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From: Melnykovich, Andrew (PSC)
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2013 2:22 PM
To: 'John Walker'
Subject: your comments regarding smart meters

Dear Mr. Walker :

Thank you for your comments to the Kentucky Public Service Commission regarding smart meter technology for electric utilities. As the use of this type of technology in Kentucky is currently before the Commission in an administrative proceeding, your comments will be placed into the case file for the Commission's consideration as it deliberates in this matter.

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

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

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From: John Walker [REDACTED]
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To: Melnykovich, Andrew (PSC)
Subject: smart meters aka imperial probe droids

Electric utility customers, in Kentucky, deserve the penalty-free choice of opting-out from having any kind of a smart meter installed on our homes that transmits data wirelessly AND/OR gives time of usage reports to an electric utility.

Meters that transmit any time of usage — including daily usage — are not acceptable. When data like this is gathered, it is always yes always told to us that, "It would never be used against you." Yes it is used against us in any number of ways and later it could be used to track and tax certain types of usage.

This data collection is like tagging an animal in the wild and tracking where they go and what they do and how to find them and yes tagging said animal makes it far easier to entrap said animal. We are not cattle. The Bill of Rights (did I mention that dirty document?), clearly states in Amendment IV

"The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

We Kentuckians have the right to be secure in our houses against unreasonable seizures and the stat collecting droids attached to the sides of our houses are seizing statistics about our personal lives. It is unreasonable to suggest that I have alternatives to this intrusion because we all know that these companies clearly operate as monopolies and do not allow us a free market choice.

These probe droids also do not allow us to be safe and secure within our houses because they are clearly emitting EMF radiation into the homes and this is unacceptably dangerous to our health and well-being.

Analog and some of the digital meters work just fine with no health or privacy concerns.

Here are two simple solutions:

1. There are electric meters that periodically transmit customer usage data wirelessly along the electric lines, once per week or once per month. 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 based on previous usage. Then the analog meter is read once or twice a year and the service charges are adjusted at that time.

Thank you,
John Walker