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Citizen Concerns about Insufficient Examination and Regulation of Certain Aspects of Impending Smart Meter (AMI) Programs of WA

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I live on Whidbey Island and have learned that PSE (Puget Sound Energy) has plans to replace current analog meters with AMI units (so-called “smart” meters) everywhere. I urge you to look closely at recent scientific data available that point clearly to the health risks these meters pose. Please consider protection of public health in your decision.

Utility companies have down-played the emittance of radiation from the transmit/receive AMI units, quoting FCC compliance. This compliance is still based on the old thinking that non-ionizing radiation was not harmful to humans as it did not raise body temperature. In the meantime studies indicate that RF is not harmless. The recent NTP (National Toxicological Program) longterm study showed an increase in heart/ brain tumors and even DNA damage after longterm exposure to RF comparable to cell phone use. AMI units pose a health risk as they constantly emit spiked pulses of data packets that can create dirty electricity throughout a household’s wiring.

I personally know an individual in California whose health was so negatively affected by the installation of several so-called “smart” meters in a neighboring apartment complex that she could no longer live in the house she owned. Imagine this! There are in the meantime many thousands of people who have become electro-sensitive after the installation of a smart meter in their house or apartment. Reports of insomnia, tinnitus, pressure in the head, difficulty concentrating, headaches and heart arrhythmia are particularly common.

I’d like to see actual, true and accurate testing that clearly demonstrates the safety of these meters BEFORE they are installed and treated as an inevitability. Thank you for your consideration.

