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RE: Smart Meters, Case Number 2018-00005

Dear Ms. Pinson:

I am writing in opposition to Kentucky Utilities' proposal to install Smart Meters on one's property.

I suffer from a severe disability known as multiple chemical sensitivity. MCS is an unusually severe sensitivity or allergy-like reaction to many different kinds of pollutants including solvents, VOCs, perfumes, petrol, diesel, smoke, pesticides, and chemicals in general.

As my MCS progressed, I started becoming sensitive to EMFs (electromagnetic fields). It is quite common for those with multiple chemical sensitivities to suffer from electromagnetic sensitivities as well. This makes sense as the nervous system is a primary site impacted by both chemicals and electromagnetic fields. The two illnesses also share many of the same symptoms such as headaches, fatigue, joint pain, sleep disturbances, concentration, memory, and **immune system problems** to name a few.

On 4/13/99, Governor Patton proclaimed an "MCS Awareness Week" in Kentucky . The proclamation recognizes the consequences of having such a disability (**one very similar to EMF illness**). MCS is accommodated by government agencies and commissions such as the Americans with Disabilities Act, HUD, and others. Patton stated that those with the impairment should receive reasonable accommodations as they struggle with this chronic affliction and adapt to a new lifestyle, one which is basically avoidance of chemical triggers to avoid debilitating symptoms.

My home, where I strictly control my environment, is my only refuge. If Smart Meters are installed, that basic human right will be taken away. Disabled from chemical injury, I am totally dependent upon a healthy environment.

I strongly urge that the PSC adopt a reasonable opt-out program to protect persons who do not want to be exposed to the health hazards of Smart Meters. Just as MCS is recognized by government agencies, please consider that EMF illness shares many similar health threats and can be debilitating as well.

Other concerns I have with Smart Meters include rate increases, invasion of privacy, and security issues.

Thank you so much for your time and assistance. Please, please do not allow KU to force the controversial Smart Meters upon nonconsenting customers.

Kind Regards,
Jennifer Wilson