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Bcc:

Subject: Re: PG&E at White House today

Thanks Sandra. I'm cc'ing Tom, Helen and Steve. Couldn't agree more

Sent from my iPad

On Jul 15, 2014, at 1:28 PM, "Sandra Miles" [Redacted] wrote:

Stephanie,

Your work in highlighting the businesses that do support programs like this is so important. True innovation in our country has always come thru individuals. It may be the large companies that take it over the finish line, but I assure you that the start came from a little entrepreneur struggling to pay his bills to pursue his dream/vision.

This is exactly what makes our Country so great! I believe many more companies want to foster this important National Resource but lack the comprehension of what they can do to play a role in doing so. Showcasing companies that have found ways to be supportive can be so helpful in teaching others how they can help.

In my 37 years of building successful startups each that made an impact and helped to create entire new industries, it always came down to that one break some larger company gave us. Commissioner Sandoval likes to point out that Todd Beamer who made that historic air to ground call from our AirFone on board the high jacked aircraft that was heading for Congress changed history.

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On Jul 14, 2014, at 9:34 AM, "Green, Stephanie"  
<[stephanie.green@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:stephanie.green@cpuc.ca.gov)> wrote:

**What a fantastic initiative. I look forward to promoting this program and highlighting it at future events. I will find out how many IOUs participate in quick payment programs. I am happy to note that California State has a Prompt Payment act which requires state agencies to pay undisputed invoices in a timely fashion.**

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**From:** Sandoval, Catherine J.K.  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 12, 2014 5:41 PM  
**To:** Cherry, Brian K; Sandoval, Catherine J.K.; Sandra GOEKEN; Green, Stephanie  
**Subject:** RE: PG&E at White House today

Congratulations to PG&E and to Helen for your work on this initiative. I'm copying Sandra Goeken. We enjoyed meeting Helen and the opportunity to meet with PG&E leadership about energy efficiency opportunities. Initiatives like SupplierPay & QuickPay make such a difference for small business and CPUC clearinghouse certified businesses such as Sandy's.

I'm copying Stephanie Green so we can highlight the Supplier Pay and QuickPay initiative at the next CPUC small business matchmaking conference which will be held in Sacramento. Stephanie, let's find out how many IOUs are participating in the faster supplier pay initiative.

Thanks again and congratulations!

Commissioner Sandoval

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE Smartphone

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From: "Cherry, Brian K"

Date:07/11/2014 10:15 AM (GMT-07:00)

To: "Sandoval, Catherine J.K."

Subject: FW: PG&E at White House today

FYI. Helen Burt, our SVP of Customer Care, is meeting with President Obama today to discuss small business issues including paying suppliers faster. PG&E and Apple are the only 2 California companies at the table.

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## **Obama to unveil program that urges businesses to pay suppliers faster**

By Anita Kumar

McClatchy Washington Bureau July 11, 2014

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President Barack Obama speaks at the White House in Washington, D.C., Wednesday, May 21, 2014

President Barack Obama will announce a plan Friday that will encourage private companies to pay their suppliers faster, which is designed to help small businesses increase their working capital so they can expand and hire more workers.

It's another executive action by Obama in recent months as he looks to circumvent uncooperative lawmakers and act on his own.

SupplierPay builds on the federal government's QuickPay proposal, launched in 2011, that requires federal agencies to expedite payments to small businesses with the goal of paying them within 15 days. The new program applies to private companies.

The federal government has help small businesses save more than \$1 billion since 2011 through the initial program, according to the White House.

Twenty-six companies – both large and small – have committed to the new initiative, including Apple, AT&T, Coca-Cola, CVS, Ericsson, FedEx and PG&E.

Obama, Senior Advisor Valerie Jarrett, National Economic Council Director Jeff Zients, and Small Business Administrator Maria Contreras-Sweet will host a meeting at the White House with these businesses and their suppliers to launch the proposal.

The president will also announced he is renewing QuickPay for federal small business subcontractors. The federal government will pay its large contractors faster and, in return, requires them to pay their small subcontractors faster. QuickPay for small business subcontractors, which began in 2012, was only available temporarily for many subcontractors.

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