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**RE: Petition for Initiation of Rulemaking Proceedings Regarding Smart Meters, Project Number 40404.**

Dear PUC Commissioners, and Chairman Nelson;

After reviewing the Newest Summary of the Petition submitted by John and Devvy Kidd, and petitioners, I am standing with them and I am in total agreement with their reasonable request to terminate the installation of Smart Meters in Texas, at least until the health & safety concerns are completely resolved. The PUC is charged with Consumer Protection, and this is an issue of extreme importance regarding the protection of the health and well-being of Texans.

Furthermore, I object to the meters as they are a violation to my 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment Right to Privacy, since the meters collect data that is specific as to detail my usage of electricity approximately down to the minute, and can bear the load signatures of the devices and equipment used within my home. I have not given the TDU or Electricity Provider any permission to collect such personal data, nor should any implied consent be acceptable in regards to such detailed personal information.

Additionally, the vulnerability of the data to prevent piracy by third parties, or perhaps even the misuse of the data by the providers is a realistic concern. There is ample proof that the 'smart meters', nor the 'smart grid' are anywhere near secure enough at this point in time for implementation.

I refuse to have a Smart Meter installed at my residence. I revoke any previous "implied consent" considered by the Utilities to have authorized the installation of any so called 'smart meter'. My personal usage details (beyond total electricity used during a billing cycle), belongs to me, period!

It is in the best interest of the general public that you grant the Kidd's and all petitioners a public hearing immediately, to allow the petitioners and other concerned citizens to present evidence and testimony. It is also imperative that you declare a moratorium until such information from the hearing can be assimilated, and studied so as to come to an informed decision on the future of the 'Smart Meters' in Texas.

Sincerely,

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