

# VOTE “NO” ON AMI



**SAFE UTILITY METERS ALLIANCE  
(SUMA)**

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# Who VOTED “No” on AMI?

## California—57

### Counties (11)

Humboldt  
Lake  
Marin  
Mendocino  
San Francisco  
San Luis Obispo  
Santa Barbara  
Santa Cruz  
Sonoma  
Tehama  
Ventura

### Cities (45)

Arcata  
Belvedere  
Berkeley  
Blue Lake  
Bollinas  
Buellton  
Calabasas  
Camp Meeker  
Capitola  
Carpinteria  
Clearlake  
Cotati  
Fairfax  
Fillmore

Fort Bragg  
Goleta  
Grover Beach  
Lakeport  
Marina  
Mill Valley  
Monterey

### Monte Sereno

Morro Bay  
Mount Shasta  
Novato  
Ojai  
Pacific Grove  
Palo Alto  
Piedmont  
Richmond  
Rio Dell  
Ross

### San Anselmo

San Rafael  
San Luis Obispo  
Santa Cruz  
Sausalito  
Scotts Valley  
Seaside  
Sebastopol  
Solvang  
Simi Valley  
Thousand Oaks  
Watsonville  
Willits  
Big Valley  
Rancheria

# Who VOTED “No” on AMI?

## Michigan—29

### Counties

Allegan

Macomb

Oakland

### Cities

Allen Park

Almont

Brighton

Brighton Twp

Caro

Dearborn Heights

Fairgrove

Farmington Hills

Grosse Pointe

Shores

Grosse Pointe

Woods

Harrison Twp

Livonia

Madison Heights

Oak Park

Reese

Rochester

Rochester Hills

Romulus

Royal Oak Twp

Shelby Twp

Southfield

Sterling Heights

Taylor

Troy

Vassar

Vassar Twp

Van Buren Twp

Warren

Ypsilanti

# Who VOTED “No” on AMI?



## **British Columbia**

Alert Bay

Burnaby

Central Saanich

Chawathil First Nation

Clearwater

Colwood

Duncan

Enderby

Fernie

Golden

Gold River

Granisle

Hagwilget Village

First Nation

Highlands District

Hornby Island

Invermere

Islands Trust (Bowen  
Island, all Gulf  
Islands)

Kootenay Boundary

Kootenay Central

Ladysmith

Lake Country /  
Winfield

Lake Cowichan

Langley Township

Maple Ridge

Metchosin

Montrose

Nanaimo

Nanaimo Regional  
District

New Denver

North Cowichan

North Saanich

North Vancouver City

Okanagan-  
Similkameen

Oliver

Osoyoos

Osoyoos Indian Band

Parksville

Penticton

Port Moody

Powell River

Qualicum Beach

Quatsino First Nation

Richmond

Saanich District

Salmon Arm

Sechelt

Sicamous

Sidney

Silverton

Slocan

Sooke

Squamish

Sunshine Coast  
Regional District

Surrey

Tofino

Ucluelet

Vancouver

Vernon

Victoria

White Rock

# Who VOTED “No” on AMI?



## Quebec

Laval  
Longueuil  
Mercier-Hochelaga-  
Maisonneuve  
Rivière-des-Prairies–  
Pointe-aux-Trembles  
St-Jean-sur-Richelieu  
Repentigny  
Brossard  
Le Sud-Ouest  
St-Jérôme (MRC)  
Granby  
Châteauguay  
Mirabel  
Mascouche  
St-Eustache

Salaberry-de-  
Valleyfield  
Lachine  
Boucherville  
Sorel-Tracy  
Boisbriand  
Ste-Thérèse  
St-Contant  
L'Assomption  
Dorval  
Mont-Saint-Hilaire  
Deux-Montagnes  
Ste-Marthe-sur-le-  
Lac  
Ste-Anne-des-Plaines  
Rosemère  
Ste-Sophie (MRC)

