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Dear Commissioners:

RE: Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) proposals by Puget Sound Energy, Docket U-180117

SUMA-NW (*Safe Utility Meter Alliance - Northwest*) represents 100's of people in Washington State who oppose wireless AMI meters. We are an alliance with groups across the nation who also oppose wireless AMI meters (including the ACLU-WA). The reasons that we oppose them are significant and include fire risk, privacy exposure, high cost with no benefits, billing anomalies, and health risks.

The ability to opt out of meters within an AMI system is inadequate; this often increases costs, does not address the health risks, and may not mitigate the other risks introduced that include fires, privacy risks, and cybersecurity threats to the power grid.

It is our position that a wired network solution is the correct strategy for the public now and in the future. We refer you to this paper by Dr. Timothy Schoechle, ***Re-Inventing Wires: The Future of Landlines and Networks***. <http://electromagnetichealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/ReInventing-Wires-1-25-18.pdf> .

<http://electromagnetichealth.org/electromagnetic-health-blog/wires-long-press-release/>

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<https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20180126005137/en/Wireless-Networks-Fast-Secure-Reliable-Energy-Efficient-Wired>

***"Re-Inventing Wires: The Future of Landlines and Networks*** explains why on *technological*, and other grounds, including the energy guzzling nature of wireless antennas and networks, an intensely wireless approach to communications, now being planned by the wireless industry, is the wrong direction, and very clearly not in the public's best interest."

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