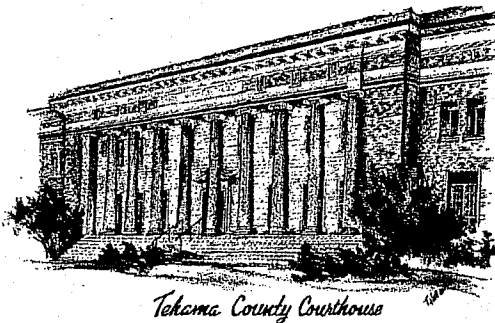


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February 10, 2009

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Attn: Director, Energy Division, Room 4044

RE: Advice 3407-E, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)
Requested Electric Rate Changes

Dear Sirs:

The Tehama County Board of Supervisors took action on this date to voice our strong opposition to the electric utility rate increases proposed by Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) as outlined in Advice letter 3407-E, dated January 23, 2009.

The rate increases proposed could not come at a worst time. The State of California is in a fiscal crisis, counties are struggling with decreased local property and sales tax revenue as well as decreased discretionary funding sources. Tehama County will be implementing a number of budget reducing measures, including staff reductions, in the form of lay-offs, reduced hours, and furloughs. The fiscal forecast indicates that the County must be prepared to meet the projected fiscal deficits over the next four to five years. Increasing utility rates at this time would only add to the unprecedented fiscal woes of this County.

The citizens of Tehama County are already struggling with increased costs and decreased incomes due to lack of employment opportunities. Increasing the rates of essential services at this time only contributes to the economic crisis facing not just the people in Tehama County, but everyone serviced by PG&E.

In light of the uncertain financial situation facing the citizens of California, the Tehama County Board of Supervisors respectfully urges you to reject the utility rate increases proposed by PG&E at this time.

Sincerely,


George Russell
Chairman

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