From: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2006 2:43 PM

To: 'SPURLING99@MSN.COM'

Subject: RE: Smart Metering - Case 2006-00045.

Ms. Spurling:

Thank you for your comments on smart metering. Your comments will be placed into the record of the case for the PSC's consideration. For your reference, should you wish to locate case documents on the PSC Web site, the case number in this matter is 2006-00045. Please include the case number in any future communications on this matter.

Thank you for your interest.

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From: PSC - Public Information Officer Sent: Monday, April 24, 2006 1:28 PM To: Melnykovych, Andrew (PSC) Subject: FW: Smart Metering

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Subject: Smart Metering Auto forwarded by a Rule

WHY is this a "smart" idea?

Utilities should **not** be able to charge different rates for different times of day by charging more during so-called peak periods. Who will "define" what is a peak period? The utility? If they are allowed to determine peak periods, then <u>everyone</u> will <u>always</u> be paying more because the peak periods will move all over the clock in order to increase profits.

Certain groups will <u>always</u> be penalized. For example, if peak is during the day, then stay-at-home moms have to pay more for electricity in order to do laundry, clean house, etc. If peak is after 5 p.m., then working people have to pay more to do the same things when they get home. How is this fair to anyone?? People should not be penalized because of the hours they have to work to pay their bills.

I think this is just another tactic dreamed up by the utilities (specifically LG&E) in order to "milk" more money from the consumers! This was more than evident by their greed this winter by asking for more than a 70% increase when all other utilities across the nation only asked for and got somewhere in the 30-40% range. After it made the national news, LG&E obviously felt guilty for being so greedy and had to go back and ask for a "decrease." They can no longer boast about their rates being the third lowest in the nation. Glenda Spurling