Industrial, and Agricultural	626,979	252,580	879,559
Residential	5,004,021	4,196,420	9,200,441
GRAND TOTAL	5,631,000	4,449,000	10,080,000

- c. PG&E seeks to complete its mass-deployment of SmartMeters™ by mid-2012, but recognizes that numerous challenges threaten that target date. These challenges include various unanticipated obstacles, such as PG&E's meter-choice filing, the significant number of customers seeking to delay their deployments or whose residences are inaccessible, and municipal challenges to SmartMeter™ installation, and PG&E therefore may not be able to fully deploy all of its SmartMeters™ until later than mid-2012. PG&E intends to transition all of its meters to wireless SmartMeter™-billing in the three months after deployment.

As explained above, because PG&E deploys by geographical area rather than by customer class, PG&E expects to complete mass-deployment and the transition to SmartMeter™-billing for all customer classes roughly concurrently.

- d. The deployment end-date included in PG&E's original Advanced Meter Infrastructure Application 05-06-028 was December 2010. (See Exhibit (PG&E-1), page 2-11, Table 2-3, Line 5). In PG&E's SmartMeter™ Program Upgrade Application 07-12-009, PG&E revised that deployment end-date to "the middle of 2012." (See Exhibit (PG&E-2), page 2-1, Line 14). The SmartMeter™ deployment end-date provided in the response to part (c) above is consistent with the end-date provided in PG&E's last update in Application 07-12-009. PG&E's application did not provide an estimated deployment plan broken down by customer class.