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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

RE: Docket number U – 180525
Coment
Smart Meter and OPT OUT rules

In my opinion the Smart Meters to be installed at residential homes is definitely a corporate invasion of privacy of no clear value to the consumer.

The news release of Avista Corp stated there will be a monthly fee starting at $5.00 per month (subject to increasing) for anyone
who opts out. The explanation intended to justify the monthly fee was that it would help to offset the cost of Avista to read the
meters qurterly. This indicates Avista wants to charge the opt out customers twice as they are currently charging all customers
for reading the meters on a monthly basis whether they are reading the meters or not (I understand some if not all electricity meters do not require a reading) .

If there is presently a cost of reading meters that will be avoided with the installation of the Smart Meter that cost should be reflected
In a (like amount) reduction in the monthly charge for those consumers who do not opt out.

I thank the Commission for considering my coment.

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