Lavaltrie  
Bécancour  
St-Colomban  
St-Adèle  
Lachute  
Prévost  
Rawdon  
Ste-Agathe-des-  
Monts (MRC)  
St-Sauveur  
Lorraine  
Mont-Tremblant  
(MRC)  
Otterburn Park  
Saint-Hippolyte  
Stoneham-et-  
Teewksbury  
Coteau-du-Lac  
St-Zotique  
Saint-Philippe

Sainte-Anne-de-  
Bellevue  
Les Coteaux  
Rivière Rouge  
Val-David  
St-Jacques  
St-Ambroise-de-Kildae  
Sutton  
Morin-Heights (MRC)  
St-Adolphe-d'Howard  
Ormstown  
St-Faustin–Lac-Carré  
Crabtree  
Ste-Anne-des-Lacs  
(MRC)  
St-Thomas  
St-Alexis-des-Monts  
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# The Team



- 3 unpaid professionals worked tirelessly to bring you this presentation
- A dozen or more dedicated professionals are working in a supporting capacity
- We are self-funded and have not received money from any corporation or government agency to bring you this important information

# Rebuttal - General



- **Technical**
  - Only wireless options are being considered
  - What about Fiber Optics, Phone line, Power line communication options?
  - Transmission can be as high as 190,000 bursts per day
  - Hot Meter Bases - Digital/AMI meters more likely to short out and burn
- **Dr. Asher Sheppard**
  - did not address non-thermal effects
  - Interphone study (only study mentioned) has been shown to underestimate due to latency time
  - Corporations & Agencies referenced are not credible
- **Dr. Robert Olsen's video did not measure in a real-time environment – transmission density is much higher**
- **Identified Benefits are mostly for the benefit of the utility**

# Cost/Benefit Analysis



- Analysis can be done with many slants
  - Profit focus – make money
  - Customer/Social focus – get services safely & affordably
- Depending on Focus, “Liabilities” (costs) and “Benefits” vary
  - SCL presents a “Profit” focus
  - SUMA (the people) are presenting a “customer” focus

# Cost



- **Capital Costs \$70 million**
  - Charged to the customer over 20 years
- **Annual Costs \$1.9 million**
  - Rate hikes
- **Breakeven year 2024**
  - Not including liabilities
- **\$200 per year “estimated” cost of per customer**
  - 31% increase to ratepayer from 2012-2018
  - Plus Meter “Accuracy”
  - Plus TOU
  - Plus Opt-Out

