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Subject: RE: EAX' Comments Are Needed ASAP

Chris,

PG&E plans to provide comments on EAX' by COB today. Here's a preview of what we succinctly plan to say.

> "PG&E supports NIST in moving forward the EAX' proposal in support of smart grid development efforts. It is, however, recommended that NIST expand the request for comment to a larger distribution and extend the comment period to more accurately measure interest."

David

**From:** Villarreal, Christopher [mailto:christopher.villarreal@cpuc.ca.gov]
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Hi David, Billy and Mike,

Just wanted to pass along a request for comments from NIST on a particular encryption standard, and see if any of y'all were planning to or interested in sending in comments. As you can see from Marianne Swanson's comment, if there are no comments, NIST will not move forward on this standard.

Thanks!

Chris

**From:** Al-Mukdad, Wendy
**Sent:** Monday, July 18, 2011 1:29 PM
**To:** Villarreal, Christopher
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**Subject:** FW: EAX' Comments Are Needed ASAP

Chris,

I recommend that we pass this urgent request for comments to PG&E, SCE and SDG&E ASAP as comments are due this Friday. This is an example of where it would be helpful for me to know who at each utility is responsible for cyber security so that I could quickly pass it on to them. In the mean time, please pass this on to the best IOU contacts that you have.

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Everyone,

This is a reminder that the public comment period for EAX' closes on July 22, 2011. At this point, NIST has received very little feedback - in fact, I don't believe we have had any comments at all.

It is very important that we receive comments from industry regarding EAX'. Silence will be interpreted as a lack of interest, in which case the mode will not go forward. If folks are still interested, comments may be submitted to EncryptionModes@nist.gov on or before July 22.

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