
From: Ethel Cenkner <ecenk@wowway.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 3:03 AM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U 17936 ---U18013

To the Commission:

Please take into consideration I, as an elderly retiree on a very small fixed income cannot pay for any more increases in my electricity bill. The Detroit Edison has forced a smart meter on my home against my wishes due to a health problem-- and after charging me \$76.00 to install it and now CHARGING me and extra \$10 every month to have the meter read--- I simply cannot afford to pay them any more.

I suffer with Trigeminal Neuralgia of which there is NO cure.
Please help- with these problems -U-17936 and U-18013

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From: dianneschley@sbcglobal.net
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 4:07 AM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: Smart Meters

I oppose the use of Smart meters in Michigan. I oppose the use of OPT-OUT meters in Michigan. Smart meters outlawed take away the 4th Amendment right of the Constitution of the USA of privacy in your home. Smart meters need to be outlawed in Michigan. Smart meters harm people and animals physically. Anybody who wants to have an Analog meter that will not harm us or take away our 4th Amendment right should be allowed to keep their Analog meter. Dianne Schley, 48581 Denton Rd., Apt 107, Belleville, MI. 48111

From: Holly Perry <holly.perry@bodyfieldmedicine.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 8:31 AM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013

To MPSC:

I oppose the mandatory requirement of demand-response smart meter programs in Michigan. In addition to the serious health issues created by smart meters, especially for electro-sensitive people, the time-of-use electrical programs discriminate against citizens who are at home during peak hours because we work at home, are retired and no longer working and on fixed incomes, or are chronically ill. These categories of users can not sustain the economic strain which will be placed upon them by the higher rates imposed by peak-use rate increases.

According to an article in the [New York Times](#), demand-response programs put additional load on the servers used to run the computer networks of the utilities. "Most data centers . . . consume vast amounts of energy in an incongruously wasteful manner . . . Online companies typically run their facilities at maximum capacity around the clock, whatever the demand. As a result, data centers can waste 90 percent or more of the electricity they pull off the grid." Here is the place to start on reducing consumption. There are many others out there."

Giving a utility company the right to turn off appliances at will, solely at their discretion, is appalling on many levels and lays a foundation for one more layer privacy invasion. Just a few of the potential privacy concerns regarding Smart Meters are Identity Theft, Determination of Personal Behavior Patterns, Determine of Specific Appliance usage, and Real-time Surveillance to name a few. ([Source](#))

I consider the mandatory requirement of placing a Smart Meter on my home to be a violation of my privacy, a health risk, a fire hazard, a violation of my basic human rights, and is placing my personal safety at risk.

I do not want a Smart Meter on my home.

Holly Perry
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From: cgault6060@charter.net
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 9:02 AM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013

Dear Public Service Commission:

I am writing to remind you of your job to "serve the Public" not the big utilities.

I am writing to tell you I adamantly oppose the implementation of demand-response utility fee structure in Michigan.

This proposal is discriminatory against many classes including retirees, of which I am one. We have used our utilities mostly during the evenings and weekends for most of our lives and now you want to penalize us because we will use utilities during the day!! We have paid our fair share and now, while on fixed/lower incomes, you propose to charge us even more.

Let's also consider the other classes of people that will be discriminated against: families with one breadwinner while one parent stays home with the children, people who work afternoon and midnight shifts and typically make less money, the disabled, etc.

You work for the public and the public includes all of these classes.

If the use of electricity is of concern, you need to start with analysis of the uses of electricity in manufacturing, data centers, etc. This is where to begin - NOT by discrimination against the poorer classes of this state.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues.

Cheryl Gault
Ortonville, MI

From: elizabeth grove <lizgro@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 9:29 AM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: Subject: U-17936 and U-18013

Dear Sirs:

I oppose the unfair implementation of demand-response electricity programs in Michigan.

Elizabeth M Grove

From: Carol <xoxozina@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 9:57 AM
To: MPSCDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936 and U-18013

MPSC,

I am totally opposed to **giving** DTE Peak time use. Time of use rates are unfair and unacceptable.

We live in America which is about **CHOICE** yet we only have ONE electric company in Michigan!
There is something wrong with this picture!

(Texas has numerous as well as other states) and now you want to give DTE, total control over our electric usage and increases charges. Peak times are part of our lifestyles, how do you expect people to live? This is total corruption DTE acts like a dictatorship.

Our elected officials in Lansing are suppose to be working for the people in the State of MI who have elected them and pay there wages, **not DTE!**

We need more CHOICES in MI pertaining to utility companies! DTE is not God! Most people do not like their service anyway, they have become to arrogant and again act like a dictatorship!

DTE advertises they are “Our Friend” looking out for our good. It’s all about the money and who they are in bed with.

I am very angry and tired of being FORCED to have a smart meter, pay peak times use, and our government agencies selling us out on a whim. That is why **we want House Bill 4916 passed to give us Meter Choice!**

Carole Gar
Michigan

Sent from a hard wired computer with no wireless whatsoever for the sake of you, me and the bees.

From: hahninc@chartermi.net
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 10:08 AM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013

I am strongly opposed of the Mandatory "Smart Meters" being place at my home. We are a unique waterway resort in a small town in Michigan called Pinckney. We chose this Private incorporated subdivision 30 years ago for its rural and Private way of living. We fear the damage to our wildlife and waterways that come with radiation that these meters emit into the air and what it does to our health.

