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To: [Kopta, Gregory \(UTC\)](#)
Subject: NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
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RE: Rule making to modify existing consumer protection and meter rules to include Advanced Metering Infrastructure
Docket U-180525
(Sent March 21, 2019)

Mr. Kopta,

I am writing to inquire if this notice is implying that the UTC is planning to install so called 'smart meters' on our electrical services. If it is, I'd like to know whose decision this was and how it was made. I did receive a previous e-mail, (I believe was sent by Avista, but it could have come from the UTC,) inquiring about 'smart meters', to which I responded that I was opposed to 'smart meters' and I DO NOT WANT ONE INSTALLED ON MY SERVICES!

If it is the intent of the UTC and/or Avista to install 'smart meters' in opposition to consumer wishes and concerns, then I want to know when they are planning on doing so. I would also request, (and recommend that it be distributed to all Avista consumers,) a detailed description of the capabilities of 'smart meters' in terms of the types of data and information that can be collected from these meters, what types of that data and information Avista and/or the UTC intend to collect and what types they do not intend to collect but that the system is capable of collecting.

From the information I have heard about these systems, it appears to me that they are capable of very invasive data gathering, potentially infringing on the consumers' rights to privacy. This is in violation of the U. S. Constitution. I also know that corporate interests often wish to 'side-step' this constitutional right in the guise of 'passive acquiescence', 'passive acceptance', 'passive acknowledgement', or some similar term. Do not include me in any such scheme. If the UTC and/or Avista is relying on any such tactic, I want to be specifically informed that it is doing so, and I want a notice of the use of that tactic to be sent to ALL UTC and Avista customers specifically and clearly asking them whether or not they agree to it after they are informed of all of the system's capabilities. I formally inform you right now that I do NOT acquiesce, accept, acknowledge, or in any other way agree to subscribe to this service.

If, in any case, you are not the official to whom my objection should be addressed, please forward this notice to whomsoever it is due, or send me the address, title, agency, official or whoever it needs to be sent.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,
Glenn P. Merchant