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Light Up the Night Receives Community Support

(Stockton, CA) - Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) Company presented a check for \$5,000 at the Stockton City Council Meeting this week to support a crime reduction program that will be launched in the University Park Neighborhood called, Light Up the Night. In addition, the Siemens Corporation announced the donation of 3,000 19-watt energy efficient CFL light bulbs for residents in the neighborhood to use as porch lights.

“Leaving your front porch light on makes your house less of a target for criminals,” said Councilmember Diana Lowery, who represents the neighborhood where the program will be launched. “Help us make an impact of reducing crime in your neighborhood. By replacing an 80-watt front porch light with a 19-watt energy efficient CFL light bulb, you can have power for pennies. PG&E and Siemens estimate that leaving your porch light on from dusk to dawn is approximately 4,100 hours a year. The cost - \$12.46 a year – just over a dollar a month! Compared to using a standard 80 watt incandescent bulb - a savings of over \$40 annually!

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The University Park Neighborhood includes 5,000 households from the Calaveras River to Harding Way and between Pershing Avenue and El Dorado Street. Next week, Stockton Unified School District Workability students will begin distributing letters and magnets that remind residents to leave their porch lights on from dawn to dusk. On December 16, 2011, from noon – 5:30p, residents in the University Park Neighborhood can pick up a free CFL light bulb in front of Starbucks and Gordito Burrito on the Miracle Mile, 2535 Pacific Avenue.

“We really appreciate these generous contributions from our partners, PG&E and Siemens,” continued Councilmember Lowery. “Together, we really can make a difference in helping to reduce crime in our community.”

For questions, please contact Florence Low in the City Manager’s Office at (209) 937-8279.

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