My husband and I are seniors with health problems already. I have neurological and elevated liver enzymes and are very sensitive to electromagnetic current that these meters generate. My husband suffers daily from arthritis and his heart will be greatly affected by being exposed to this radiation. We protect the inside of our homes with meters in the basement for radon what is going to protect us from the radiation filled air outside our home?

There has to be a better way without posing so much harm to peoples health and to animals. Please, Please , Please stop this intrusion of humans and environment. Don't we have enough cancers and diseases to worry about from our food to mosquito bites. Peoples well being should be first and foremost with new technology. Put a moratorium on the replacement of our analog electric meters.

Shevon Hahn

From: Keith McDowell <kmcdow2253@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 10:20 AM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013

I oppose the implementation of demand-response electricity programs in Michigan.

Time-of-use programs discriminate against elderly retired people on fixed incomes who will be at home during peak hours. I am retired and on a fixed income. I cannot afford substantial increases in my electrical bills. A smart meter has already been installed at my home without any dialogue as to the intent. It was my belief this was done to eliminate meter readers and save money. Instead I have seen a steady increase in my bills despite the fact that I have installed LED bulbs throughout my entire home. I have no smart chip appliances (that can be turned off). Appliances are costly and I need to make my appliances last as long as possible on a fixed income. (I repair them myself.)

The demand-response programs will also discriminate against people with low incomes. They cannot afford to buy smart chip appliances that they can set to run at any time of the day or night.

The demand-response programs put additional load on the computer based servers used to run the computer networks of the utilities. "Most data centers . . . consume vast amounts of energy in an incongruously wasteful manner Online companies typically run their facilities at maximum capacity around the clock, whatever the demand. As a result, data centers can waste 90 percent or more of the electricity they pull off the grid." Here is the place to start on reducing consumption. There are many others out there." From a [New York Times](#) article. This needs to change.

If you want people to save energy, continue to educate them on using less. I have listened. I have reduced usage. I am not seeing the benefit.

I am elderly and will be forced to run my appliances mainly at peak times. I can't afford this program. It is not fair. I believe this energy issue is created by many businesses that demand electricity at peak daily times. What efforts are being made to switch this demand to off peak hours? Has this avenue really been pursued other than to charge greater rates and shift the burden to people who can't afford these increases.

With sincere concern,

Keith McDowell
2469 Strawberry Farm St. NE
Belmont, MI 49306

From: Henry Northrup <hsnorth49@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 10:33 AM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013

I am doing every thing possible to maintain my health so I hope that you will find it in your heart not to force these unhealthy meters on me or any other resident of this great state.



From: ALFRED FULLER <fullertts@wideopenwest.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 11:07 AM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013

I oppose the implementation of demand-response electricity programs in Michigan. We try to use electricity during nonpeak hours. We are semi-retired with adult children living with us. It is not possible for four people to do laundry, run the dishwasher, and basically "live" during nonpeak hours. Furthermore, smart meters are a health hazard and should not be mandatory. And people not wanting a smart meter should not be charged more. Thank you.

Susan Fuller
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From: Amy Horal <amyhoral@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 11:21 AM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Cc: tthoral@aol.com
Subject: U-17936, U-18013 - Oppose the Demand-Response Electricity Programs

To whom it concerns:

We **strongly oppose** the implementation of demand-response electricity programs in Michigan.

The time-of-use programs discriminate against people who must be at home during peak hours. This includes people who have home businesses or work from home in lieu of office commuting. Home businesses, by the way, are ever increasing in number in the State of Michigan. And what about the elderly and the chronically ill??? How fair is this for them? Most of which are on limited means of income.

Time-of-use programs will discriminate against people with electro-hypersensitivity. These people cannot use smart-chipped appliances.

Further, what about this? Do we all have to buy new appliances that can be set to run at any time of the day or night????? Sounds like more discrimination against all of us but especially people with low incomes, elderly, retired, disabled.

The demand-response programs put additional load on the servers used to run the computer networks of the utilities. "Most data centers . . . consume vast amounts of energy in an incongruously wasteful manner Online companies typically run their facilities at maximum capacity around the clock, whatever the demand. As a result, data centers can waste 90 percent or more of the electricity they pull off the grid." Here is the place to start on reducing consumption. There are many others out there." From a [New York Times](#) article.

If you want people to save energy, educate them on using less.

We are retired and work from home on a regular basis. We also retire early. We will be forced to run my appliances mainly at peak times. We can't afford this. Even if we could, it's not fair.

Since when is it the utility's business to turn off our appliances when they want to?

Again, we strongly oppose the implementation of demand-response electricity programs in Michigan.

Tim and Amy Horal
amyhoral@aol.com

From: Steve Milz <milzstevea@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 11:38 AM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013

It is my understanding DTE is installing a mandatory "smart meter" in Michigan. It is also my understanding that these meters are causing severe health problems just so the utilities can increase the price of electricity during certain peak hours of usage. We are a household of 3 senior citizens living on a fixed income just trying to live out our lives without further complications. We realize you need more money, but why should our health be sacrificed because it's ALL ABOUT THE MONEY!

