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Docket No. E-00000C-11-0328 Smart Meters

Dear Commissioners:

I am an Arizonian who is disabled by electromagnetic hypersensitivity (EHS). I have been very concerned about the potential health impact of the new smart meters. As you are probably aware by now, there is ample scientific evidence at this point that these meters may pose a real threat to the health of many Arizona residents.

I recently read with interest the new "Meter Guidelines" draft published by the Commission. As an Arizonian who is concerned about the negative health impact of smart meters, I was pleased to read in Guideline 8 that customers will have the ability to opt out of this program. As written, however, Guideline 8 is deficient in two important ways:

1. Smart meters that transmit wirelessly are not the only threat to customers' health. There are other types of smart meters that communicate data via power lines (called Power Line Carrier, or PLC meters), and there is evidence that these meters are also harmful. So I ask that the draft state that the opt-out include all Arizona utility customers, regardless of the metering technology.
2. Guideline 8 also says that customers who opt out can request a meter "that is not transmitting wirelessly". However this leaves open the possibility that the utility may substitute another type of digital meter—including a power-line carrier meter—that may be equally harmful. Therefore I request that the Commission change the language to clearly state that "all opt-out participants must be offered a non-communicating electromechanical meter". These meters have been used safely for decades and must remain a choice for citizens like myself who suffer or are disabled from electromagnetic hypersensitivity (EHS).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


 Liz Smentowski

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