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The Southern California Gas Company is in the process of upgrading its natural gas meters from a manual system to an automated digital system. The manual system consists of meter readers accessing customer's property and checking meter reads on a monthly basis.

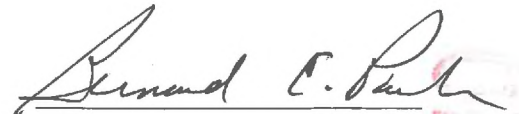
On the other hand, reads from automated digital meters transmit reads to data collection and billing centers without the use of a meter reader. Automated digital meters provide accurate reads of customer's usage; and allow customers to save more easily by providing up-to-date usage information.

In 2011, a Motion (Parks – Perry; CF 11-0569) was introduced seeking a report from the Department of Water and Power (DWP) regarding defective meters. The Motion also requested the DWP to report on its efforts to install automated digital meters.

The use of automated digital meters is becoming more common in the utility industry as customers can benefit from accurate reads and reduce use. Given this, the DWP should report to the Council as to its latest efforts to implement the use of automated digital meters and convert from a manual meter system.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Water and Power be requested to report to the City Council in 30 days on its efforts to implement the use of automated digital meters in its service area and convert from a manual meter system.

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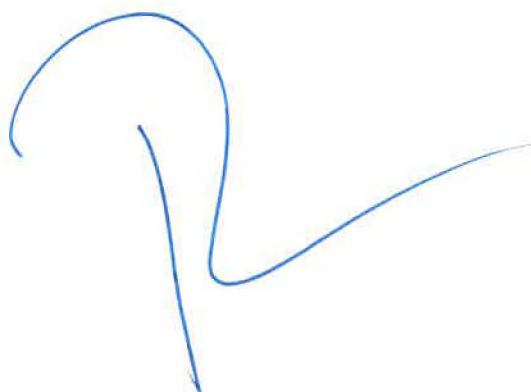


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