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From: Melnykovich, Andrew (PSC)
Sent: Monday, June 03, 2013 10:23 AM
To: 'Sally O'Boyle'
Subject: your comments in case 2012-00428 - smart grid administrative case

Dear Ms. O'Boyle :

Thank you for your comments to the Kentucky Public Service Commission regarding the use of smart grid technology by electric utilities in Kentucky. Your comments will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration as it deliberates in this matter.

As you noted, the case number in this matter is 2012-00428. Please reference it in any further comments.

Records in the case are available on the PSC website at this location:
[http://psc.ky.gov/Home/Library?type=Cases&folder=2012 cases/2012-00428](http://psc.ky.gov/Home/Library?type=Cases&folder=2012%20cases/2012-00428)

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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From: Sally O'Boyle [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 01, 2013 9:53 PM
To: Melnykovich, Andrew (PSC)
Subject: RE: Case 2012-00428 - smart grid administrative case

Dear Mr. Melnykovich,

Thank you for your response. I do appreciate it.

A \$30 monthly fee is outrageous and unacceptable. It amounts to extortion.

Here are two simple solutions:

1. There are electric meters that periodically transmit customer usage data wirelessly along the electric lines, either once per day or once per week.

These do not transmit time of usage data. No employee needed to visit the property and read the meter, no harmful EMF radiation, no fire hazard and no invasion of privacy.

2. In many cities, customers are charged an average fee monthly. Then the analog meter is read once or twice a year and the service charges are adjusted at that time.

What we really need is competition in the market. This problem would be solved immediately.

Yes, please put my letters into the comments.

Thank you again.

Best regards,
Sally O'Boyle

Cc: all the same people as my first letter today

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From: Melnykovich, Andrew (PSC) [mailto:Andrew.Melnykovich@ky.gov]
Sent: Saturday, 01 June, 2013 6:37 PM
To: Sally O'Boyle
Subject: RE: Case 2012-00428 - smart grid administrative case

Ms. O'Boyle-

The above-referenced case remains open before the Commission and no decision has been issued. A further procedural schedule will be set later this summer, with any hearing date likely set at that time. In any case, a decision is some months away.

In the interim, smart meter issues are being addressed on a case by case basis. Customers who do not wish to have smart meters installed and are unable to reach an accommodation with their utility are free to contact the PSC's Customer Assistance Division at 800-772-4636

One utility, Owen Electric Corp., has formally proposed an opt-out provision, although that is separate from the larger administrative case.

Owen proposed that customers wishing to opt out of automated meter reading would be required to pay a \$30 monthly fee to cover the cost of reading their analog meter. The case number is 2012-00468. It has recently been consolidated into Owen Electric's general rate case, 2012-00448. That case is pending before the PSC, with a hearing to be held later this year, although no date has been set.

Unless you advise otherwise, your e-mail will be considered a public comment and will be placed into the case file in 2012-00428 for the Commission's consideration.

Thank you for continued interest.

Andrew Melnykovich
Director of Communications

From: Sally O'Boyle [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, June 01, 2013 12:15 PM
To: Melnykovich, Andrew (PSC)
Cc: Clark, Perry (State Sen.) (LRC); Webb, Robin (State Sen.) (LRC); Schickel, John (State Sen.) (LRC); Imes, Kenny (State Rep.) (LRC); Webber, Russell (State Rep.) (LRC); [REDACTED]
Subject: Case 2012-00428 - smart grid administrative case

Dear Mr. Melnykovich,

Smart meters are now being installed on homes in Kentucky owned by Kentuckians who do not want them. What is the status of our request to have an opt-out of smart meter installation on our homes?

At the very least, we request an opt-out until a final decision is made. How do we prevent smart meters from being installed until a final decision is made? Local utility companies have been unrelenting!

We fully expect to have an opt-out as is being given across the country.

<http://www.bostonglobe.com/business/2013/05/31/smart-meter-opponents-raise-concerns-over-health-security-privacy/ih0mDiFujPrF8yqAeJ2DeO/story.html>

Homeowners do not want these dangerous and invasive meters on their homes.

Replacing the ones being installed now with analog meters will be expensive for the utility companies.

I have looked at a few of the pdfs in the records at the link you provided below. Finding information on the opt-out requests is like looking for a needle in a haystack. Pushing through all the acronyms and jargon alone is mind-boggling.

I'd appreciate it if you would please advise as to the status of our request to opt-out of smart meter installation on our homes.

Best regards,
Sally O'Boyle

P.S. Please note new my email address for your records.

Cc:

Congressman Rand Paul

Rep. Thomas Massie

Senator John Schickel

Senator Robin Webb

Senator Perry Clark

Rep. Kenny Imes

Rep. Russell Webber

Kentucky Free State Project

Kentuckians for Smart Meter Choice

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From: Melnykovich, Andrew (PSC) [mailto:Andrew.Melnykovich@ky.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, 03 October, 2012 11:12 AM

To: s [REDACTED]

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From: PSC - Public Information Officer
Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2012 11:29 AM
To: Melnykovich, Andrew (PSC)
Subject: FW: Comments in Case 2012-00428

From: Sally O'Boyle[S]
Sent: Tuesday, October 02, 2012 11:27:58 AM
To: PSC - Public Information Officer
Subject: Comments in Case 2012-00428
Auto forwarded by a Rule

To Whom It May Concern at Kentucky PSC,

I am a native Kentuckian, born and raised and living in the Bluegrass area.
I demand the right to opt-out of the smart meter technology and keep my analog meter. I do not care to have either a digital or a "smart" meter at my home.

Further, I demand the right to replace any digital or "smart" meter already installed with an analog meter.

I do not expect to be penalized in any way for exercising my option to keep my home free of radiation and surveillance.

Local Kentucky utility companies are replacing our meters with digital and/or smart meters without our permission!
These are the actions of a monopoly! If we had competition in our utility companies, one of them would give us a choice in our meters.

We have the right not to be radiated and not to be surveilled.

Please do not waste our time telling us how you will not share or use the information gathered on our electricity habits.
This is private information we do not care to have gathered at all. If it costs us more for this inefficiency, we can live with that.

Tomorrow, October 4th, is the National Day of Action: "Say NO Smart Meters!"

Citizens around this country are protesting "smart" meters. Many states already have opt-out provisions. I would like to see Kentucky get ahead of the curve on this. The more we know about digital and "smart" meters, the less we like them.

"The future depends on what we do in the present." -- Mahatma Gandhi

Sally O'Boyle



Also sent to:

Governor Steve Beshear

U.S. Senator Rand Paul

U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell

U.S. Representative Ben Chandler

All members of the Kentucky General Assembly Mayor Jim Gray and all LFUCG Council Members=