



Assemblymember Jared Huffman  
State Capitol  
P.O. Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0006

January 11, 2011

Dear Assemblymember Huffman,

This letter is in support of AB 37 - Consumer Concerns with SmartMeters, which gives consumers an “opt-out” alternative to wireless SmartMeters, and requires disclosures regarding the technology and performance of wireless meters.

The City of Mill Valley has received several comments from local residents citing concerns over Pacific Gas & Electric's (PG&E's) SmartMeter program, which center on health issues, accuracy, and privacy. In response to resident concerns, the Mill Valley City Council heard an update from City staff on PG&E's SmartMeters at the City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 7. At that meeting, the City Council provided direction to the City staff to write a letter to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to request that PG&E provide customers reasonable alternatives to SmartMeters which would address expressed health concerns, or to be given the ability to relocate the meters to mitigate any potential harmful effects of the devices. They also directed staff to write a letter to the California Council on Science and Technology in support of your request for a study relating to potential negative health effects from SmartMeters.

Since these letters (copies attached) went out in the fall of last year, the City of Mill Valley has received no indication from PG&E or the CPUC that reasonable alternatives to SmartMeters would be provided to Mill Valley PG&E customers. In the interim, SmartMeter installations in Mill Valley have continued, and the concerns amongst residents about public health, privacy, and consumer rights remain.

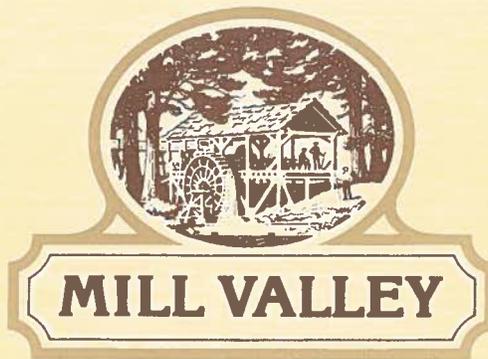
On behalf of the residents of the City of Mill Valley, I would like to register my support of AB 37 – Consumer Concerns with SmartMeters, which will require the CPUC to identify alternative electrical power metering system options, directs PG&E to disclose to customers information about the devices used, and directs the CPUC to suspend deployment of the SmartMeters until its requirements are met.

I commend you for your efforts in this regard, and urge the California State Legislature to pass AB 37 and for Governor Brown to sign it without delay.

Sincerely,

James C. McCann, City Manager  
City of Mill Valley

cc: Mill Valley City Council  
PG&E  
CPUC  
Governor Jerry Brown  
League of California Cities



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September 20, 2010

Karl Pister, Chair  
Susan Hackwood, Executive Director  
California Council on Science and Technology  
1130 K Street, Suite 280  
Sacramento, CA 95814-3965

Dear Chair Pister and Ms. Hackwood:

On behalf of the Mill Valley City Council, I am writing to support Assemblymember Jared Huffman's request for a study by the California Council on Science and Technology (CCST) to specifically determine whether Federal Communications Commission (FCC) standards for Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) SmartMeters are sufficiently protective of public health.

This request is in response to the many concerns and questions that have been raised by Mill Valley residents relating to potential negative health effects from SmartMeters. Mill Valley residents have expressed their concerns that these devices, which are regulated by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), emit levels of radiation that may be harmful to public health, especially with consideration to the long-term and cumulative impacts of the devices. The CPUC maintains that SmartMeters emit radiation well below the FCC-established safety standards, and has therefore not ordered PG&E to halt the installation of the advanced metering devices.

Critics argue that the safety standards determined by the FCC are not sufficient and specifically not designed to protect the public from health problems under the circumstances which the meters will be used. The FCC standards, they claim, do not take into consideration long-term and cumulative exposures to these devices.

The City of Mill Valley City Council therefore joins Assemblymember Huffman in requesting the CCST undertake a study to specifically determine whether FCC standards for SmartMeters are sufficiently protective of public health, taking into account current exposure levels to radiofrequency and electromagnetic fields, and further to assess

whether additional technology specific standards are needed for SmartMeters and other devices that are commonly found in and around homes, to ensure adequate protection from adverse health effects.

Thank you for your consideration.

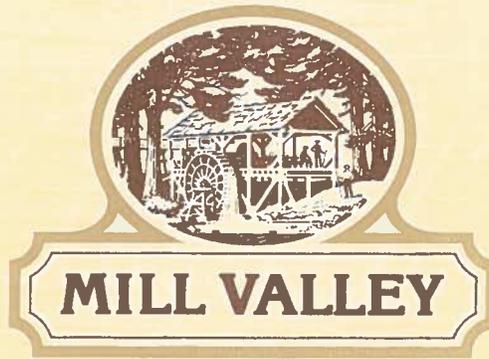
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Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Mayor  
City of Mill Valley

Cc: Mill Valley City Council  
Assemblymember Jared Huffman  
Joshua Townsend, PG&E Public Affairs Manager  
Marzia Zafar, CPUC Business and Community Outreach Division Manager

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Michael R. Peevey, President  
California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear President Peevy,

At the request of our community, on September 7, 2010, the Mill Valley City Council heard a discussion on Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) SmartMeters, currently being deployed in Mill Valley and throughout Northern California. After taking public comment and discussing this issue, the Council concluded that it would be appropriate to relay the concerns we heard to the CPUC, the State entity that regulates PG&E and authorized SmartMeter program implementation.

At the City Council meeting, Mill Valley residents primarily expressed their concerns regarding the lack of definitive information regarding the possible negative health effects associated with the radio frequency emissions (RF) associated with ongoing operation of the SmartMeter program. Those concerns focused on the unknown, long-term and cumulative impacts of the SmartMeters, especially for children and people who suffer from electromagnetic hypersensitivity disorder (EHS). Speakers expressed the view that the safety standards set for these devices by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) are not sufficient, and specifically not designed to protect those with EHS from health problems that may develop under the conditions which the SmartMeters will operate. A number of concerned residents asked whether it would be possible to be provided with reasonable alternatives to SmartMeters, or to be given the ability to relocate their electric and gas meters on their property in order to mitigate any potential harmful effects of the devices.

The Council recognizes that oversight of the health effects of SmartMeters is governed by FCC standards, and that the CPUC has oversight of the SmartMeter program. We are

aware that the CPUC and PG&E have adapted some of its rules to make special service arrangements for certain individuals who have known and diagnosed health-related issues. It may be that, under appropriate circumstances, (e.g., diagnosed EHS, reasonable efforts to minimize other residential sources of RF emissions, a willingness to self-read meters and perhaps utilize balanced payment and/or automatic payment plans) the CPUC and PG&E can find a way to accommodate those special needs individuals and still realize most of the perceived benefits of the SmartMeter program.

On behalf of those residents who have expressed their concerns about PG&E's SmartMeters to this Council, we request that the CPUC and PG&E give consideration to appropriate metering options for customers with EHS. We also request that the CPUC make clear whether and how other customers, who wish to take precautionary steps to minimize RF exposure by moving the location of their meters, might do so.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Stephanie Moulton-Peters, Mayor  
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