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Dear Utilities and Transportation Commission,

I would like to comment on the issue of Smart Meters.

I do not feel that there has been enough, long-term research done on the effects of smart meters on the human body. Already, people who have had them installed by their cities, have been complaining of inability to sleep, headaches, and other physiological problems. We cannot be certain, without more research, that smart meter technology, could cause cancer. It is very important that people/neighborhoods be able to opt out of smart meters. I may be able to opt out from having one in our home, but that doesn't mean that we will be free of any adverse effects, if my neighbor has one on the side of the house where our bedrooms are located.

I am very concerned about technologies that have little, or no study on the long-term effects on the human body/brain, such as smart meters and the coming, 5G networks. The 5G networks require more antennas, than does 4G, and are much more powerful. Cancer rates have increased, so we need to be trying to find out why cancers are on the rise, before using more technology that could cause more cancer or other adverse, physical illnesses.

I am also concerned about the invasion of our privacy, due to smart meters. Utility companies could at some point, choose to enforce when we can run our laundry, use our dishwashers, take a hot shower, or other household chores, especially since there is a push to have 'smart homes,' that connect with the smart meters, to control lights, security systems, heat/air-conditioning and other functions that would work with 'smart' technology. Most technology is 'hackable' and it could cause a lot of issues, if this happened. I can see in the future, the possibility of utilities limiting or controlling our use of energy. I think most of us try to be wise in using the energy we need to accomplish tasks, and using our heating and air-conditioning, to keep us comfortable, but I will not be converting to a 'smart home' at any time.

Please reconsider the use of smart meters and especially, giving folks the ability to opt out.

Thank you, Carol and Bob Brown Vancouver, WA