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Mr. Jeff DeRouen
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Re: Kenergy Corp.
Case No. 2012-00428

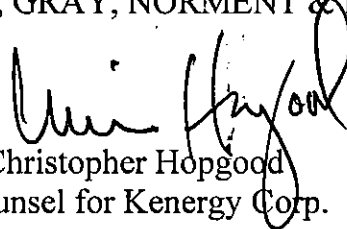
Dear Mr. DeRouen:

Kenergy has received the enclosed letter from Meslissa DeLeon 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
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Melissa DeLeon
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Kenergy Cooperative
Attn: CEO Jeff Hohn
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Owensboro, KY 42302-1389
Re: AMI/ Smart Meters

December 9, 2015

To Mr.Hohn:

I am writing in regards to the implementation of smart meters. We deny our consent of the installation at our home at 8955 Bolling Heights Lane in Maceo. We abhor all types of digital meters and wish to keep our analog meter. I am not a lawyer so I will not attempt to intimidate with legal jargon on how these meters infringe on the privacy of our homes. I am not a scientist who studies RF waves and therefore, will not use fancy terms to explain the harmful effects of low frequency waves emitted by these meters. Instead, I am your average customer representing the average population living in a household with three other people whom I love. I am a concerned consumer that cares about her neighborhood, community, and environment.

I am overwhelmed by the amount of negative information and data available about the "smart" meters. Yet, people are not informed properly or even aware of it and readily accept these devices as advances in technology. When in reality, the research points to the exact opposite. I do not have a PhD in anything but the Lord has given me the common sense to evaluate evidence and come to a conclusion that these "smart" meters are just plain dumb and dangerous.

The government claims these AMI meters will help Americans recognize their utility consumption and then adjust their activity to off-peak hours to become more energy efficient. I do not need a meter that is costing people billions of dollars nationwide to tell me *when* my household uses energy. I already *know* when I am at home and using power. Additionally, I do not wish to share this information with any hackers or agencies in or outside our country. I do not believe these meters are limited to monitoring our energy use as your website states. Furthermore, current feedback in cities that are using these meters point to *increased costs* of energy, not a decrease. Do these AMI meters sound like a "smart" decision so far?

In addition to privacy concerns, these meters pose health and environmental risks. These meters are known to contribute to a variety of health problems including cancer and degradation of blood cells. I speak from personal experience. I previously lived in New Jersey. A smart meter was installed in our rental home directly under the master bedroom. After installation, I started suffering from dizzy spells, bodily swelling, and pressure in my head, all of which could not be explained by doctors. These symptoms persisted for a year and a half until we moved to Kentucky. I no longer have any of these symptoms and attribute it to NOT having a smart meter.


There are also reports of the effects of RF waves on insects and animals. Bees are disappearing and bats fly in erratic patterns when meters are installed near beehives and bat colonies. If these meters are changing the patterns and habits of animals, how will that affect our overall ecosystem? These problems concern me as a mother, wife, and a steward of the land. These risks are being forced upon us and deemed as "safe" by our government, but the reality is that people are getting sick. The truth is that our government sets industry standards and declares things "safe" to suit their needs and their agenda. However, we still have time to put a stop to it! Other cities and states across the nation are speaking out against these meters and being granted a moratorium. I am requesting we do the same.

I anticipate your response. I appreciate being placed "at the bottom of the list" for installation as I have seen in other public letters. However, I am pleading for more. I am pleading for ACTION. I am pleading for a CHOICE. I am pleading for an OPT-OUT OPTION. I am pleading for my children and family to be HEALTHY. I am pleading for our community to be SAFE. I am pleading for someone with some POWER to be compelled to DO SOMETHING about this problem! Are you that person that will SPEAK for the rest of us?

If you are not this person to stand for us, then I am asking you to allow us to keep our analog meter. I do not trust any digital meters after the research I have done. I have read that consumers across America are being charged an opt-out fee ranging from \$12-\$30 for a technician to physically come out and read their old meter. We are willing to pay a reasonable fee to keep our family safe. However, I do not see the reasoning behind a fee at this time since Kenergy customers still have to call in their meter readings.

Thank you for your time and consideration to make an everlasting difference in our community.

Sincerely,



Melissa DeLeon



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December 16, 2015

Melissa DeLeon
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Re: Automated Meter Installation

Dear Ms. DeLeon:

Thank you for your letter of December 9, 2015. As a member owned cooperative, Kenergy appreciates your input.

Kenergy is in the process of installing new automated meters at all single phase locations. However, the radio frequency component of the meters (i.e. the ability for it to transmit usage information) will not be activated until all meters are installed. The reason for this is to avoid piecemeal implementation and confusion.

At the current time there is no ability of a member to opt out of the new system. However, the Kentucky Public Service Commission is studying this issue for all cooperatives in Case No. 2012-00428. I am filing this letter along with your letter in that case as public comment.

In the interim, to alleviate your concerns, Kenergy will put your location at the bottom of the installation list so it will be one of the last ones to have the new meters. If the opt-out option becomes available, Kenergy will advise you and inform you of any cost associated with it.

However, keep in mind that your location will ultimately receive a new automated meter. The opt-out will only allow you to opt-out of the radio frequency component of the meter, which appears to be your concern.

I trust that this letter will alleviate your concerns in this interim period. 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.

Thank you for being a valued member of Kenergy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Hohn".

Jeff Hohn
President and CEO