# AMI Costs



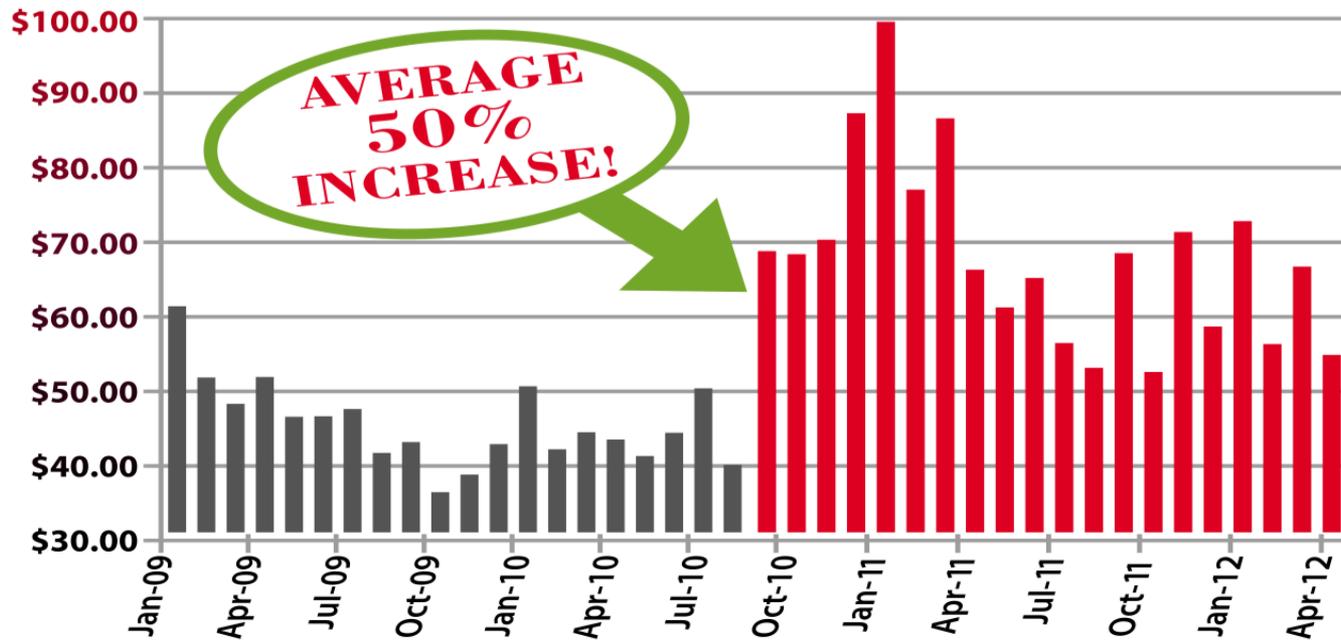
## Estimated AMI Costs for City Light

Line Item	Acquisition + Deployment Cost	Annual Operation + Maintenance
AMI Meters (\$ thousands)	\$60,715	\$184
Communication Infrastructure	5,108	549
Master Station & IT Integration	2,739	153
Program Management	1,657	
Operations		1,034
Totals (\$ thousands)	\$70,220	\$1,921
Overall acquisition + deployment cost per meter served = \$171.00		

# This is what we Expect



## An SDG&E customer's bills show what the Utilities don't want YOU to know:



(Bills before and after "smart" meter install in Sept. 2010)

