

OPEN MEETING AGENDA ITEM

Ginger Marth

Tucson, AZ 85743



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January 21, 2013

Docket Control
Arizona Corporation Commission
1200 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007

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

Dear Commissioners:

Enclosed you will find 14 copies of my letter to TRICO, dated October 4, 2012, requesting that the power line communicating (PLC) meter at my residence be removed and replaced with an analog meter for medical reasons. They have not responded to my request (though I was told some time ago by their representative that the letter had been received and that I would be getting a written response.) I am suffering with electrical hypersensitivity that has become increasingly severe and debilitating since moving to a home with a PLC meter.

I strongly request that an opt-out policy be put into effect as soon as possible for all Arizona utility customers, that includes all types of communicating meters.

I implore you to take this request seriously; my health and that of many others, as well as our ability to live safely in our homes, is at stake. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ginger Marth

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cc: Vin Nitido, CEO
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METER OPT OUT
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Dear Mr. Nitido: / Dear Commissioners

I am writing to request the removal of the digital AMR "turtle" meter at my residence at [REDACTED] (PLC)
[REDACTED], Tucson, AZ 85743, for medical reasons. I would like to have it replaced with an analog meter. I suffer with a documented neurologic illness, Lyme disease, complicated by severe electrical hypersensitivity. It has been shown that the AMR turtle meter feeds back dirty electricity into the house through the wiring system. (PLC)

I live in a home that was custom built with the intention of minimizing both chemical and electrical exposures, in order to create a supportive environment for treatment and immune recovery. Small but persistent exposures to electromagnetic fields can provoke states of severe and unlivable irritation in my nervous system, as has been happening in my home. These symptoms include disorientation, seizure, dizziness, disrupted sleep, increase in overall stress level. Over time this has depleted and compromised my digestive function as well as endocrine function. Overall quality of life is greatly affected.

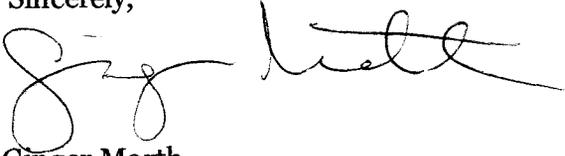
In an individual with chemical and electrical sensitivity, the blood brain barrier has been thinned, allowing for weaker protection of the central nervous system. In the body, nerve impulses are conducted through ion channels with currents on the order of pico-amperes. It is therefore not surprising that measurably low levels of EMF radiation can modulate and affect neurobiologic function. Many with autoimmune illness, like myself, are now realizing this through direct experience.

We are living in a new era when conveniences of technology have suffused our world in a bath of electrochemical smog, making it all the more essential for those with compromised immune systems to have refuge from these exposures to the greatest degree possible in their homes. We are yet very early in our assessment of how these cumulative influences are truly impacting human health, and yet the results are beginning to show with dramatic rise in rates of diseases such as cancer, autoimmune illness, lupus, multiple sclerosis, CFIDS, Lyme disease, chemical and electrical sensitivities, to name a few.

Enclosed, you will find letters from three of my medical practitioners substantiating my need to have the AMR meter removed.

I thank you for taking my sincere request to promptly replace the AMR meter on my home with its analog counterpart seriously. Quality of life is precious.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ginger Marth". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ginger" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Marth".

Ginger Marth

M.S. Electrical Engineering, M.S. Neuroscience,
disabled by Lyme disease, and electrical sensitivity

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August 30, 2012

Re: Virginia Marth
DOB: 6/24/1968

To Whom It May Concern:

Ginger Marth was under my care from November 2006 through September 2009 for the treatment of environmental sensitivities and Lyme disease. Her diagnoses included electromagnetic field hyper-sensitivity, which is a physiologic disorder characterized by symptoms directly brought on by exposure to electromagnetic fields.

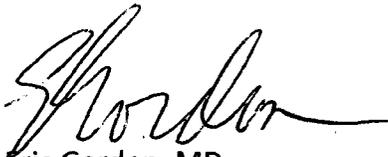
Individuals who in the past may have experienced chronic or low level electromagnetic exposure or acute high level exposure may exhibit symptoms resembling a feeling of shock, muscle spasms, or seizures. Others who have sensitivities to pollen, molds, and foods may experience symptoms related to the problems of electrical stimulation such as a change in the pulse rate.

The treatment for Ms. Marth's condition includes environmental controls, avoidance of unnecessary or excess electro-magnetic stimulation, and management of inhalant and food sensitivities. With these goals in mind, a custom built home tailored to her medical condition was purchased. Digital meters transmitting via electrical wires produce "dirty electricity", which turns all the household wiring into unintentional transmitters.

