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And how about presenting both sides of the argument about them, like informing people that:

- the new meters are not grounded and the analog ones are, putting their whole house at risk in the event of a power surge.
- if a faulty installation (by the utility) causes a fire, or if a surge blows out a customer's meter and/or all the electronics and wiring in the house, that the customer is responsible for the repair.
- these "accurate" meters have been documented overcharging by almost 600%.
- many customers electric bills multiply when the "smart meter" is installed.
- the customer has virtually no recourse if overcharged.
- an estimated 3% of the population is electro-magnetically sensitive; sensitivity appears to be dose-dependent; and the pulses go on 24/7, frequently on the backs of bedroom walls.
- meters are easily hacked, creating serious security issues.
- the life of the meters is not 15 years (the age with which Seattle City "justified" the now substantially increased cost), but more like 5 years (which punches a hole in the argument for cost-effectiveness).
- the promised minute-to-minute tracking grid promised the customers isn't up anywhere in the country.
- the promised tracking of power outages isn't functioning anywhere yet either.

So why on earth would you consider replacing the remarkably reliable, durable, safe analog meters with these dangerous, faulty, short-lived, expensive monstrosities?

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