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Thank you for having another hearing on Smart Meters. I appreciate it very much.

Consumers who wish to opt-out of the Smart Meter installation should be allowed to keep their present meters which are analog machines which can be remotely read. There is no need for Avista to install another meter which requires a reader to physically view the meter within a few feet of its installation. When I asked Avista about this, they told me that the present meters are no longer made. I looked on the Internet and found several vendors who sell them (\$25-\$30 each). Even if the present meters would no longer be made, they can easily be manufactured by another company. (Itron, for example!)

Failing this, the homeowner/consumer should be allowed to read their own analog meter, particularly persons who have had an excellent payment record over decades. Avista has said repeatedly that they are interested in efficiencies. Having people read their own meter would be an efficiency.

Smart Meters give off harmful radiation.

Smart Meters are a threat to one's security. We read almost daily nowadays about another large company which has been hacked into and sensitive information compromised for millions of people There is no way to guarantee that Avista will be an exception to this trend.

Smart Meters are also a 24/7 surveillance machine and are unconstitutional under the Fourth Amendment which guarantees persons to be "secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures." Smart meters take readings every few seconds, and are therefore an unreasonable search and seizure of data. Once a month readings are sufficient.

NO on Smart Meters.

The foregoing is respectfully submitted.

Sincerely,

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