Our household is totally against the use of this smart meter and REFUSES to have this device put on our home

From: Pink Levi <pinkntwin@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 12:40 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013

WHO gave DTE permission to shut off my appliances? I gave up no right's! I oppose the implementation of demand-response electricity programs in Michigan. I support decreased electricity usage, including at peak times, but this can be accomplished in other ways. This includes creating a culture of low-energy use. Instead of doing that, the utilities and the government concentrate on getting people to use more and more of the new low-energy things like LEDs, such that usage is so great, it begins to cancel out the lower wattages of these devices. The supposed energy savings of smart meters are far overshadowed by the enormous amounts of energy it takes to run the servers that serve all the computing needs of the smart grid and the smart world. Consumers are deceived into thinking that their "smart" devices and their use of paperless forms of communication are saving trees and energy. Sometimes they are, but mostly they are not. From a New York Times article (there are many others out there): The "foundation of the information industry is sharply at odds with its image of sleek efficiency and environmental friendliness. Most data centers . . . consume vast amounts of energy in an incongruously wasteful manner . . . Online companies typically run their facilities at maximum capacity around the clock, whatever the demand. As a result, data centers can waste 90 percent or more of the electricity they pull off the grid." Here is the place to start on reducing consumption. There are many others out there. The time-of-use rates are discriminatory. People with home businesses, the elderly, the chronically ill will be forced to pay more for electricity, even if they are using a small amount. THEY HAVE NO CHOICE! A better choice is to require those who use above a certain number of kilowatts per month, say 450, to pay more for each additional kilowatt hour. While this does not directly address peak demand, it may cause people to reduce consumption, especially if they are educated. For instance, many people leave all sorts of things running, even when they are not using them. Why does every room in a house need a TV, and they all need to be on at the same time? People like myself who experience many negative health effects from wireless radiation will also be discriminated against. We cannot have smart-chipped appliances in our homes to run during non-peak times. People with low incomes will be discriminated against. Those with low incomes seldom have washers, dryers, etc that can be set to run at a certain time of day. Of course, I don't expect that the MPSC, Governor Snyder, or the utilities give a damn about that. I find it interesting that a site as apolitical as About.com would say: "For those who cannot function in the wee hours of the morning or late at night, consider dividing your wash into loads and run your washer and dryer for one load every evening, as soon as the off-peak time slot begins. If the cycle is too long and you're an early-to-bed type of person, use a shorter cycle and consider hanging the wash to dry." Of course, the utilities are set to make tons of money off this, as are all the companies who manufacture smart meter (oops! As Bob Sitkauskas says, "We prefer to call them advanced meters") components. I don't expect the MPSC to do us any better than they did regarding the opt-out-of-smart-meters, nor than the city of Flint did in trying to save a few bucks by not buying water from Detroit. I have a great idea, I won't pay my bill. DTE can shut off my power and I'll find another way to get electric. NEVER THINK FOR ME!

From: A Thomas <muysana@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 12:47 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013

Dear MPSC,

i just wanted to let you know that I oppose the demand-response programs in Michigan.

While I am in favor of not being wasteful with electricity and all other resources, forcing individuals to pay a premium for using the electricity during NORMAL usage hours when many citizens are typically at home is unfair and punitive.

I am retired, on a fixed income and have serious health issues. Already, my utility bills are expensive.

Why not educate individuals on reasonable ways to save on electricity if that really is an issue? Doing the laundry, etc. at 3 a.m. to save money is unreasonable and will cause even healthy individuals problems, let alone those of us who are ill. Having to purchase new appliances with special 'chips' in them imposes another financial burden that is unreasonable and unfair to me and countless others.

It seems like this is yet another instance where big business's financial interests are being put before the welfare of the citizens they purport to 'serve'. And then years later, after the damage has been done, it is finally openly acknowledged as a 'mistake'. But by then, it is too late to reverse and much damage has been done except to the pockets of those who benefit financially.

Then there is the huge, generally unrecognized problem with the frequencies that all these smart meters and 'chipped' appliances are generating in our homes and our environment. It is being claimed that they are harmless. I doubt very seriously that the 190 scientists from 39 countries who submitted an appeal to the UN and WHO to do more to protect humans and wildlife from Electromagnetic Fields and Wireless Technology would make such an appeal if these frequencies were 'harmless'.

<http://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20150511005200/en/International-Scientists-Appeal-U.N.-Protect-Humans-Wildlife>

The contaminated water crisis in Flint is a perfect example of those entrusted with the welfare of others CLAIMING to make 'improvements' to benefit the citizens while ignoring and/or not doing their due diligence regarding the ramifications of such 'improvements' and ignoring the outcries of those who were being affected negatively until it was too late. The disastrous effects cannot be undone.

Sincerely,
Angela Thomas

From: Robert Ranger <hypnobobb@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 1:13 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013

Do not force these health hazards on us.

There is a huge amount of research regarding the health problems they cause.

The American public is already under assault by the under-regulated toxic chemicals that are permeating our environment.

And the generational health problems from GMO's that the industry has fostered on us by buying off our elected, crooked officials.

It is time to take a stand and not allow corporate America to destroy the health and vitality of our once great country.

Please vote no on toxic, ignorant meter's.

