BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking to Integrate and Refine Procurement Policies and Consider Long-Term Procurement Plans. Rulemaking 10-05-006 (Filed May 6, 2010)

NOTICE OF *EX PARTE* COMMUNICATION OF THE DIVISION OF RATEPAYER ADVOCATES PURSUANT TO RULE 8.3(C)(3)

[PUBLIC/REDACTED VERSION]

In accordance with Rule 8.3(c)(3) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the California Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"), the Division of Ratepayer Advocates ("DRA") submits this notice of the following *ex parte* communication in connection with the long-term procurement rule making R.10-05-006.

The communication took place on March 30, 2012 at approximately 1:45 p.m., at the Commission's headquarters in San Francisco. DRA Acting Director Joseph P. Como delivered a copy of a confidential report entitled "Case Study of Smart Meter System Deployment: Recommendations for Ensuring Ratepayer Benefits" along with a non-confidential cover memo and appendices to the offices of Commission President Michael Peevey, Commissioner Mark Ferron, Commissioner Mike Florio, Commissioner Catherine Sandoval, and Commissioner Timothy Simon.

DRA initiated the communication, which was written. As explained in the cover memo and confidential report entitled "Case Study of Smart Meter System Deployment: Recommendations for Ensuring Ratepayer Benefits," DRA makes a number of recommendations designed to ensure that ratepayers receive net benefits from their investments in Advanced Metering Infrastructure. A redacted, public version of "Case Study of Smart Meter System Deployment: Recommendations for Ensuring Ratepayer Benefits," is attached to this notice and is also available at http://www.dra.ca.gov/DRA/energy/EnergyMgtConservation/Smart+Meters/Smart+Meter+Syste m+Deployment.htm.

Copies of this Notice may be obtained by contacting Sue Muniz at (415) 703-1858 or sam@cpuc.ca.gov.

Respectfully submitted,

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