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CPUC APPROVES ANALOG METER OPTIONS FOR EDISON AND SDG&E CUSTOMERS WHO DO NOT WISH TO HAVE A WIRELESS SMART METER

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19, 2012 - The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) today modified Southern California Edison's (SCE) and San Diego Gas & Electric's advanced metering programs to include an option for those residential customers who do not wish to have a wireless Smart Meter installed at their location.

Edison customers choosing to decline an electric Smart Meter may retain the meter currently installed at their location or receive the meter form (i.e., an analog meter or a non-analog, non-smart digital meter) that had been at their location prior to the installation of a wireless electric Smart Meter.

SDG&E customers who do not want a wireless Smart Meter installed at their location can choose to have an analog electric and/or gas meter.

Customers participating in the opt-out option will be assessed an initial fee of \$75 and a monthly charge of \$10 thereafter. Customers enrolled in the CPUC's low income program (California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE)) electing to opt-out will be assessed an initial fee of \$10 and a monthly charge of \$5. The initial fee and monthly charge approved today are interim to allow residential customers to begin selecting the opt-out option immediately. The costs are 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 will be addressed.

Said CPUC President Michael R. Peevey, “As we move toward a more advanced electricity grid, Smart Meters will offer customers real benefits. However, if a customer does not want to have a Smart Meter, our decision today gives them that option.”

The September 21, 2011, Assigned Commissioner’s Ruling directing utilities to establish a delay list is no longer in effect and all customers on a delay list will be transitioned to a wireless Smart Meter unless they elect to participate in their utility’s opt-out option.

The proposal voted on for SCE is available at <http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/EFIELD/PD/161688.pdf>. The proposal voted on for SDG&E is available at http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/word_pdf/AGENDA_DECISION/164057.pdf.

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