Robert Ranger

From: Tanda Archer <thearch2@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 1:33 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013

To whom it may concern:

I don't want the demand response/peak pricing program. I am disabled with multiple chemical sensitivity which makes me very susceptible to developing electromagnetic sensitivity illness if a smart meter is put on my home.

This program also demands that I use electricity at odd hours of the day. When I am ill I need to use certain appliances for health reasons when I need them not when the power company wants me to use them.

For the peak pricing program consumers have to have smart appliances. I am also very allergic to the new smell of new appliances. I would not be able to tolerate new smart appliances in my home for health reasons. I would be penalized for being disabled with extra electricity costs.

I am already having physical and financial challenges, please don't add any more with your peak pricing/demand response program.

Thank you for your time,

Tanda Archer

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Sturgis, Mi 49091

From: Tech Hi Fi <techhifi@hush.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 1:46 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013

I oppose the implementation of demand-response electricity programs in Michigan.

From: Pink <pinkntwin@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 1:49 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013

Who does DTE think they are? NO ONE other than myself will be turning off my appliances. I vote "NO" , there getting a litter zealous over at dte. PUT A STOP TO ALL OF THIS!

From: lobolairtc@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 2:23 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013

To: MPSC
From: Loren and Nancy Wolf
6113 Edmar Drive
Traverse City, MI 49686

Dear MPSC,

We are writing to let you know that we are strongly AGAINST the implementation of the "Demand-Response" electricity scheme being considered for Michigan. Not only is it discriminatory against the elderly, people who are home-bound, and those pursuing business opportunities based in their homes, but it is also a veiled attempt to force so called "smart meters" onto all electric customers. These "smart meters" have been proven to be dangerous in regard to fire hazards in older homes due to power surges. They also emit dangerous levels of radio-active contamination causing a number of physical and mental problems for homeowners.

We interpret this as an attempt to regulate what amount of electricity we use as well as determine WHEN we choose to use it...a violation of our rights as consumers.

We strongly urge the Michigan Public Service Commission to take action and do what is in the best interest of its citizens of Michigan and oppose the "Demand-Response" electric companies proposal. Being the "Public Service Commission", it seems you should be actively involved in protecting the electric consumers of Michigan. This is all about more **money** in the pockets of the utilities with little concern for **public service**.

Sincerely,

Loren and Nancy Wolf
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From: Danielle <danielle.colombo@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 2:48 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013

To those responsible for protecting Michigan residents from the power of utility company monopoly,

I STRONGLY oppose the implementation of demand-response electricity programs (and advanced metering) in Michigan.

These programs are discriminatory. I think it is obvious that not everyone can follow the same schedule and avoid peak times of using electricity. This includes those working from home, the chronically ill, shift workers, and stay at home parents, like myself, with young children who are home during the day and of course those with low incomes.

My family works hard to cut down on our electricity consumption. I would like to teach my children that we are smart enough to make decisions that reduce our consumption instead of needing the utility company to force us to do so.

Time-of-use programs will discriminate against people with electro-hypersensitivity. These people cannot use smart-chipped appliances. This wireless technology has known health risks especially to children!

If you want people to save energy, educate them on using less.

Please protect the health and rights of the people of Michigan!

Danielle Colombo

From: m lee <m.sandweiss@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 3:03 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013

I'm writing to tell you that I oppose the implementation of demand-response electricity programs in Michigan.

Sincerely,
Marian Sandweiss

From: David POWERS <powers0267@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 3:09 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936 U18013

This is in response to the smart meter bills listed above. I pay the extra money each month to have my meter read in order to keep this so-called smart meter off my house. Am very happy to do so.

[Dave](#)  0000000000

From: Kirk Rowland <kirk_rowland@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 3:39 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936 U-18013

I am opposed to the proposed time of use programs for the following reasons :

DTE's own website shows they will charge 300% more for peak power times (morning to mid evening) and even shut off people's appliances during that time.

This program would discriminate against the elderly, retired, chronically ill, parents with small children, and anyone with a business at home.

As a small business owner it is exceedingly hard for me understand how DTE or Consumers Power can legitimately justify those kind of increases.

As a United States citizen it is hard to comprehend that Smart Meters allow my electric company to gather personal information about me including when I

am home, which TV shows I watch, and when I am on the internet. The fact that they can sell this information to a third party is appalling to me.

Thank you for the opportunity comment,

Kirk Rowland

Ann Arbor MI. resident

From: Karen Strode <kmstrode@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 4:34 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013

Greetings,

I oppose the implementation of demand-response electricity programs in Michigan.
This discriminates against the elderly, those with chronic illness, as well as those who work from home.

My parents used to participate in a voluntary electricity usage reduction program years ago. During the summers when everyone was using their A/C the utility would cut the A/C at certain peak usage times. This was a voluntary program. Can't we implement something like this, instead? Give incentives, such as reduced rates, to those who volunteer. Please don't make this mandatory.

Respectfully,

Karen Strode
Ypsilanti, Michigan

From: DmBryan <dmbryan@wowway.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 4:48 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013 We the people

I oppose the implementation of demand-response electricity programs in Michigan.

If you want people to save energy, educate them on using less.

Since when is it the utility's business to turn off my appliances when they want to?

