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To: Public Utilities Commission of Texas 1701 Congress Avenue PO Box 13326 Austin, TX 78711-3326

RE: Petition for Initiation of Rulemaking Proceedings Regarding Smart Meters, Project Number 40199

Dear Chairman Nelson,

Oncor has treated the installation of the smart meters as if it were MANDATORY. <u>I want to</u> <u>request a Public Hearing</u> regarding the matter of the installations, especially since there has been no legislation to require their installation, rather the language of the law has stated that it should be voluntary. These meters have many more controversial aspects about them than the old meters, and so should be afforded additional review as to their safety, health implications, as well as their additional detailed data collection, and eventually, the fact that the utility will have the ability to control appliances and thermostat in people's houses! That is too much control for anyone to have aside from the persons living in the home! More Government intrusion into our personal lives! The best thing for ALL TEXANS would be just to BAN them all-together!

Concerning the Petition for Initiation of Rulemaking Proceedings Regarding Smart Meters, I would like to stand with John and Devvy Kidd in support regarding their request to <u>terminate the installation of Smart Meters in Texas</u>, while the privacy, health & safety concerns are completely resolved.

SECURITY: The security of the meters is questionable! For example, the findings of the firm "InGuardians", who was hired by 3 Utility companies to test the security of the meters found egregious errors. Here is a quote from InGuardian's Joshua Wright, "Wright said his firm found "egregious" errors, such as flaws in the meters and the technologies that utilities use to manage data from meters. 'Even though these protocols were designed recently, they exhibit security failures we've known about for the past 10 years.' Wright said." For the sake of room, I will not include others.

INVASION OF PRIVACY: I am very upset that the Utility has even made a meter with such invasive capabilities! They are a violation to my 4th Amendment Right to Privacy. There is documentation that shows that these devices collect data that is specific as to detail which type of of electric devices I use and when. <u>I have never given the TDU or Electricity Provider any permission to collect my personal data, nor should any implied consent be acceptable in regards to such detailed personal information.</u> My personal usage details (beyond total electricity used during a billing cycle), belongs to me, period!

<u>THEREFORE: I DO NOT want a Smart Meter installed at my home</u>, or on any other homes near mine. I hereby revoke any previous "implied consent" considered by the Utilities to have authorized the installation of any so called 'smart meter'. Since Oncor put one on against my will, I want it removed immediately!

Texans put their trust in the integrity of the PUC, since the PUC's responsibility in part is Consumer Protection. With that in mind, please grant and schedule a public hearing immediately, to allow the petitioners and other concerned citizens to present evidence and testimony right away!

Regards,

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