BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking on the Commission's Own Motion to Conduct a Comprehensive Examination of Investor Owned Electric Utilities' Residential Rate Structures, the Transition to Time Varying and Dynamic Rates, and Other Statutory Obligations.

Rulemaking 12-06-013 (Filed June 21, 2012)

NOTICE OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION

Pursuant to Rule 8.4 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, The Utility Reform Network (TURN) hereby gives notice of the following *ex parte* communication.

On January 31, 2014, at approximately 12:00 p.m., Marcel Hawiger, staff attorney with TURN, met with Rachel Peterson, advisor to Commissioner Mike Florio, at the Café of the Asian Art Museum. The conversation regarding R.12-06-013 lasted approximately 20 minutes.

Mr. Hawiger discussed TURN's substantive concerns with long-term residential rate design issues being addressed in Phase 1 of the proceeding. Mr. Hawiger explained TURN's concerns regarding possible bill volatility and increased summer bills for hot climate zone residents due to a shift to timevarying rates. Mr. Hawiger stated that TURN does not object to some changes to existing tiers due to cost of service issues and the problems of high upper tier rates; however, Mr. Hawiger stated that equitable cost of service can be achieved without time-varying rates. Mr. Hawiger noted that there is extremely limited information on bill impacts of time-varying rates due to the lack of focus in the proceeding on seasonal and geographic impacts of time-varying rates.

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