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Dear Commissioners:

Arizona Public Service (APS) proposes to charge customers who chose to keep their analog meters both a \$70 set-up fee and a \$15 monthly manual meter reading fee.

The ADHS "health" study did not conclude that "smart" meters were safe. The finding of the ADHS study – a study the ACC itself asked for – concluded "smart" meters are "not likely to harm." "Not likely to harm" does not equal safe. "Not likely to harm" means that harm is in fact a possibility. Even the ADHS "health" study did not conclude that "smart" meters were safe.

If I have to pay to avoid something that may harm me, that is extortion. Payment to avoid harm –or even the threat of harm – defines extortion.

I object to these proposed fees because they are in violation of ACC statutes, in that they are both unfair and unjust, especially for those presently trying to survive on limited incomes and for those who already have health issues. For these reasons, I respectfully request that you deny APS these unfair and unjust fees.

Sincerely,

Fred Merrill
Signature

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