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City of Sebastopol

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Mr. Anthony F. Earley, Jr.
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RE: PG&E Installation of Smart Meters in the City of Sebastopol

Dear Mr. Earley:

As PG&E is aware, the City of Sebastopol adopted Ordinance 1057 establishing a moratorium on the installation of Smart Meters. Since that time, PG&E agreed to suspend installation of residential wireless meters in Sebastopol for an indefinite period of time. However, PG&E representatives recently informed the City of Sebastopol that they intend to begin the installation of Smart Meters and we were informed that PG&E will begin informing customers of the Opt-Out Program (and the costs to opt-out) in Sebastopol in early 2017.

The City of Sebastopol has many concerned residents who are opposed to the installation of Smart Meters and many residents have raised questions about health risks from the wireless meters. Many citizens in our City have grave concerns regarding electric and magnetic fields ("EMF") sensitivity and Smart Meters. As noted in our ordinance, the City has concerns about the impact, safety and accuracy of Smart Meters, as well as the vulnerability to hacking and intrusion. The community is also concerned with the costs of opting out that will have to be paid by the resident who chooses this option.

As I stated above, many of our citizens have serious concerns regarding the potential health effects of Smart Meters. With the opposition to Smart Meters in Sebastopol, the City is concerned that any efforts to install Smart Meters in Sebastopol may cause public disturbances which will require involvement from our police department. This would not be good media attention for PG&E.

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The City would like to continue dialogue with PG&E on this issue, but would strongly recommend PG&E not begin installation of Smart Meters until such time that all questions and concerns have been addressed.

The City is aware that the CPUC will be conducting a regional meeting on April 6th in the City of Santa Rosa, which will take place at the Santa Rosa City Council Chambers at 100 Santa Rosa Avenue. This meeting will start at 9:30 am unless otherwise noticed. This is an opportunity for all residents of these community to attend a voting meeting of the CPUC in our own community and be heard. The City will be announcing this meeting and would assume that members of the public would attend this meeting to discuss their concerns of Smart Meters.

Please feel free to contact me or the City Manager Larry McLaughlin on this issue.

Sincerely,



Una Glass

Mayor

City of Sebastopol

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Brian Bottari, PG&E Government Account Representative