People are tired of being overran by the government. Being dictated to like we're a bunch of idiots. This is why Trump is winning in the polls. We want the government to look out for our pockets and best interest (This is what you're supposed to be doing for us). Not to only look out for the best interest of big business. Hasn't the state of Michigan learned from the Flint crisis or the problems and scandal of the smart meters in California?

The United States is speaking out, we the people....

From: Joseph Yoskovich <jy1861@yp.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 4:56 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013

I am against the implementation of demand-response electricity programs in Michigan.

Time-of-use programs discriminate against people who must be at home during peak hours. This includes the elderly and the chronically ill. It also includes people with home businesses, of which there are an increasing number in Michigan.

Time-of-use programs will discriminate against people with electro-hypersensitivity. These people cannot use smart-chipped appliances.

The demand-response programs will discriminate against people with low incomes. They can't afford to buy appliances that they can set to run at any time of the day or night.

Joe Yoskovich

From: Debra Georges <mdmsl5@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 4:58 PM
To: MPSCDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013

ATTN: MPSC

Count me among the many who are absolutely opposed to the implementation of demand-response electricity programs in Michigan!

DTE stated they will charge 300% more for peak power than off-peak!

How anyone can't see this as limiting our liberties is beyond my comprehension. Perhaps if the good people at MPSC would pray over this, maybe they could begin to "see the light"

most sincerely,

Debra Georges

From: Wayne Hock <wlhock@chartermi.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 5:08 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: Peak usage

I am opposed to psc's and state government dictating when I can use public utilities, except in emergency situations. I have a smart meter installed, but if I didn't, the utility would charge me more for the same water usage. As in most government operations, the truth is not available at the time of effective instillment. Count me out in the use of smart meters.

Wayne Hock

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From: John C Stoskopf <jstoskop@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 5:24 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013

I oppose the implementation of demand-response electricity programs in Michigan.

Time-of-use programs discriminate against people, PERIOD.

What we need to do is begin an action to promote solar energy and renewable energy and get people OFF THE GRID.

John C Stoskopf

From: Randy Schroeder <rdschroeder@gatewaytofreedom.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 5:26 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: Time of use programs/meters

Dear Sir/Madame,

I oppose the implementation of demand-response electricity programs in Michigan.

Time-of-use programs discriminate against people who must be at home during peak hours. This includes the elderly and the chronically ill. It also includes people with home businesses, of which there are an increasing number in Michigan.

The demand-response programs will discriminate against people with low incomes.
If you want people to save energy, educate them on using less.

I am elderly must go to bed early] and will be forced to run my appliances mainly at peak times. It will be another burden and invasion into my lifestyle.

Furthermore a utility company should not have the power over my life to turn off appliances or electricity when it wants to.

Sincerely,
R. D. Schroeder
2100 N. Shaw
Gladwin, MI 48624

From: drjune@juno.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 5:39 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013 SMART METERS, demand-response Time-of use programs

I oppose the implementation of demand-response electricity programs in Michigan.

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This includes the elderly and the chronically ill.

It also includes people with home businesses, of which there are an increasing number in Michigan.

Time-of-use programs will discriminate against people with electro-hypersensitivity. These people cannot use smart-chipped appliances.

The demand-response programs will discriminate against people with low incomes. They cannot afford to buy appliances that they can set to run at any time of the day or night.

The demand-response programs put additional load on the servers used to run the computer networks of the utilities.

Most data centers . . . consume vast amounts of energy in an incongruously wasteful manner Online companies typically run their facilities at maximum capacity around the clock, whatever the demand. As a result, data centers can waste 90 percent or more of the electricity they pull off the grid. Here is the place to start on reducing consumption. There are many others out there.(From a New York Times article.)

If you want people to save energy, educate them on using less.

I am [elderly, chronically ill, and must go to bed early] and will be forced to run my appliances mainly at peak times.

I can not afford this. I'm on social security. Even if I could pay, it's not fair.

Since when is it the utility's business to turn off my appliances when they want to?

**JUNE HUCHINGSON
141 WEST BOSTON BLVD.
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From: Nancy Abney <nabney@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 5:59 PM
To: MPSCDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013

Dear MPSC:

The State of Michigan government and its related agencies (MPSC) never cease to amaze me with their zeal to control the freedoms of the American society. Of course, I believe the MPSC claims to be a private entity.

Additional power and control is the next step in a process that started with forced SMARTMETERS – and now is heading toward forced time of use restrictions of energy.

How do you consider it a freedom to be forced to use electricity in the early hours of the morning or be penalized with hefty rate increases? I can hear you saying, “That will never happen, it’s just to give you incentives for using in the early hours”. I don’t believe you.

How can I curtail my light use, my meal prep, laundry, cooking, and computer work to the end of of the night or the hours during which I’m supposed to be sleeping. This program is highly discriminatory. Just like Obamacare, it’s a few words away from “You can keep your health plan and your doctor” to Your plan it not available anymore. This happened to my family. The government and its cohorts lied and they knew they were lying all along. This infuriates me. And I see another HUGE one in what you’re ready to market to unsuspecting consumers.

Sometimes when you try to fix a problem, you make it worse. Have you considered how much power the data centers consume? Your proposed solution is not prudent. Online companies most often run facilities at maximum capacity around the clock. And data centers can waste as much as 90 percent or more of the electricity they pull off the grid.

