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Steven V. King,
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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**Re: Commission Policy on Customer Choice for Smart Meter
Installation, Docket No. UE-180117**

The Energy Project respectfully provides these supplemental comments following the Commission's workshop in this Docket on March 15, 2018. During the workshop there was discussion of Seattle City Light's (SCL) AMI opt-out program, including reduced opt-out fees for participants in SCL's low income rate assistance program.

SCL provides a 60% discount on the one-time installation fee and the recurring per-billing cycle fee for participants in its Utility Discount Program. For example, SCL charges a one-time administrative fee of \$124.43 to those who opt-out, which is reduced to \$49.77 for Utility Discount Program participants. Similarly, the recurring per-billing cycle charge is \$15.87 (or \$6.35 for Utility Discount Program customers). The Energy Project understands that most SCL customers are billed on a bimonthly basis, so the recurring charges would be about \$8 per month (\$3.18 for low income customers). The attached opt-out application provides additional details and explains that the recurring fee is assessed only once the meter reading route is transferred to automatic reading.¹

Sincerely,



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¹ Seattle City Light has a web page regarding the AMI opt-out program:
<http://www.seattle.gov/light/ami/opt-out.asp>

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