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To the WUTC,

I am aware of the blanket smart meter installation that PSE intends for Whidbey Island later in their program. I am concerned by the additional EMF exposure this program will generate. I do not want smart meters installed on my property or anywhere on Whidbey Island.

I wish to urge the WUTC to make all Washington investor-owned power companies further study of the pivotal research results arriving in the last 5 years that throw further question the safety of smart meters EMF. These findings are rarely included in the dated "evidence" about health and safety. (This includes results like the 2018 National Toxicology Project and the 2017 update of the International Bioinitiative Report).

If EMF is so safe, there must be a reason why no secondary insurers will back any insurance policies for these companies or for EMF related illnesses caused by their equipment.

I also urge the WUTC to carefully investigate why numerous states and municipalities have found that smart meters are a poor investments, rejecting the plans of companies like the ones you are now passing on. These new meters cost ratepayers far more than the benefits to companies, and especially consumers warrant.

I have heard of numerous house fires caused by smart meters in many states; I charge our regulators to investigate beyond the assurances given by the power companies and meter manufacturers that these meters are fire safe.

Details of my my objections to this program are based on many more factors and research than can be elucidated here.

In the case that some of these meters are installed I strongly support all WUTC efforts to make sure no personally identifiable data obtained from these meters can be sold by companies to third parties without clear consent.

Respectfully, Dr. Joel S. Shrut, 6152 Dassel St., Clinton, WA 98236

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