Why not educate people on how to lower energy consumption? Even DTE does not do that when they promise SmartMeters will save them money! SmartMeters cannot and do not save any consumer money. They simply monitor energy use and break laws while doing so.

There are many more points I can make on the topic. Suffice it to say I **STRONGLY** oppose the implementation of demand-response electricity programs in Michigan.

What you’re proposing is unjust and unfair. It discriminates against the society. This crazy grab for **CONTROL** must **END**.

Please do what is right and **JUST**.

Sincerely,

Nancy Abney
Michigan **RESIDENT**
AMERICAN CITIZEN
CANTON, MI

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From: drjune@juno.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 6:01 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013 SMART METERS, demand-response Time-of use programs

I oppose the implementation of demand-response electricity programs in Michigan.

Time-of-use programs discriminate against people who must be at home during peak hours.

This includes the elderly and the chronically ill. It also includes people with home businesses, of which there are an increasing number in Michigan.

Time-of-use programs will discriminate against people with electro-hypersensitivity. These people cannot use smart-chipped appliances.

The demand-response programs will discriminate against people with low incomes. They cannot afford to buy appliances that they can set to run at any time of the day or night.

The demand-response programs put additional load on the servers used to run the computer networks of the utilities. Most data centers . . . consume vast amounts of energy in an incongruously wasteful manner Online companies typically run their facilities at maximum capacity around the clock, whatever the demand. As a result, data centers can waste 90 percent or more of the electricity they pull off the grid.

Here is the place to start on reducing consumption. There are many others out there. (From a New York Times article.)

If you want people to save energy, educate them on using less.

I am elderly and chronically ill and I must go to bed early and that means I will be forced to run my appliances mainly at peak times.

I can't afford this. Even if I could afford it, it's not fair.

**JUNE HUCHINGSON
141 WEST BOSTON BLVD.
DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48202**

Since when is it the utility's business to turn off my appliances when they want to?

From: Fayiz Nalu <fn2255@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 6:02 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013

Hello,
Please stop the price increase during peak hours. It is unjustifiable and unreasonable.

V/R

Fayiz Nalu
Cell #: 248 930 3892

From: Marlene Caporale <marlene_caporale@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 6:08 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013

I am adamantly opposed to being forced to use a smart meter for many reasons:

1. I do not wish to be exposed to the EMF's that come with the Smart Meter
2. I do not think that the utility company should be allowed to charge it's customers more money based on when they use electricity.
3. I am on a fixed income and I do not want to pay higher bills nor do I think this is fair in any way
4. I am chronically ill and I cannot tolerate heat - I will suffer greatly if my air conditioner is turned off in times of high heat - this is something I am willing to pay for - but not at a higher rate.

I feel that mandatory Smart Meters is very discriminatory to the elderly, retired and disabled (I am disabled) as well as the chronically ill. Not to mention those that work at home and have to use electricity at peak times (my former situation). How about families with small children that are not in daycare?

I can't think of one good reason why we this is being forced upon us.

Marlene B. Caporale

From: Christy Huff <velvet_rain77@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 6:45 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013

Hello,

I wanted to voice my opposition against Smart Meters and any other time-of-use programs here in Michigan. That's not fair or right to discriminate against people for using electricity during peak times, like senior citizens or people who are sick and home all day. It's unaffordable, and in my opinion, an invasion of people's lives and rights. Also, those who are hypersensitive to electromagnetic radiation (given off by Smart meters) will have their health and well-being jeopardized by this.

These Smart meters and any other time-of-use programs are unconstitutional and have got to go. Give people the choice to have analog meters on their home. It's our right to choose, and can mean the difference between living healthy, affordable lives, or living sick, debilitating lives with less than enough to live on. The last thing we all need is more radiation.

Thank you,
C. Huff

From: KWMASTOUCH@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 6:50 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Cc: KWMASTOUCH@aol.com
Subject: Re U-17936, U-18013

As a retired senior citizen, it would be difficult for me to be in the demand- response program. Not being able to use my electricity at certain times would not work for me. It just is not practical, I need my sleep and so does my husband. and we can't be worried when we can or cannot use electricity. Please don't discriminate against us.

Kathy Warras
West Bloomfield, Michigan.

From: LeeAnn Anderson <leann006@centurytel.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 7:04 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: Demand-response electricity program in Michigan

I sincerely oppose installation of demand response electricity programs in Michigan. I do support decreased use of electricity at peak times but I do feel this can be accomplished in other ways. Education would be one way that this could be accomplished.

It is wrong to charge more money during peak hours for electricity. There are many elderly people that live on fixed incomes they cannot afford to pay more electricity. Time of use programs also discriminate against those who work at home. Many people work at home as a means to supplement their income or it is the primary income to work from home.

I oppose the installation of the smart meter on my home. I feel as though the radio frequency is such that I do not want to expose myself my pets and my appliances to this device. My mother has a cardiac defibrillator due to atrial fib and. After my dad passes, most likely she will be coming to live here with me. She cannot be exposed to the radio frequency that the smart meters. It is wrong to charge those who wish to keep their analog meters and agree to pay the "opt out fee" to 300% more for electricity as in some other states!!

Sent from my iPad. Lee Ann Anderson, Caro Michigan

From: millard4367@charter.net
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 7:44 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936 (DTE)

Dear MPSC,

Thank you for allowing the public to make comments regarding the implementation of time of use rates and dynamic peak pricing.

