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Sent: 4/24/2014 3:10:05 PM  
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Subject: RE: Smart Grid Deployment Plans

Thanks Timothy. As I mentioned earlier, I have no idea where complaints about the Smart Grid Deployment Plans may be coming from. We haven't heard anyone mention them negatively in Sacramento. In fact, the only displeasure regarding the pilots came from certain Energy Division staff during the proceeding. I do support the idea of a briefing on what we are doing because it is exciting stuff.

**From:** Sullivan, Timothy J. [mailto:timothy.sullivan@cpuc.ca.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 24, 2014 3:06 PM  
**To:** Cherry, Brian K  
**Subject:** FW: Smart Grid Deployment Plans

Brian,

Commissioner Picker is interested in looking at the Smart Grid Deployment Plan process and whether it can serve as a model for some of the AB 327 distribution system requirements. I think it offers a good model, and have sent him the note below and the information listed (I gave him hardcopies, but the information is all on our website).

I suspect that Commissioner Picker might be interested in the projects PG&E has done.

As I mentioned on the phone, a number of people from the Energy Division have told me of disappointment in the process that led to the Smart Grid Deployment Plans, several of them alleging that this perception of a failed process was shared in Sacramento. In my view, such a view cannot be supported by the facts, and I have tried to rebut this view.

In addition, I am trying to bring to Picker's attention facts concerning the Smart Grid

Deployment Plan process.

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**From:** Sullivan, Timothy J.  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 23, 2014 4:33 PM  
**To:** Picker, Michael  
**Subject:** Smart Grid Deployment Plans

Commissioner Picker,

We have prepared for you the a transmittal memo (attached as text below) and the six items listed in hard copy and delivered them to your office.

Serendipitously, it appears that the Paul D. Martini, who prepared the SCE deployment, was one of the key movers in the Caltech 2020 grid.

There is a lot of paper, so we have just sent one copy. Each item is in a separate folder. If anyone wants another copy, we can arrange to provide it.

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To: Commissioner Picker

From: Chief Judge (Acting) Timothy Sullivan and Assistant Chief Maryam Ebke

Re: Smart Grid Deployment Plans

Date: April 24, 2014

Thank you for meeting with us and for articulating a vision for an AB 327 proceeding as an opportunity for developing a strategic view for utility distribution planning.

As I mentioned, we followed a similar process in developing a strategic view for smart grid deployment.

I'm attaching the following documents:

- 1) A scoping memo that developed a plan for implementing SB 17, which called for a deployment plan (a copy of the adopted bill is in the back). (dated February 8, 2010 in R.08-12-009)
- 2) Decision 10-06-047, which provides guidance to those developing Smart Grid Deployment Plans
- 3) The Smart Grid Deployment Plan of SDG&E (filed June 6, 2011 in A.11-06-006)
- 4) The Smart Grid Deployment Plan of PG&E (filed June 30, 2011 in A.11-06-029)
- 5) The Smart Grid Deployment Plan of SCE (filed July 1, 2011 in A.11-07-001)

6) Decision 13-07-024, which finds that each plan complied with the requirements of SB 17 and D.10-06-047. Frankly, it was clear that the utilities had done a very good job with their plans and that no more actions were needed. As a result, the priority for writing the final decision was low and about two years passed from filing of the applications to decision.

Also, the proceeding concerning the Smart Grid Deployment Plans included participation (at the workshops) by CAISO, CEC, IBM, Microsoft, Google, Westinghouse, and GE. Also, the representative of SCE in this proceeding, Paul D. Martini, is now working for the Caltech 2020 grid project. (It is a small world, and the proceeding staff reached out beyond the standard set of parties. Advisor Audrey Lee, a Caltech grad, has kept on top of comings and goings – you might wish to touch base with her).

Judge Sullivan wrote the scoping memo, D.10-06-047 decision, and D.13-07-024. Judge Sullivan found that documents produced by SCE and SDG&E fascinating, with PG&E's less so. Judge Sullivan states that D.10-06-047 was interesting conceptually. The other documents were necessary but only workmanlike.