Due to Ms. Marth's medical condition, it is imperative that the digital AMR meter on her home at 10040 West Rudasill Road, in the Picture Rocks area of Tucson, be replaced with an analog meter as soon as possible.

If you require additional information please contact my office at (707) 575 5180

Sincerely,


Eric Gordon, MD

Scott L. Jamison, NMD, PC
Naturopathic Medicine

September 1, 2012

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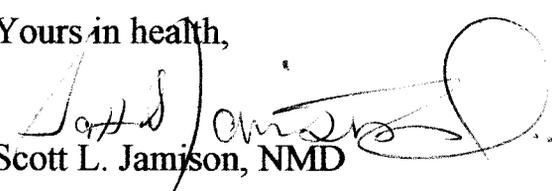
Dear Trico Official:

My patient, Ginger Marth, suffers from autoimmune illness, Lyme disease, and severe environmental illness that includes electrical hypersensitivity (EHS). An essential and foundational aspect of her treatment is the minimization of electromagnetic exposures within her home environment in order to restore neurologic and immune function.

It has come to my attention that her home includes an AMR "Turtle" meter shown to feed low frequency radiation back into the home within a frequency bandwidth which is detrimental to an individual with EHS, such as my patient. I strongly recommend and appeal to TRICO for the prompt replacement of this meter with its analog counterpart as soon as possible in the interest of her health and well-being.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Yours in health,


Scott L. Jamison, NMD

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AZ 85743 (phone [REDACTED])



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August 29, 2012

Re: Smart Meter Accommodations

I, B. Robert Crago PhD, am a licensed psychologist in Arizona. I have worked as a specialist in the area of behavioral medicine for the past 31 years in Tucson, Arizona. My specialties have included the evaluation and treatment of numerous individuals with environmental sensitivities to chemical and electromagnetic pollution. I have conducted research and published peer-reviewed articles on the health effects of exposure to environmental toxins. I serve as an advisor to the Human Ecology Action League of Southern Arizona. As a certified Disability Analyst, I have conducted numerous evaluations of those who have become disabled because of exposures to environmental toxins.

I am aware that "smart meters" are now being installed by the utility companies. These devices can cause adverse health effects due to increased radiofrequency radiation exposure to a number of individuals. Vulnerable individuals include those who have already become disabled due to exposure to environmental toxins and electromagnetic pollution. Other vulnerable individuals include children, developing fetuses, the elderly, and individuals with autoimmune diseases.

This letter is written to request appropriate accommodations for **Ms. Ginger Marth** who is already disabled and extremely vulnerable. Specifically, her house has an AMR turtle meter that is causing her to have health problems. Please accommodate her according to ADA guidelines by installing an analog meter ASAP.

If you have any other questions please feel free to contact me.

B. Robert Crago Ph.D

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American Academy of Environmental Medicine Recommendations Regarding Electromagnetic and Radiofrequency Exposure

Physicians of the American Academy of Environmental Medicine recognize that patients are being adversely impacted by electromagnetic frequency (EMF) and radiofrequency (RF) fields and are becoming more electromagnetically sensitive.

The AAEM recommends that physicians consider patients' total electromagnetic exposure in their diagnosis and treatment, as well as recognition that electromagnetic and radiofrequency field exposure may be an underlying cause of a patient's disease process.

Based on double-blinded, placebo controlled research in humans,¹ medical conditions and disabilities that would more than likely benefit from avoiding electromagnetic and radiofrequency exposure include, but are not limited to:

- Neurological conditions such as paresthesias, somnolence, cephalgia, dizziness, unconsciousness, depression
- Musculoskeletal effects including pain, muscle tightness, spasm, fibrillation
- Heart disease and vascular effects including arrhythmia, tachycardia, flushing, edema
- Pulmonary conditions including chest tightness, dyspnea, decreased pulmonary function
- Gastrointestinal conditions including nausea, belching
- Ocular (burning)
- Oral (pressure in ears, tooth pain)
- Dermal (itching, burning, pain)
- Autonomic nervous system dysfunction (dysautonomia).

Based on numerous studies showing harmful biological effects from EMF and RF exposure, medical conditions and disabilities that would more than likely benefit from avoiding exposure include, but are not limited to:

- Neurodegenerative diseases (Parkinson's Disease, Alzheimer's Disease, and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis).²⁻⁶
- Neurological conditions (Headaches, depression, sleep disruption, fatigue, dizziness, tremors, autonomic nervous system dysfunction, decreased memory, attention deficit disorder, anxiety, visual disruption).⁷⁻¹⁰
- Fetal abnormalities and pregnancy.^{11,12}
- Genetic defects and cancer.^{2,3,13-19}
- Liver disease and genitourinary disease.^{12,20}

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Approved July 12, 2012 by the Executive Committee of the American Academy of Environmental Medicine

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