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IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM CEO ANGELO REGARDING SMART METERS

On January 25, 2011, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors adopted Ordinance No. 4272 to impose a temporary moratorium on the installation of smart meters, and related equipment, within the unincorporated area of Mendocino County. The Executive Office has been notified by Alison Talbot from PG&E that the smart meter implementation in Mendocino County is scheduled to begin in July, 2011.

Fifth District Supervisor Dan Hamburg commented, “PG&E has made a commitment not to install smart meters at any residence for which a delay has been requested by the customer. This delay will be honored until the California Public Utilities Commission acts, presumably in September, on opt-out provisions. While PG&E’s pledge falls far short of complying with the moratorium imposed by the Board, it is the best protection available at this time. The Board urges all radio frequency (RF) sensitive citizens, and other concerned citizens, to contact PG&E as soon as possible.”

Mendocino County residents can delay the installation of their smart meter upgrade by calling (866) 743-0263 and stating that you want a delay in the installation of the upgrade until the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) decides on a non-wireless smart meter option.

For further information on smart meters, please visit PG&E’s website: www.pge.com/smartmeter

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