

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Application of Pacific Gas and Electric Company for approval of modifications to its SmartMeter™ Program and Increased Revenue Requirements to Recover the Cossts of the Modifications. (U39M)	Application 11-03-014 (Filed March 24, 2011)
Application of Utility Consumers' Action Network for Modification of Decision 07-04-043 so as to Not Force Residential Customers to Use Smart Meeters.	Application 11-03-015 (Filed March 24, 2011)
Application of the Consumers Power Alliance, et al for Modification of D.08-09-039 and a Commission Order Requiring Southern California Edison Company (U3338E) to File an Application for Approval of a Smart Meter Opt-Out Plan.	Application 11-07-020 (Filed July 26, 2011)

**RESPONSE OF THE ECOLOGICAL OPTIONS NETWORK (EON) IN
SUPPORT OF MARIN COUNTY *et al.* TO DELAY
SMART METER INSTALLATIONS**

Pursuant to Rule 11,1(e) of the Commissions's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Ecological Options Network (EON) submits these comments in support of the "Motion of County of Marin, Town of Fairfax, CA, and the Alliance for Human and Environmental Health to Require Delay of Further Smart Meter Installations Until Determination of Community Opt-Out Rights in Phase 2" (Motion), dated April 30, 2012.

EON further recommends that this motion for delay of wireless 'smart' meter installations until the completion of Phase 2 apply to all those communities who have already had official statements of opposition to mandatory wireless 'smart' meters in order to provide orderly policy administration by the CPUC and to reduce confusion. To attempt to assess or impose costs on ratepayers before the rules governing Smart Meter deployment and individual and community-wide opt-out rights have been established

would be to continue on the course of ill-considered mis-management that have so far characterized the entire Smart Meter project. Furthermore, to continue deployment of wireless Smart Meters before regulatory policy has been determined in Phase 2 of the Proceeding would not only result in unnecessary expense, but would create a *fait accompli* ‘on the ground’ that could well render the rule-making moot.

EON also recommends that the concept of ‘community-wide’ opt-out include not only municipal and county jurisdictions, but also multiple dwelling units and property owner association districts.

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Respectfully submitted,

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