

RESOLUTION NO. _____

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 488 (PAVLEY),
ENERGY: ENERGY USAGE INFORMATION**

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, existing law requires each electrical and gas corporation to disclose on the residential customer's billing statement specified information on usage, cost, and contact information for the Consumer Affairs Branch of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC), and to make available online to residential customers specified information on usage and energy conservation measures; and

WHEREAS, existing law also requires the PUC, as part of the general rate case of an electrical and gas corporation, to assess opportunities to improve the quality of information contained in the utility's periodic billing; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 488 (Pavley) would require each electrical corporation, gas corporation and publicly owned electric and gas utility adopt a pilot program to disclose, on a quarterly basis, on the billing statement of a residential subscriber, information documenting the amount of energy used by the metered residence compared to similar residences in the subscriber's geographical area; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation would require the utility to provide those

heavy users with information on energy savings strategies and programs available to assist in financing energy efficiency improvements; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the pilot program would be recovered only from the residential ratepayers of the electrical or gas corporations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation would require each electrical and gas corporation to submit to the PUC and the Legislature in July 2011 and each July 1 thereafter, a report on the energy savings resulting from the pilot program adopted by the utility; and

WHEREAS, academic studies suggest that high energy using customers reduce their energy use when they are presented information comparing their usage to that of their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, a number of utilities, such as the Sacramento Municipal Utility District and Southern California Edison, are already running pilot programs that provide customers with comparative usage information and enjoy considerable success.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Board of Supervisors by the adoption of this resolution hereby supports Senate Bill 488 (Pavley) energy usage information.

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