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MAYOR

June 2, 2009

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

Dear Mr. Peevey:

I recently became aware that the Southern California Gas Company has submitted an application to your Commission that proposes to install a new Advanced Metering Infrastructure. As you may know, I have always been supportive of new and innovative technologies that further conservation of natural resources while promoting environmental quality. However, I am quite concerned about laying off 800 to 1,000 employees, many of them from the Los Angeles region, during the current recession.

In these extraordinarily challenging times, with rising unemployment, foreclosures and an unprecedented credit crisis, we must commit to saving as many jobs as possible. I firmly believe that we must not, and cannot, contribute to an increase of the unemployment ranks if it can be avoided. This is not the right time to layoff these workers.

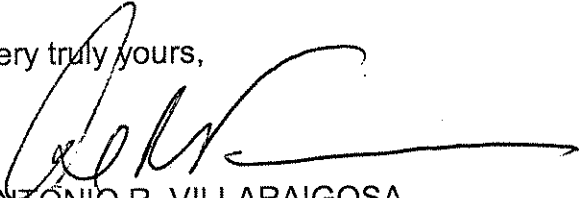
In the past, my Office and the Southern California Gas Company have partnered to create summer employment for youth. I know they are committed to helping youth from disadvantaged communities find jobs. I hope that your Commission will encourage the Southern California Gas Company to adopt an approach that invests in green technologies that create new jobs and create hope for a vibrant economy. I would be more than happy to work with you and the Southern California Gas Company to discuss opportunities, such as the installation of solar water heaters, or other initiatives to keep these folks working.

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It seems to me that a comprehensive strategy that combines smart meters (when the economic crisis is under control) with a green jobs strategy to employ the current meter readers in building passive solar efforts is an approach that can work for everyone.

The City of Los Angeles believes it is possible to build both a green economy and a future of green jobs that work for everyone. We hope you can join us in this endeavor.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'ARV', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ANTONIO R. VILLARAIGOSA
Mayor

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