As a father I am very aware of wasted energy. I tell my children daily not to leave lights on, doors open and the like. It is quite easy to see where electricity is being used in my home.

Many people will not be able to change when they use electricity. Will those with health challenges be able to change when they need medical equipment that uses electricity?

Those that will be affected the most by time of use and dynamic peak pricing are the elderly, home businesses, and those that stay home or are home throughout the day. Is there a better method for teaching the public to use less electricity?

From DTE's own report of MPSC Case No. U-17936, page number four states: "Typically, customers who can use more than two-thirds of their use "Off-Peak" will save on their energy bills." Is it practical for the average Michigan resident to be able to shift usage to save any money? If the entire public was able to shift usage to "Off-Peak" wouldn't the "Off-Peak" now become "Peak"?

Time of use rates and/or dynamic peak pricing is an act of extortion. (Extortion is the practice of obtaining something, especially money, through force or threats.) . Why has the MPSC allowed a monopoly utility company to extort money from the public?

Sincerely,

Brock Millard
82nd District

From: Sarah Bacon <sarahjshaffer@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 7:50 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936,U-18013

Am a recently divorced woman trying to become financially independent. Mandatory smart meters are causing my electric costs to stay on the increase. I live in an apartment building that uses electric heat only and had to make a decision to turn off my heat in my bedroom in the middle of January this year because my electric bill was nearing \$150.

In addition, the studies pointing to ill health effects due to the radiation emitted from smart meters cannot be overlooked and deserve more testing before such meters become the law of the land. Please consider carefully; thank you.

From: Lynnda Currin <ashbrad48094@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 7:57 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U18013

I'm against the implementation of demand response electricity in Michigan. I am retired and it will be a hardship paying higher prices. I don't see how seniors should be punished for using power during the day. I pay on time and do my chores during the daytime.

I was forced to have a meter I didn't want, please don't force me to clean at night!

Lynnda

From: JOANN LUCIDO <jalucido@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 8:05 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: Smart meters

To Whom It May Concern:

I am strongly opposed to mandatory SMART meters!
I do NOT want a SMART meter installed on my home.
I do NOT want the costs, health risks, or regulated usage, mandated to me.
Much like everything else - I am tired of the government deciding FOR us what's best.
I would, once again, like to be able to make my OWN CHOICE, as a citizen, a tax payer, a homeowner, a free thinking person.
I am voicing my CHOICE to NOT have mandated SMART meters.

Thank you for listening,
JoAnn Lucido

From: Linda Trent <linda.tomtrent@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 8:08 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013

I oppose the implementation of demand-response electricity programs in Michigan. My husband and I are retired and will be forced to run our appliances mainly at peak times. We can't afford this. Even if we could, it's not fair. Thank you, Tom and Linda Trent

From: Mark Stairs <faantoom@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 8:22 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013

I seriously oppose the implementation of demand-response electricity programs in Michigan. I can't afford this. Even if I could, it's not fair.

Time-of-use programs discriminate against people who must be at home during peak hours. This includes the elderly and the chronically ill. It also includes people with home businesses, of which there are an increasing number in Michigan.

Time-of-use programs will discriminate against people with electro-hypersensitivity. These people cannot use smart-chipped appliances.

The demand-response programs will discriminate against people with low incomes. They cannot afford to buy appliances that they can set to run at any time of the day or night.

The demand-response programs put additional load on the servers used to run the computer networks of the utilities. "Most data centers . . . consume vast amounts of energy in an incongruously wasteful manner . . . Online companies typically run their facilities at maximum capacity around the clock, whatever the demand. As a result, data centers can waste 90 percent or more of the electricity they pull off the grid." Here is the place to start on reducing consumption. There are many others out there." From a New York Times article.

If you want people to save energy, educate them on using less.

Again, I can't afford this. Even if I could, it's not fair.

Since when is it the utility's business to turn off my appliances when they want to?

Mark Stairs
910 E. North Street
Jackson, MI 49202-3459
Faantoom@aol.com

From: claimbrain@yahoo.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 8:27 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: Comments on U-17936 & U-18013

Dear Michigan Public Service Commission:

As a Michigan resident I am opposed to the scheme by DTE to 1) spy on consumer usage with their so-called "smart meters" 2) use the data collected in step 1 to charge residents for peak usage and turning off appliances at will. 3) Increase the utility bills of the residents of Michigan by as much as 10 times, which will also have a catastrophic effect on the lower income residents at a time when they are struggling from 8 years of economic recession.

This is the biggest violation of our constitutional rights that I have ever witnessed in my lifetime!!! This is direct collusion between government and business (the utilities). For one, this is a money grab the likes that no one has ever seen before. The green freaks, those who want to supposedly save the planet are not telling the truth. The TRUTH is that this is all fueled by the liberals like Nancy Pelosi (who has major investments in a solar panel company). Same is true for Al Gore and his posse' - they all have investments in windmills, solar panels, Tesla and on & on. They could care less about the earth. They want us - THE UNIFORMED STUPID CONSUMER- to be herded like blind sheep away from fossil fuels and coal fired utility plants towards the so-called "Green" energy sources. Oh, and by the way they own the monopoly on those sources & stand to make BILLIONS (not millions) from this government mandate which will make the simple use of electricity unaffordable for the average American. Can you say CRONY CAPITALISM with me folks? The fact that it soon could be a reality that a hard working family will have to get up in the middle of the night to wash clothes, cook or run their hair dryer in order to be able to afford it is sick and disgusting. Basic simple household activities are a right that we have enjoyed in America since the end of WWII. They are not luxuries that can be regulated by some Bay Area political ruling class.

