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RE: Comments to the Michigan Public Service Commission in Case No. U-17000 regarding the installation of Smart Meters by DTE Energy.

At this point in time, DTE Energy has failed to prove that the Smart Meter technology (mechanical meters, software, installation procedures) is safe in terms of chronic short and long-term exposures to RF radiation from multiple sources, accurate in reporting electrical usage, secure from software hackers and criminal burglars, likely to result in a decrease in energy costs to the residential customer, free from interference with other appliances, and likely to save electrical energy thus decreasing our carbon print on the planet.

Consequently, I request the Michigan Public Service Commission to prohibit DTE Energy from continuing its efforts to install Smart Meters in the State of Michigan. Rather, this Commission should instruct DTE Energy to continue its efforts to improve the technology surrounding the mechanical meters to significantly reduce or negate RF exposure to residential customers, to reduce mechanical meter malfunctions, to improve software security safety, to improve software accuracy in reporting electrical usage, and to implement safety procedures for proper smart meter installation.

This Commission must acknowledge that the Energy Policy Act of 2005 merely asks for the development and installation of Smart Meters and a Smart Meter grid. I respectfully request the Commission to rule that DTE Energy is still in the developmental stage of Smart Meter technology. Thus, DTE Energy is prohibited from further installing any Smart Meters in the State of Michigan.

Note: Smart Meters are part of "smart growth" or "sustainable development" or "Agenda 21", a plan devised by the United Nations in 1992 and "symbolically" signed by President Bush Sr. and signed into law and implemented by President Bill Clinton by executive order No. 12852 in 1993. It wasn't until the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 set aside \$11 billion dollars to begin construction of the smart grid that utility companies became active in the pursuit of this endeavor, some 17 years after the implementation of Agenda 21. If it were not for President Obama's stimulus program, then DTE Energy would not be deploying smart meters. It is ironic that our taxpayer money is being utilized to create an electromagnetic and radio wave environment that creates significant adverse health effects while infringing upon our constitutional rights of privacy.

Some state regulators are rejecting or halting smart metering systems proposed by

utilities. In Pennsylvania, state utility regulators halt the smart meter plan because of the costs on consumers outweigh the supposed benefits. See, Public Utility Law Project of New York (PULP): "Pennsylvania Regulators Halt Expensive 'Smart Meter' Plan, Oct, 29, 2009: <http://pulpnetwork.blogspot.com/2009/10/pennsylvania-regulators-halt-expensive.html>

The states of Maryland and Hawaii put the brakes on the deployment of smart meters due to concerns about the costly technology resulting in increased utility bills and believing that other more practical solutions may be better. See, Smart Grid News: "What Others Are Saying About the BG&E Ruling," June 24, 2010: [http://www.smartgridnews.com/artman/publish/Business\\_Policy\\_Regulation\\_News/What-Others-Are-Saying-About-the-BG-E-Ruling-2565.html](http://www.smartgridnews.com/artman/publish/Business_Policy_Regulation_News/What-Others-Are-Saying-About-the-BG-E-Ruling-2565.html) and Smart Grid News: "Smart Meter Setback: Hawaii PUC Kicks Back Project, Tells Utility to Try It Again," July 28, 2010: [http://www.smartgridnews.com/artman/publish/Business\\_Policy\\_Regulation\\_News/Hawaii-PUC-Kicks-Back-Smart-Meter-Project-Tells-Utility-to-Try-It-Again-2795.html](http://www.smartgridnews.com/artman/publish/Business_Policy_Regulation_News/Hawaii-PUC-Kicks-Back-Smart-Meter-Project-Tells-Utility-to-Try-It-Again-2795.html)

Residents in Westerville, OH rejected a \$4.32 million grant to upgrade their city's utility meters and decide to wait and see how smart grid technologies fare in other cities before adopting them. See, Columbus Dispatch: "Westerville smart-meter plan halted; City turns down \$4.32 million grant for utilities upgrade," Tuesday, September 7, 2010: [http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local\\_news/stories/2010/09/07/westerville-smart-meter-plan-halted.html?sid=101](http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2010/09/07/westerville-smart-meter-plan-halted.html?sid=101)

Dayton Power & Light Company in Ohio recently withdrew its plan to deploy smart meters. See, Dayton Daily News: "DP&L only Ohio power company to delay 'smart meter' upgrades," February 5, 2011, <http://www.daytondailynews.com/news/dayton-news/dpl-only-ohio-power-company-to-delay-smart-meter-upgrades-1073958.html>

Bottom Line: Smart Meter consumers grow angry over higher utility bills in light of safety hazards and interference with other appliances, privacy and security concerns, and sickness and health concerns. This is true no matter where the consumer lives, i.e. United States, Australia, Canada, Europe. There is significant global data available indicating that smart meter technology is flawed and costly without any benefit to the consumer or the environment. Other more practical solutions must be found.

Very truly yours,

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