# Liabilities

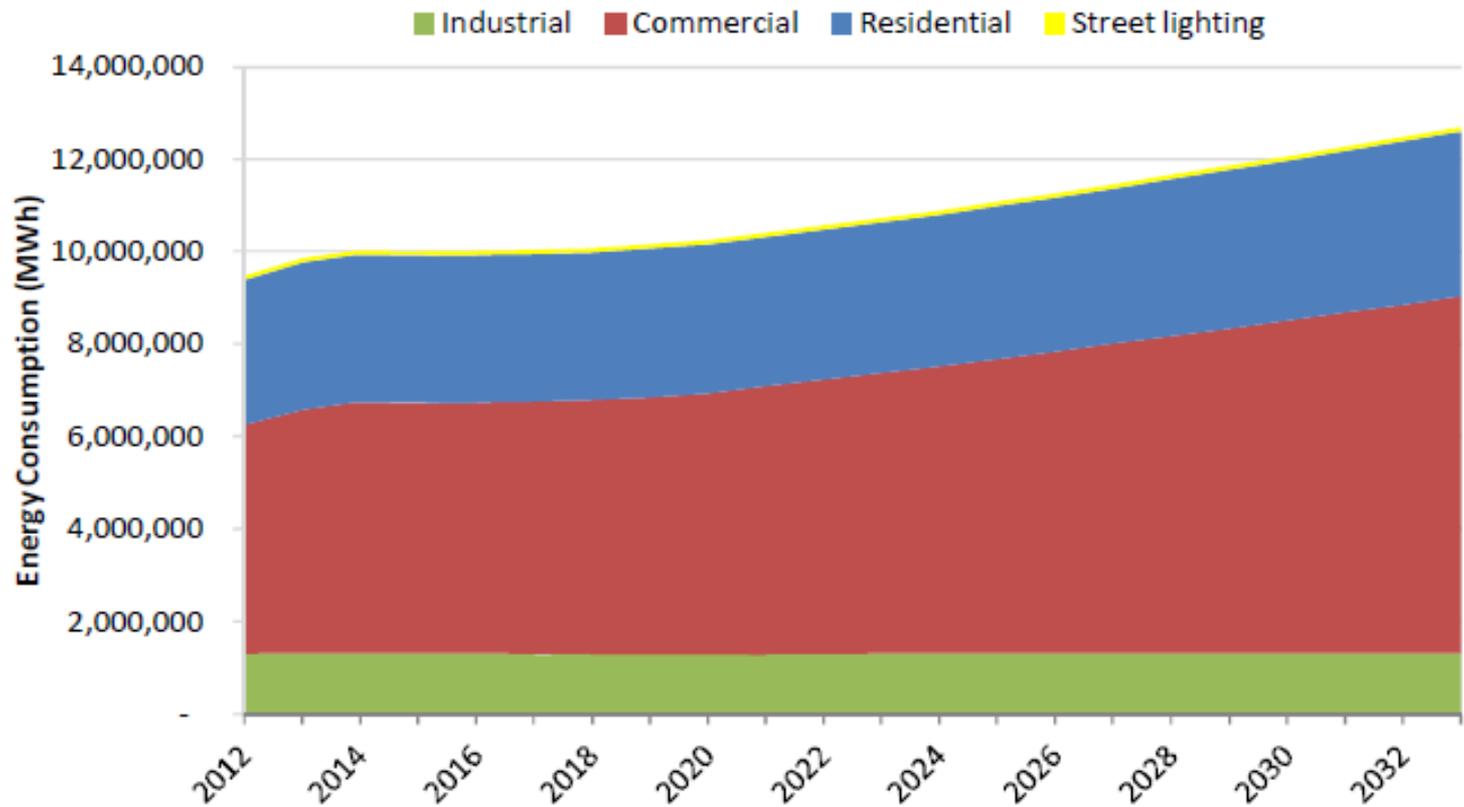


- “Estimated”
  - The costs/savings are speculative and likely conservatively projected. There are costly unknowns and there are “no” successful examples.
  - Southern California Edison estimated their rollout at \$1.6 billion and actual cost was \$5 billion
- “Accuracy”
  - SCL is claiming that the new meters will uncover significant undercharging, one of their biggest operational benefits according to their chart, worth ~25% of their savings
  - Energy Conservation data shows a different story
    - ✦ Residential energy usage is consistent and predictable
    - ✦ SCL shows efficiency details in their own data
    - ✦ [http://www.seattle.gov/light/Conserve/docs/SCL\\_2013.pdf](http://www.seattle.gov/light/Conserve/docs/SCL_2013.pdf)

