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Arizona Corporation Commission  
1200 West Washington Street  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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

Enclosure: Copy of letter to TRICO Electric Cooperative, Inc. requesting re-installation of an analog meter at [Redacted] Tucson, AZ 85743

Dear Commissioners:

We understand that you are reviewing the need for an "Opt-out Option" for electrical power meters for residents of Arizona. We encourage you to realize that this is a vital need for many Arizona citizens who have come to the state especially for health reasons. Radiation from various transmitting meters, including those that transmit over the electrical wires, has adverse health consequences for many people who have electrical field sensitivity, including our daughter, Ginger Marth. Because of Lyme disease and mold exposure that she experienced in northern California that resulted in severe chemical and electrical sensitivities, she moved to Tucson because of the beneficial climate and treatment possibilities.

An opt-out proposal should include all utility customers in Arizona, and all opt-out customers should be offered a non-communicating electromechanical (analog) meter.

We are enclosing copies of a letter that we sent to the CEO of Trico, Mr. Vin Nitido, in September 2012, explaining our daughter's medical condition and requesting the installation of an analog meter. Although she submitted extensive medical information with her request, neither she nor we have ever received a response.

We will appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

[Signature of Paul Marth]

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[Signature of Rita Marth]

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Takoma Park, MD 20912

September 4, 2012

Mr. Vin Nitido, CEO  
TRICO Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
8600 West Tangerine Rd  
Marana, AZ 85658  
Dear Mr. Nitido,

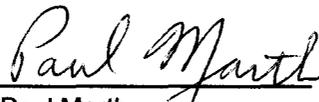
We purchased a home at [REDACTED] Rd Tucson, AZ where our daughter, Ginger Marth, is living. She is suffering from multiple chemical and electrical sensitivities which were brought on by Lyme disease and mold exposure while she was living in Northern California. This house was built by the previous owner who also had a similar illness and was designed specifically to minimize the chemical and electrical (EMF) environment in the house. For example, the house is made almost exclusively of rammed earth, cement, and metal materials. The internal electrical wiring is enclosed in metal conduits to minimize EMF. She has located any electrical appliances, in particular a refrigerator, as far from her living area as possible. The desert climate and the materials of the house, along with frequent cleaning minimize the possibility of mold growth.

Even with all of these measures she still has serious health issues, particularly from EMF exposure. The one source of EMF we would like you to help her with is the metering system used to record her electrical usage. We understand that the meter used is not what is called a "Smart Meter" which broadcasts information to a network much like a Wi-Fi system (e.g. radio frequency transmissions) but transmits information over the electrical wires at a very low frequency. While most people are not affected by such transmissions, our daughter and many like her are. She will be providing you with statements from various physicians outlining the effects of this type of transmission.

The best solution is to return to an analog meter. We know that from your perspective this is not desirable but it is imperative for our daughter's health. We would certainly be amenable to an extra charge for using an analog meter.

After you have received the medical information from our daughter and reviewed our request, please let us know what can be done.

Thanks for your consideration,

  
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