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**CPUC Information Alert: CPUC Issues Revised Proposal on PG&E Smart Meter Opt-Out Plan**

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today issued a revised Proposed Decision regarding Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) Smart Meter opt-out proposal.

A Proposed Decision was originally issued on Nov. 22, 2011. Today's revision is in response to comments received on the Proposed Decision and is available at: [http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/WORD\\_PDF/AGENDA\\_DECISION/157397.PDF](http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/WORD_PDF/AGENDA_DECISION/157397.PDF). The earliest the revised Proposed Decision can come before the CPUC for a vote is Feb. 1, 2012.

The revised Proposed Decision modifies PG&E's Smart Meter program to include an option for residential customers who do not wish to have a wireless Smart Meter installed at their location. If a customer chooses to opt-out and not have a Smart Meter, they would receive an analog electric and/or gas meter.

Customers electing to retain or return to an analog meter would be assessed an initial fee of \$90 and a monthly charge of \$15. Customers enrolled in the CPUC's low income program (California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE)) electing to opt-out would be assessed an initial fee of \$10 and a monthly charge of \$5.

These costs would be interim to allow residential customers to begin selecting the opt-out option immediately. The costs would be subject to adjustment upon conclusion of a second phase of this proceeding where issues concerning the actual costs associated with offering an analog opt-out option, and whether some portion of these costs should also be allocated to all ratepayers or PG&E shareholders, would be addressed.

PG&E's proposed fees, which were not adopted in the Proposed Decision or the revised Proposed Decision, called for customers to be charged an initial fee of approximately \$270 and a monthly charge of \$14. Additionally, PG&E proposed an exit fee of \$130, which would be charged to all opt-out customers who decide to have a wireless Smart Meter at a later date or terminate service at their location. This proposal was also rejected.

If the revised Proposed Decision is approved by the CPUC, the September 21, 2011, Assigned Commissioner's Ruling directing PG&E to establish a delay list would no longer be in effect and all customers on the delay list would be transitioned to a wireless Smart Meter unless they elected to participate in the opt-out option.

For more information on Smart Meters please see:  
[www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/energy/Demand+Response/ami.htm](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/energy/Demand+Response/ami.htm).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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