# Consistent & Predictable



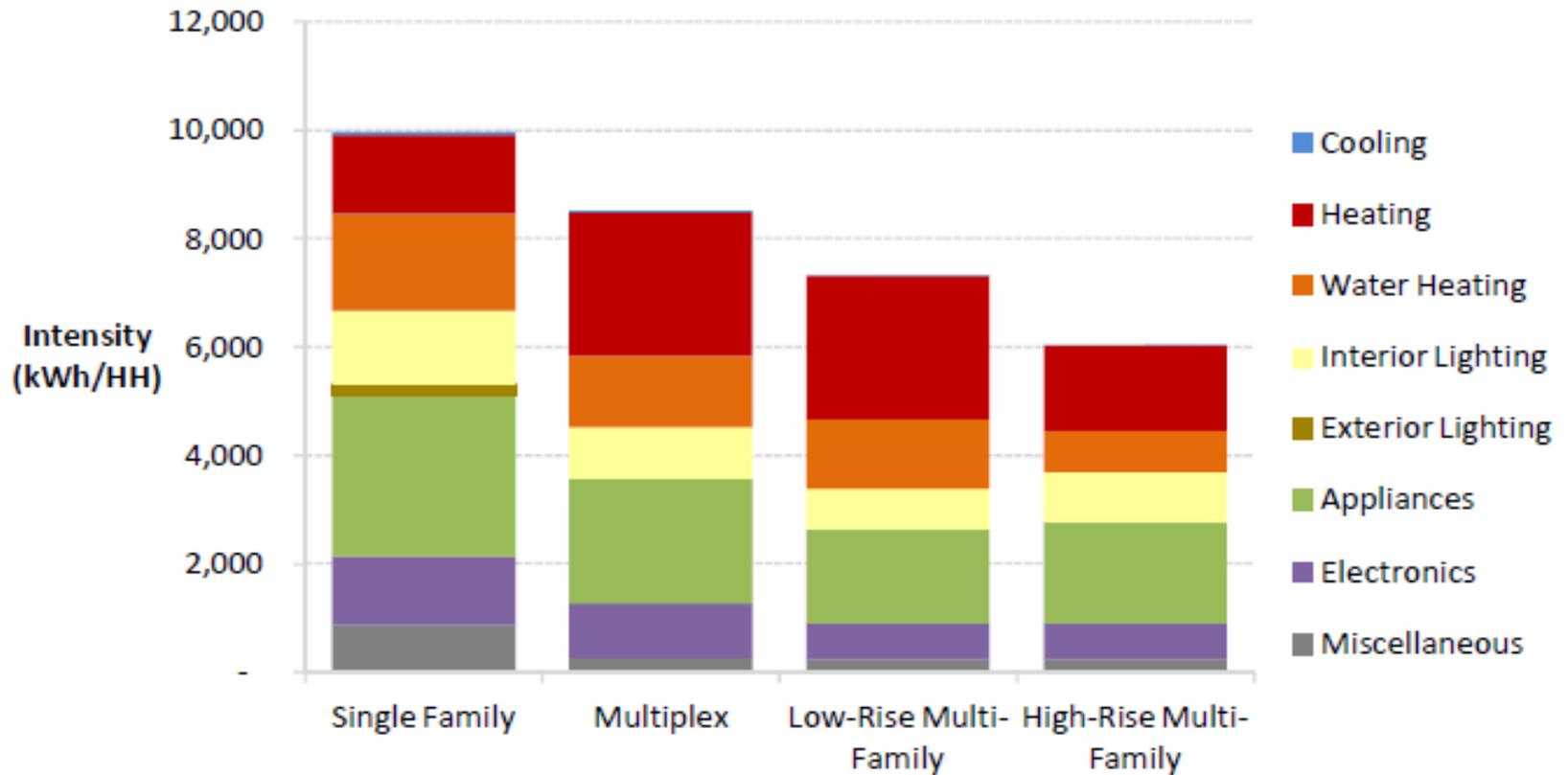
**Figure ES-8** *Baseline Projection Summary, All Sectors (MWh)*



# Detailed Usage



**Figure ES-4 Residential Intensity by End Use and Segment (kWh/household, 2012)**



# Liabilities (cont.)



- **Health**

- Swiss Re SONAR: Emerging Risk Insights report for the Insurance Industry – June 2013
- National League of Cities Presentation
- The EPA Naval Medical Research Institute reported in 1981 known effects of RF radiation
- Independent Studies versus Industry Studies

- **Fire Hazard – City Light will include shut-off sensors**

- Numerous utilities are being forced to replace defective AMI meters
  - ✦ Portland, OR – PGE
  - ✦ Lakeland, FL – Lakeland Electric
  - ✦ Philadelphia, PA - PECO
  - ✦ Saskatchewan, CA – SaskPower
  - ✦ Arizona Public Services

