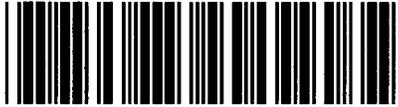




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RE: Petition for Initiation of Rulemaking Proceedings Regarding Smart Meters, Project Number 40199.

Dear PUC Commissioners, and Chairman Nelson;

After reviewing the Summary of the Petition submitted by Devvy Kidd and John Kidd, I would like to stand with them in agreement regarding their reasonable request to terminate the installation of Smart Meters in Texas, at least until the health & safety concerns are completely resolved in regards to the radiation of radio frequency and electromagnetic field energy to transmit data from the Smart Meters on a nearly continuous basis that may affect biological health of persons and animals in close proximity to the meters. 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 4th 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 DO NOT want to have a Smart Meter installed at my residence, or on any other homes near mine. 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!

Please grant a public hearing immediately, to allow the petitioners and other concerned citizens to present evidence and testimony. Please, also 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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