## California Public Utilities Commission Consumer Protection and Enforcement Division Consumer Affairs Branch

## **Energy Industry**

Consumer Contacts that Require Enhanced Processing Presented by Utility Company, Category and Subcategory

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This report presents a subset of total consumer contacts reported in Table 1. This data represents consumer contacts that require enhanced processing for resolution of consumers' complaints. These cases are known as Informal Complaints (ICs) and are sent to the appropriate utility for investigation. The utility must respond to the CPUC and address the allegations of the complaint. The following table reports the ICs by utility company and the nature of the complaint by category and the more specific subcategory.

**Table 2 - Energy Industry Contacts:** The companies listed in the table are organized in alphabetical order. Companies' names in this list may not reflect the company name under which services are marketed to the consumer.

| Utility                                 | Utility Name                                   | Category                   | Subcategory                          | Count |  |  |
|---|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|--|--|
| Code                                    |  |                            |                                      |       |  |  |
| ELC1092                                 | Just Energy                                    | Policy and Practices       | Abusive Marketing                    | 1     |  |  |
|   |  |                            | Just Energy Total                    | 1     |  |  |
| ELC933                                  | Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric) LLC       | Service                    | Outage                               | 1     |  |  |
|   | Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric) LLC Total |                            |                                      |       |  |  |
| ELC6                                    | Marin Clean Energy                             | Policy and Practices       | Abusive Marketing                    | 1     |  |  |
|   |  |                            | Marin Clean Energy Total             | 1     |  |  |
| ELC39,                                  | Pacific Gas & Electric Company                 | Billing                    | Bill Adjustment                      | 1     |  |  |
| GAS39,                                  |  | Billing                    | Bill Not Received                    | 4     |  |  |
| MUL39,                                  |  | Billing                    | Deposits                             | 3     |  |  |
| STM39                                   |  | Billing                    | Disputed Customer of Record          | 5     |  |  |
|   |  | Billing                    | Estimated Billing                    | 6     |  |  |
|   |  | Billing                    | High Bill                            | 19    |  |  |
|   |  | Billing                    | Late Payment Charge - LPC            | 1     |  |  |
|   |  | Billing                    | Meter Inaccuracy                     | 1     |  |  |
|   |  | Billing                    | Other Charges                        | 5     |  |  |
|   |  | Billing                    | Payment Arrangements                 | 2     |  |  |
|   |  | Billing                    | Payment Error                        | 4     |  |  |
|   |  | Billing                    | Energy Diversion                     | 1     |  |  |
|   |  | Billing                    | Master/Sub Meters (Mobile Homes)     | 1     |  |  |
|   |  | Policy and Practices       | Abusive Marketing                    | 4     |  |  |
|   |  | Policy and Practices       | Safety                               | 6     |  |  |
|   |  | Policy and Practices       | SMART METER                          | 2     |  |  |
|   |  | Public Purpose<br>Programs | Net Energy Metering (NEM)            | 11    |  |  |
|   |  | Service                    | Delayed Orders/Missed Appointments   | 11    |  |  |
|   |  | Service                    | Disconnected In Error                | 1     |  |  |
|   |  | Service                    | Disconnection Non Payment            | 3     |  |  |
|   |  | Service                    | Outage                               | 3     |  |  |
|   |  | Service                    | Refusal To Serve                     | 1     |  |  |
|   |  |                            | Pacific Gas & Electric Company Total | 95    |  |  |
| ELC901                                  | Pacificorp                                     | Billing                    | High Bill                            | 1     |  |  |
| Pacificorp Total                        |  |                            |                                      |       |  |  |
| ELC908                                  | Plumas Sierra Rural Electric Coop              | Service                    | Refusal To Serve                     | 1     |  |  |
| Plumas Sierra Rural Electric Coop Total |  |                            |                                      |       |  |  |