# Swiss Re SONAR Report



Potential impact	1-3 years	4-10 years	>10 years	Time frame
<b>HIGH</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Prolonged power blackout</li> <li>■ Run-away inflation and surging bond yields</li> <li>■ Big data</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Endocrine disrupting chemicals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Unforeseen consequences of electromagnetic fields</li> <li>■ Unforeseen consequences of nanotechnology</li> </ul>	
<b>MEDIUM</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Cyber attacks</li> <li>■ Supply chain vulnerability</li> <li>■ Underestimated nat cat exposure</li> <li>■ Changing communication patterns</li> <li>■ Toxic substances and workplace safety</li> <li>■ Changing lifestyle</li> <li>■ Emerging infectious diseases</li> <li>■ Unresolved sovereign debt crisis</li> <li>■ Underinvestment in critical infrastructure</li> <li>■ Legal actions drive changing claims patterns</li> <li>■ Personal damage compensation in Europe</li> <li>■ Regulatory fragmentation and extra-territoriality concerns</li> <li>■ Contingent reputational risks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Drug resistance</li> <li>■ The future of medicine</li> <li>■ Imminent global talent crunch</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ New forms of mobility</li> </ul>	
<b>LOW</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Social unrest</li> <li>■ Do-it-yourself galore</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ A risky harvest</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The robots among us</li> </ul>	

Business areas	
■	Property
■	Casualty
■	Life & Health
■	Financial Markets
■	Claims
■	Operations

**Figure 1**

Overview of the emerging risk topics covered in this report by timeframe and potential impact. Colour coding indicates which area of the insurance business would potentially be most impacted by the respective risk.

# Liabilities (cont.)



- Privacy and Household Security Risk
  - Privacy versus Confidentiality
  - DOE survey
    - ✦ 75% consider it very or somewhat important that electric usage data be kept confidential
  - Data Privacy - City Light is bound by RCW 42.56.335
    - ✦ Addresses other government agencies
    - ✦ Says nothing about selling to 3rd Parties
  - Security - Data will be encrypted
    - ✦ City Light is protected but not the customer
    - ✦ Customers have no infrastructure security
  - Puerto Rico utility – “smart” meter hacking may have cost the utility hundreds of millions of dollars

# Privacy Concerns



Summary of Privacy Concerns Related to Smart Meters

Application Group	Example Concern	References
Illegal Uses	Burglars finding out when homes are unoccupied.  Stalkers tracking the movements of their victims.	(Lisovich et al., 2010; Quinn, 2009; Cavoukian et al., 2010; McDaniel, 2009; Lerner and Mulligan, 2008; Subrahmanyam, 2005)
Commercial Uses	Targeted advertising: use of individual or aggregated household smart meter data to target advertising at a specific household or individual. <i>Note:</i> Use of aggregated or 'anonymous' data may be more acceptable than use of individual household data.  Insurance adjusting e.g. do you tend to leave your appliances on when away from home?	(Lisovich et al., 2010; Quinn, 2009; Cavoukian et al., 2010; McDaniel, 2009; Anderson and Fuloria, 2010; Bohli et al., 2010)
Uses by law enforcement agencies	Detection of illegal activities e.g. sweatshops, unlicensed commercial activities, and drug production.  Verifying defendant's claims e.g. that they were 'at home all evening'.	(Lisovich et al., 2010)
Uses by other parties for legal purposes	In a custody battle: do you leave your child home alone?  In a landlord-tenant dispute: is the property over-occupied?	(Quinn, 2009)
Use by family members and other co-inhabitants	One householder 'spying' on another e.g. parents checking if their children are sleeping or staying up late playing video games.  Partners investigating each other's behavior.	(Hargreaves et al., 2010)

Source: Table 1 of "Smart Meter Data: Balancing Consumer Privacy Concerns with Legitimate Applications," McKenna, et. al., *Energy Policy*, 41 (2012) pp 807-814.

