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**Date:** June 20, 2012

**To:** Public Utilities Commission Texas

Oncor Electric Delivery

Governor Rick Perry

Kaye Bailey Hutchison – US State Senator Texas

John Cornyn – US State Senator Texas

David Dewhurst – Lieutenant Governor Texas

Todd Smith – State Representative

City of Hurst – Mayor Richard Ward; Assistant Manager Jeff Jones; City Manager Allan Weegar

**From:** Pierre Robert - Pediatrician

**Regarding:** Project Number #40190 – PUC Proceeding to Evaluate the Feasibility of Instituting a Smart Meter Opt-Out Program.

**The Public Utilities Commission of Texas, Oncor, Governor Perry and all elected officials:**

I recommend the removal of the unauthorized smart meter from the Thornton residence at

1078 Wood Briar Drive Grapevine, Texas 76051.

Mason Thornton has a seizure disorder, unpredictable outbursts, heart murmur, and gastrointestinal dysbiosis and is sensitive to Electromagnetic Fields (EMF) including Radio Frequency (RF).

The lack of communication between Oncor and their hired contractor, Metadigm, has resulted in Smart Meter installation in the neighborhood and direct neighbors even after commitments from Richard Sorell (Oncor Consumer Affairs) and Don Perfect (local Area Manager for Oncor) and others on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, that this would not occur until a decision was made on how to protect vulnerable individuals.

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The Energy Policy of 2005 states utility companies may "offer" a smart meter and install ONLY upon customer request. Oncor and their contractors (Metadigm) have not consistently provided notification to customers prior to installing, nor have they requested permission to install. I have witnessed on several occasions this occurring and have also spoken with Metadigm Field Supervisors in regards to observations of employees. Tracy Stephens also spoke with Metadigm contractor Joshua Weber on June 4<sup>th</sup> (regarding her daughter Megan Stephens) who confirmed that they were not providing notice to the home owners of the installation or that it(one) had been installed. Tracy has also spoken with Richard Sorell in regards to this concern in her neighborhood, but the requested changes have not been made.

Oncor also has not developed a policy within their Customer Service Intake department to handle customer complaints in regards to either removing or adjusting existing Smart Meters on their residence. Customers are being hung up on or told there are no health issues and that it is Mandatory for the Smart Meter to be installed on their home. As stated above in regards to the Energy Policy of 2005, this statement is false.

Oncor also did not consider or develop an "Opt Out" option for customers that have health issues. This is tragic. Prior notification of installation and implementation of procedures when receiving a customer complaint for those with health concerns, could have possibly allowed Oncor to accurately document the number of customer complaints that are related to health.

The health risks that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) reference consist of flawed and outdated data. FCC exposure standards only cover short-term thermal (heating) effects; they do not cover long-term accumulative exposure, nor do they cover biological impacts. The World Health Organization has recently classified the type of radiation emitted from smart meters (non-ionizing radiation) as a Class 2B carcinogen, on par with lead.

The FCC needs to update their reference material and provide the most up to date scientific evidence to the public. The FCC members do not have medical specialists on staff to provide input of health risks. Please note documented statements summarized below ;

- 1) A letter dated July 6, 2002 from the United States Environmental Protection Agency written by Norbert Hankin. He states that "The FCC's current exposure guidelines, as well as those of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and the International Commission on Non-ionizing Radiation Protection, are thermally based, and do not apply to chronic, nonthermal exposure situations." He also states that "The FCC's exposure guideline is considered protective of effects arising from a thermal mechanism but not from all possible mechanisms. Therefore, the generalization by many that the guidelines protect human beings from harm by any or all mechanisms is not justified."



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- 2) A letter dated June 17, 1999 from The Department of Health and Human Services; W. Gregory Lotz, Ph.D. Chief Physical Agents Effects Branch, Division of Biomedical and Behavior Science. Mr. Lotz makes the following statement in regards to Intensity or frequency modulated (pulsed or frequency modulated) RF radiation: "Studies continue to be published describing biological responses to nonthermal ELF-modulated and pulse-modulated RF radiation exposures that are not produced by CW (unmodulated) RF radiation. These studies have resulted in concern that exposure guidelines based on thermal effects, and using information and concepts (time-averaged dosimetry, uncertainty factors) that mask any differences between intensity-modulated RF radiation exposure and CW exposure, do not directly address public exposures, and therefore may not adequately protect the public. The parameter used to describe dose/dose rate and used as the basis for exposure limits is time-averaged SAR; time-averaging erases the unique characteristics of an intensity-modulated RF radiation that may be responsible for producing an effect."

**According to the American Academy of Environmental Medicine (Position Statement issued April 12, 2012) it is stated that they call for :**

- Immediate caution regarding "Smart Meter" installation due to potentially harmful RF exposure.
- Accommodation for health considerations regarding EMF and RF exposure, including exposure to wireless "Smart Meter" technology
- Independent studies to further understand health effects from EMF and RF exposure
- Use of safer technology, including for "Smart Meters", such as hard-wiring, fiber optics or other non- harmful methods of data transmission
- Recognition that electromagnetic hypersensitivity is a growing problem worldwide
- Consideration and independent research regarding the quantum effects of EMF and RF on human health
- Understanding and control of this electrical environmental bombardment for the protection of society

I respectfully request the Smart Meter be removed from Mason Thornton's home. We would appreciate an immediate response in regards to concerns about protecting Mason from further harm and compromising health issues.

Sincerely:

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