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SmartMeters to be installed locally starting Tuesday

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SmartMeter installation begins Tuesday in Mendocino County, according to county CEO Carmel Angelo, despite a moratorium the county adopted.

Recognizing some county residents' objections to the wireless devices, Angelo's office wishes to avert possible conflict when Pacific Gas & Electric personnel arrive at residents' properties by reminding PG&E customers that they can request an installation delay for their address.

"PG&E has made a commitment not to install meters at any residence for which a delay has been requested by the customer," 5th District Supervisor Dan Hamburg said. "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 PG&E customers can delay installation of SmartMeters by calling 1-866-743-0263 and stating they want a delay in the installation of the upgrade until the CPUC decides on a non-wireless option.

For more information on SmartMeters, visit PG&E's website: www.pge.com/smartmeter.



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