# Liabilities (cont.)



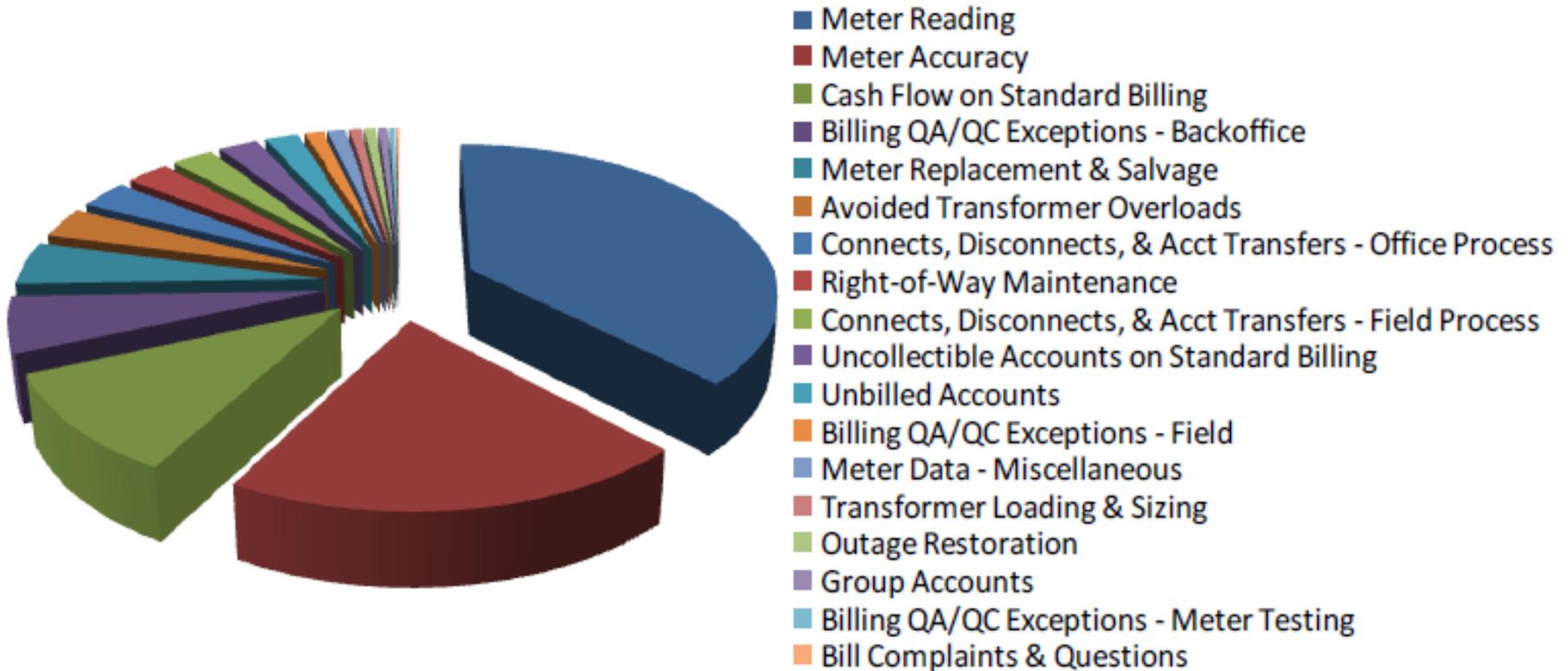
- **Smart Grid Instability/Vulnerability Risk**
  - AMI meters in Seattle will give 400,000 new access points to attack the grid
  - US Senate – “The US electricity grid is dangerously vulnerable to sabotage by hackers, spies and terrorists, despite a seventy year effort to protect it from cyber attacks”
  - CIA Director, Leon Panetta – “I’ve often said that there’s a strong likelihood that the next Pearl Harbor that we confront could very well be a cyber attack that cripples our power systems, our grid”
  - Grid is unstable even without AMI meters
    - ✦ Consider the 2003 East Coast Blackout
    - ✦ There are only 9 substations needed to take out all of the US for months

# SCL Benefits



- 18 “Smart” Grid Benefits were listed - June 26, 2012
  - AMI Meters are NOT required to achieve benefits of “Smart” Grid
  - Virtually all benefits are to the Utility NOT to the customer
  - There are essentially NO Energy Savings (Environmental Impact & Conservation)
    - ✦ Carbon Dioxide Reduction
      - At least 50 less vehicles on the roads annually
      - More efficient, and less frequent field investigations & work
    - ✦ System support for Plug-in Electric Vehicles
    - ✦ Net metering Solar and distributed generation
    - ✦ Greater conservation information and tools
    - ✦ Potential to manage appliances and load remotely (Home Area Network)
  - Operational Savings for SCL

