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Hello,

I am writing to let you know that we do not want "Smart"/AMI meters on Whidbey Island and Washington State.

From the research I have done there is no customer benefit or cost savings to having the smart meter. It would be costly to install on such a large scale and not worth the management of them. It is a dirty electricity that gives off an Electromagnetic Frequency that can have damaging health effects, such as cancer. Exposure over time can make one sensitive to EMFs and I am one of them. Electromagnetic sensitivity can mean that you're more likely to suffer from severe reactions to EMFs. Electromagnetic sensitivity can present itself with a range of symptoms, including headache, nausea, warm and burning sensations, insomnia, fatigue, and more. Studies have concluded that cell phones can cause cancer and radiation from AMI is at the same level. AMI cannot be turned off and will be on 24 hours a day where as a cell phone can be turned off.

Opt - Out: From what I have read for opting out of Smart meters the utility company would charge a home owner more to have this option. I think this is unfair. Why should a home owner be punished for opting out? The utility company already has a system in place with the current meters that provide usage information automatically.

Thank you,

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