

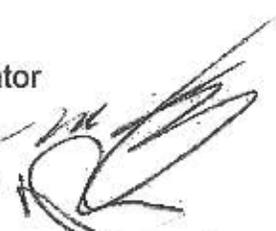


**City of Santa Barbara**  
City Administrator's Office

**Memorandum**

**DATE:** July 28, 2011

**TO:** Jim Armstrong, City Administrator

**FROM:** Councilmember Michael Self  
Councilmember Randy Rowse 

**SUBJECT:** Letter from Council to the California Public Utilities Commission  
Regarding the Smart Meter Connect Program

Pursuant to Council Resolution No. 09-097 regarding the Conduct of City Council Meetings, we request that an item be placed on the Santa Barbara City Council Agenda asking Council to consider sending a letter to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) regarding the Smart Meter Connect Program, to give the citizens of Santa Barbara an opportunity to opt out without paying a fee.

• Summary of information to be presented:

We are requesting that the City Council:

- 1) Follow the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors action taken on July 5, 2011, to write a letter to the CPUC requesting a no charge opt out for Southern California Edison (SCE) customers (see attachment); and
- 2) Authorize the City Administrator to participate in relevant government proceedings.

In a CPUC Pre-Hearing Conference on July 26, 2011, SCE was ordered to participate in an Opt Out Program for discussions and workshops in recognition of the application for such a requirement filed by Santa Barbara County, Consumers Power Alliance, et al, and in concert with the Opt Out Program by Pacific Gas and Electric.

• Statement of Specific Action:

The specific action requested is for the City Council to authorize a letter to be sent on behalf of the residents of the City of Santa Barbara.

• Statement of the Reasons Why it is Appropriate and Within the Jurisdiction of the Council to Consider this Subject Matter and to Take the Requested Action:

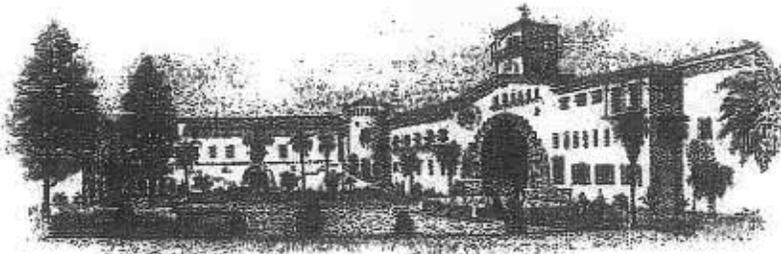
A Council discussion of this subject is appropriate and within the jurisdiction of the City Council since it concerns the citizens' of Santa Barbara.

We are requesting that this be scheduled for the Tuesday, August 9, 2011, Agenda.

Attachment: Letter to CPUC from the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors

cc: Mayor and Council  
City Attorney

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## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

July 25, 2011

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

RE: Smart Meters

Dear President Peevey:

The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors has taken a position of support for a no-cost smart meter opt-out program for both Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) and Southern California Edison (SCE), including a retroactive opt-out for those who have smart meters already installed.

Current smart meter programs are generating a great deal of concern about privacy and health, which is shared by the Board and the citizens of Santa Barbara County.

We respectfully request that the Commission order no-cost, opt-out proposals from both PG&E and SCE, and we have authorized the County Executive to participate in any related administrative proceedings.

Sincerely yours,

Joni Gray, Chair  
Board of Supervisors  
County of Santa Barbara