# SCL Operational Benefits



## Notes:

- Benefits are shown for the year following deployment completion, after which inflation may affect some more than others.
- Includes benefits in traditional utility operations only
- Benefits of new customer programs and distribution management excluded

# Customer Benefits?



- **Increased cost**
  - 31% increase in rates is NOT acceptable
- **Increased risk**
  - Privacy, Fire & Health risks are NOT acceptable
- **Benefits - (AMI meter NOT required)**
  - Distribution Management; Voltage optimization, automated feeder sectionalizing
  - New Customer Programs; Demand response, load management, electric vehicles
  - Societal – Economic; Improved regional business climate
  - Societal – Environmental; Long term energy use reductions

# Better Ways to Invest



- Trends are toward Distributed/Off-Grid Solutions
  - Report: Increasing number of homeowners turning on to off-grid living – 9/5/14
- Renewable Energy
  - Distributed PV or Wind farms
- Conservation Program
  - City Light – “Conservation is the least-cost, least risk, greatest environmental benefit”
  - “Money invested in conservation gets much more back in benefits for the utility, for those directly doing the conservation and for the general public.”

# Previous Conservation Goals



<b>Five Year Plan</b>			
<b>Year</b>	<b>aMW<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>MW<sup>2</sup>hs</b>	<b>\$ Million<sup>3</sup></b>
2007	7.25	63,510	\$20.19
2008	8.4	73,804	\$25.03
2009	12.2	180,521	\$41.94
2010	14.5	307,070	\$46.13
2011	15.1	439,561	\$50.17
2012	15.3	573,807	\$51.33
<b>2008-2012 TOTAL</b>	<b>65.5</b>	<b>573,807</b>	<b>\$214.60</b>

# Total Energy 2012



**Table ES-3**      *Customer Counts and Energy Sales by Sector, 2012*

Sector / Rate Class	Number of meters (customers)	2012 Electricity sales (MWh)
Residential	362,524	3,146,951
Commercial	40,084	4,961,098
Industrial		1,294,369
Street Lighting	3,301	91,879
<b>Total</b>	<b>405,909</b>	<b>9,494,297</b>

# Conservation vs. Smart Meters



- “Conservation is the least-cost, least risk, greatest environmental benefit”
  - Smart meters very risky, high cost, little environmental benefit
- Savings: City Light-\$274m, Participating Customers-\$169m, Service Territory \$120m
  - Higher customer rates, not savings
- CO<sub>2</sub> reductions: 1m metric tons
  - Little or no environmental benefit
- Employment: 1,700-3,400 more jobs
  - Fewer jobs, meter readers laid off
- Smart meter costs reduce investment in conservation and its benefits

# Vote “NO” on AMI



- Invest “our” money in creating real customer benefits
- “Liabilities” are unacceptable risk to customers
- Energy costs are too high already, customers cannot afford to pay for experimental projects
- Yes! We have to do something!
  - Distributed Energy
  - More Conservation
  - More Renewables

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is author of the landmark white paper, “Getting Smarter About the Smart Grid”, published by the National Institute for Science, Law and Public Policy in Washington, D.C. This white paper critiques the present approach to the smart grid and describes what a truly smart electricity grid would look like, one that is capable of integrating “distributed” power generation from renewable and sustainable energy sources without the privacy, security, cost, reliability, radiation, or potential public health impacts of the present approach. Dr. Schoechle has been engaged in engineering development of electric utility gateways and energy management systems for over 25 years. He is an expert on the international standards system and serves as secretariat of ISO/IEC SC32 Data Management and Interchange, and Secretary of ISO/IEC SC25 Working Group 1, the international standards committee for Home Electronic Systems. Dr. Schoechle is a founder of BI Incorporated, pioneer developer of RFID technology, and former faculty member of the University of Colorado College of Engineering and Applied Science. He holds an M.S. in telecommunications engineering and a Ph.D. in communications policy from the University of Colorado.