| Utility<br>Code | Utility Name                     | Category                   | Subcategory                              | Count |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|--|-------|
|                 | San Diego Gas & Electric Company | Billing                    | Backbilling                              | 1     |
| GAS902,         |                                  | Billing                    | Bill Not Received                        | 1     |
| MUL902,         |                                  | Billing                    | Deposits                                 | ,     |
| STM902          |                                  | Billing                    | Disputed Customer of Record              | ,     |
|                 |                                  | Billing                    | Estimated Billing                        | 1     |
|                 |                                  | Billing                    | High Bill                                | 1     |
|                 |                                  | Billing                    | Meter Reading Issue                      | 1     |
|                 |                                  | Billing                    | Other Charges                            | 1     |
|                 |                                  | Billing                    | Payment Arrangements                     | 1     |
|                 |                                  | Public Purpose             | CARE Recertification                     | 1     |
|                 |                                  | Programs                   | CARE Recentification                     |       |
|                 |                                  | Public Purpose             | Net Energy Metering (NEM)                | 2     |
|                 |                                  | Programs Service           | • , ,                                    |       |
|                 |                                  |                            | Delayed Orders/Missed Appointments       | 2     |
|                 |                                  | Service                    | Disconnected In Error                    | 1     |
|                 |                                  | Service                    | Outage                                   | 4     |
|                 | 0.41                             | In the second              | San Diego Gas & Electric Company Total   | 19    |
| ,               | Southern California Edison       | Billing                    | Bill Adjustment                          | 2     |
| GAS338,         | Company                          | Billing                    | Bill Not Received                        |       |
| MUL338          |                                  | Billing                    | Deposits                                 | 3     |
|                 |                                  | Billing                    | Disputed Customer of Record              | 4     |
|                 |                                  | Billing                    | Estimated Billing                        | 4     |
|                 |                                  | Billing                    | High Bill                                | 3     |
|                 |                                  | Billing                    | Late Payment Charge - LPC                | 1     |
|                 |                                  | Billing                    | Meter Reading Issue                      | 1     |
|                 |                                  | Billing                    | Other Charges                            | 4     |
|                 |                                  | Billing                    | Payment Arrangements                     | 1     |
|                 |                                  | Billing                    | Payment Error                            | 1     |
|                 |                                  | Billing                    | Crossed Meter Billing                    | 1     |
|                 |                                  | Policy and Practices       | Abusive Marketing                        | 1     |
|                 |                                  | Policy and Practices       | Safety                                   | 4     |
|                 |                                  | Policy and Practices       | SMART METER                              | 3     |
|                 |                                  | Public Purpose<br>Programs | CARE Recertification                     | 3     |
|                 |                                  | Public Purpose<br>Programs | Net Energy Metering (NEM)                | 6     |
|                 |                                  | Service                    | Delayed Orders/Missed Appointments       | 1     |
|                 |                                  | Service                    | Outage                                   | 12    |
|                 |                                  |                            | Southern California Edison Company Total | 57    |
| GAS904          | Southern California Gas Company  | Billing                    | Bill Not Received                        | 1     |
|                 |                                  | Billing                    | Disputed Customer of Record              | 4     |
|                 |                                  | Billing                    | Estimated Billing                        | 3     |
|                 |                                  | Billing                    | High Bill                                | 9     |
|                 |                                  | Billing                    | Meter Inaccuracy                         | 1     |
|                 |                                  | Billing                    | Other Charges                            | 1     |
|                 |                                  | Billing                    | Payment Arrangements                     | 2     |
|                 |                                  | Billing                    | Energy Diversion                         | 1     |
|                 |                                  | Policy and Practices       | Safety                                   | 2     |
|                 |                                  | Service                    | Delayed Orders/Missed Appointments       | 6     |
|                 |                                  | Service                    | Disconnection Non Payment                | 4     |
|                 |                                  | Service                    | Refusal To Serve                         | 1     |
|                 |                                  |                            | Southern California Gas Company Total    | 35    |
| GAS905          | Southwest Gas Corporation        | Service                    | Disconnection Non Payment                | 1     |
|                 | · ·                              |                            | Southwest Gas Corporation Total          | 1     |
|                 |                                  |                            | ·  | 212   |
|                 |                                  |                            | Total ICs Sent <sup>1</sup>              | 212   |

<sup>1</sup> Due to the carryover of cases received in previous months, there are slight differences between the total number of ICs sent to the utilities and the number of written contacts received in a month.