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To the WUTC,

It has come to my attention there is a blanket smart meter (AMI) installation intended 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 have gone to great lengths as have many others to minimize EMF exposure in our homes but this would be exposure beyond our control.

I wish to urge the WUTC to make all Washington investor-owned power companies do further study of the pivotal research results arriving in the last 5 years that throw into 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). There is a great body of studies indicating the harm caused and misstated gains from AMI which has caused other states and municipalities to reject this technology. I 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.

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. We are already experiencing a number of cancers locally where victims are in close proximity to cell towers which are emitting huge measurable amounts of EMFs.

Details of my objections to this program are based on many more factors and research than can be mentioned 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. I also would like to be assured that the fees for opting out are not punitive for those wishing to avoid further exposure to EMF by having meters on their homes.

Respectfully,

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