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Mr. Jeff DeRouen  
Public Service Commission  
211 Sower Boulevard  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Re: Kenergy Corp.  
Case No. 2012-00428

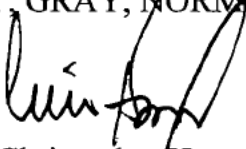
Dear Mr. DeRouen:

Kenergy has received the enclosed letter from supplemental letter from [REDACTED] objecting to an automated meter. Our response is enclosed as well. Kenergy is submitting this member letter with our response for filing as public comment in the above referenced case.

Very truly yours,

DORSEY, GRAY, NORMENT & HOPGOOD

By

  
J. Christopher Hopgood  
Counsel for Kenergy Corp.

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Sent via Certified U.S. Mail

FROM: [REDACTED]

Owensboro, KY 42301  
Kenergy Customer #

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TO: Kenergy Corp, its agents, officers, employees, contractors and interested parties  
Attn: Mr. Jeff Hohn, President and CEO  
3111 Fairview Drive  
Owensboro, KY 42303

**NOTICE OF NO CONSENT TO INSTALLATION OF ANY WIRELESS ELECTRIC METERS, ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI) METERS, "SMART METERS," OR ANY OTHER REMOTE COMMUNICATIONS CAPABLE OR RF ENERGY EMITTING DEVICES ON OUR PROPERTY LOCATED AT [REDACTED] OWENSBORO, KY 42301**

October 16, 2015

Dear Mr. Hohn and all Kenergy agents, officers, employees, contractors and interested parties:

This letter is a follow-up to our initial letter (addressed to Interim CEO Mr. Sandy Novick) in which we stated our denial of consent to the installation of any wireless meter, advanced metering infrastructure or otherwise "smart meter" or "smart grid" operation at our property located at 9471 Highway 815, Owensboro, KY 42301. We would like to reiterate that denial of consent. Please find a copy of our initial letter and Mr. Novick's response enclosed.

Kenergy and all other parties, contractors, agents, etc, acting on behalf of Kenergy are again hereby denied consent for said installation, and use of all such devices and installation and use of any interval data measurement and/or remote communications capable device or smart grid operation on or at the above property is hereby refused and prohibited.

Again, the primary reason we are opposed to installation of an AMI, wireless, or other such smart meter on our property stems from our concern over the adverse health effects of these meters. We believe that enough evidence of negative health consequences from these meters exists, and enough jurisdictions have banned or placed a moratorium on their installation to give any rational, thinking person cause for concern. Our home includes individuals who are RF sensitive and so we intend to avoid having an AMI meter at our residence. We purposely do not use RF emitting devices like wireless routers, microwave ovens, smart phones, blue tooth devices or cordless phones in our home.

We would like to restate that we certainly value our Kenergy service. We simply wish to keep the analog meters currently in use on our property. As we previously stated in our letter to Mr. Novick, we would be willing to consider paying a reasonable additional monthly fee in order to retain these analog meters. Mr. Novick, in his letter, said that "at the current time there is no ability of a member to opt out of the new system" and that "the Public Service Commission is studying this issue for all cooperatives." The Kentucky PSC does not have to have an opt out measure in place in order for a utility to decide to let concerned or RF vulnerable cooperative members to opt out of having an AMI or smart meter installed on their property. That decision can be made by the utility regardless of whether or not the state of Kentucky has ruled on an opt out. If Kenergy truly values its members as Mr. Novick stated in his letter, then we would appreciate your cooperation on this matter.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]



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October 27, 2015

[REDACTED]  
Owensboro, KY 42301

Dear [REDACTED]:

I have received your letter on your concerns about the AMI meters that we are in the process of installing. We are very sensitive to your concerns, but I just want to make sure that we are properly communicating what these meters are and what they are capable of. More than once in your letter you refer to smart meters and smart grid technologies of which, these meters are neither. The only difference between these new AMI meters and the analog meter currently at your service, is that these meters send us the information, and therefore we don't have to send an employee. These new AMI meters don't have the capability to communicate with appliances, detect where the energy is being used, nor do we have any desire for the meters to have these capabilities. All that they are capable of doing is recording kW ("Demand"), kWh ("Energy"), and what voltage is being delivered to your service. We are the only ones that will be able to communicate with the meter. No outside entity will be able to.

I noticed that you lumped these meters into the category of RF emitting devices. These meters don't emit a RF signal on a continuous basis. They only emit a RF signal between 900 MHZ and 928 MHZ when they are interrogated, and we only do that about once a day. This can vary if we are trying to isolate an outage or other service issues. When the meter is interrogated and responds, it only emits a RF signal for a time frame between 1/1200<sup>th</sup> of a second and 3.25 seconds, depending on the information we are requesting. Otherwise, the meter is acting exactly like the analog meter that is installed at your service now.

You are exactly right in your statement about the individual utility having the right to allow a member/owner to opt out of the AMI program and having a reasonable charge to do so. The caveat to that is the Kentucky PSC has to approve that charge. Until the PSC approves a charge for the state's utilities, we can't offer an opt program. Until the PSC approves that charge, my response is going to be same as Sandy Novick's; we will send a copy of your letter to the PSC and move your location to the bottom of our change-out service orders.

As just an FYI, I have been involved with AMI systems for about 30 years. I am very familiar with the technologies used today, and how they have changed over the years. I have seen how they can save the cooperative money and improve service, along with other benefits. I would be more than happy to discuss these benefits, and give you a demonstration on how this system works. Contact me at 270-689-6104 if you are interested in scheduling a time.

Sincerely,

Jeff Hohn  
President and CEO

