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To: <u>UTC DL Records Center</u>

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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 wish to urge the WUTC to make all Washington investor-owned power companies do further study of pivotal research results arriving in the last 5 years that throw into further question the safety of the emf of smart meters (and that rarely included in their "evidence" of health safety. (This includes results like the 2018 National Toxicology Project and the 2017 update of the International Bioinitiative Report) that their often very dated research surveys exclude. If emf is so safe, there must be a reason why no secondary insurers will back any insurance policies for these companies for emf 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, in that they cost ratepayers far more than their benefits to companies and especially consumers warrant. I have heard of numerous house fires caused by smart meters in many states; I charge the 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 even more factors that have been elucidated to you by others I know. I support, though, your efforts to make sure no personally identifiable data obtained from these meters can be sold by the companies to third parties without consent.

Thank you, Flay Wahl 2/2/19