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FROM: Guy Burneko, Ph.D.
RE: Docket U-180117

**Comments for UTC Docket U-180117 Staff Investigation of
Policy of Customer Choice in Smart Meter Installation**

Dear members of the committee investigating customer choice with smart meter installation,

I am a resident of Langley, WA writing in opposition to the planned installation of PSE in this area of what are commonly called AMI or Smart Meters.

The foremost bases of my opposition are scientific, fiscal and political.

In reviewing over a dozen articles published in reputable scientific journals and about the same number of videos from similarly reputable sources, I think these meters, especially in an already dense context of cell phones, routers, cordless phones and the like would add an unhealthily excessive and inordinately frequent disturbance to the EM environment including/affecting the human body and all its neurophysiological and biopsychological systems. Some of the minimum measurable negative effects can include sleeplessness, irritability and decrements in attentiveness--in children and adults.

What I read indicates the primary reason for installing these devices is to improve the profitability of the businesses involved, despite more publicized rationales that they will improve service and indirectly benefit the natural environment. No such improvements and benefits outweigh the harm done to the humans who live near them and are hourly affected by the range, intensity and frequency of their emissions between one another and between them and central modulation and relay stations.

In a time in contemporary (and notably ecohuman) history when science is touted as a benison to all, it is injurious to public decision-making ability (not to say to public health on the one hand and faith in public institutions and private corporations on another) to promote and install increasingly more penetrative radiation devices under the cover of specious scientific arguments that they are more affordable or environmentally beneficial.

Nor is the prospect that persons may want to opt out of having Smart Meters and the like in/on/near their homes especially helpful. For the likely opt out fees only

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add a burden to residents' rates; and this is the more so if low income, senior and other persons needing to opt out cannot obtain waivers of any putative opt-out fees.

In my view -- Having to pay to be free of Smart devices is having to pay a ransom for one's physical, mental and emotional health.

Please do not allow Smart Meters to be inflicted on us nor charge us ransom and otherwise described penalties for forgoing them.

We are smart enough to do better. And where I live, amid a population of pretty smart, mature senior citizens, it is all the better to defer to public preference than to corporate self interest.

Thanks very much for your consideration

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