I am going to do EVERYTHING in my power to stop this government BIG BROTHER takeover of our lives. The last time I checked this is still America (at least for a minute or 2 more) and we can speak out against it.

Furthermore these "Smart" meters are frying us with carcinogenic radiation in our own homes in Michigan and there is NO WAY to opt out of this - no way to stop the damage to our bodies. This is a NAZI move on the part of the green freaks whose sole purpose is to make money and grab political power. This radiation causes major health problems in people and in pets. Over the last 3 years I personally have been diagnosed with the following: 1) peripheral neuropathy 2) fibromyalgia 3) irregular heartbeat 4) chronic headache disorder 5) Meniere's Disease. 6) some signs of Superior Canal Dehiscence Syndrome. There is also suspicion of a brain fluid leak caused by my multitude of symptoms. I am convinced that this evil "Smart" meter is to blame for the acceleration of my symptoms. I am currently being tested by a rheumatologist for several additional autoimmune diseases, but it is clear that I do have multiple diseases. This has personally cost me and my insurance company tens of thousands of dollars for healthcare treatment related to this disaster. Several European countries have banned these "Smart meter" devices while our government has done the opposite and mandated them. There is growing substantial evidence of these adverse health impacts to the citizens of this country, but the government continues to slip it past us. 99.9% of people do not know this is happening in America - a true travesty!

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please for once listen to the citizens - we don't want another Flint-like disaster here in this beautiful state.

P. Martis
Birmingham, Michigan

Sent from Windows Mail

From: Allan Currin <ashbrad48094@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 8:34 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013

I would like to protest the implementation of demand-response electricity programs in Michigan. I am retired but still use electrical tools to do yard work.

If you want people to use less energy, educate us on the best way to do that without running appliances during the night hours when we are getting the sleep we really need.

Please re-think your plans and take away those "smart meters".

Allan B. Currin
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Washington, Mi. 48094
Zip code 48094

From: R Tuesday <rtuesday@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 8:52 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of my husband and myself. We have been informed that Time of Use (TOU) rate programs are being considered to be used on a trial basis by Michigan's largest utility companies, DTE and Consumers Energy. We are opposed to any programs that offer dynamic pricing for many reasons.

First, this places a burden on those least likely to be in a position to afford the rate increases that must accompany these programs. Rates charged during the designated 'peak times' are up to ten times greater than 'off peak' rates. The elderly, the home-bound disabled, stay at home families, and single income families will be forced to choose between paying exorbitant rates to perform necessary tasks or to put off these tasks until the utility companies deem it appropriate for them to tend to their needs.

Second, businesses no longer operate within the once traditional nine to five workday. With the advent of twenty-four hour access to anything a person could want, with cities that offer a night-life that does not sleep, with call centers open round the clock, most business buildings do not power down at the end of the work day- because there IS no end to the workday. Therefore, daily business tasks are not negatively affected by rate changes as are those listed above.

Third, this program allows for home appliances to be turned on and off at will by the utility company where smart meters are installed. We do not want to have our lives dictated by anyone other than ourselves.

Fourth, a test program offering dynamic pricing did little to reduce energy consumption, only shifting the load to a time seemed more reasonable by the utility company. If the goal is to reduce energy cost then step pricing based on total energy usage can be implemented and is much more effective. In this manner, the customer decides how much energy they can afford and when to use it without the interference of the utility company shifting customer behavior.

Finally, these programs must be initially offered on a voluntary basis in order entice the public to participate before making making them mandatory. A two year pilot program instituted in Sacramento California from 2012-2014 bears this out. At the end of the pilot program the utilities TOU rate manager, Erik Krause, said, "the utility will ask its board of directors to move towards TOU as a standard rate, one that customers would be defaulted into and would have to opt out of if they were unsatisfied". This is just one step away from utility companies making mandatory what all other customers have 'voluntarily' asked for.

Robert and Mary Tworek

From: Brenda Kotsis <Brenda711@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 9:01 PM
To: MPSCDOCKETS
Subject: Cases: U-17936, U-18013

TO: MPSC

I oppose the implementation of demand-response electricity programs in Michigan. DTE's own website shows they will charge 300% more for peak power than off-peak.

The time/use program is discriminatory for families that are home during peak hours: i.e. families that home school their children and families that have young babies and children that don't go to daycare. Also many retirees are at home during the day as well as many businesses are run from the home.

I don't want my appliances shut off or lowered in power when demands are at peak.

I don't want anyone in control of whatever I use in my home...if I pay my bills I should have the freedom to use anything I want whenever I choose too.

Sincerely

Brenda Kotsis

From: Patrick <p-davidson@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 9:11 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013

Hello, We're writing in support of having the option to choose, at no cost, weather I want an analog or smart meter. We personally believe this should be a homeowners right as in the event it is determined that there are long term health effects, then the homeowner owns some of that responsibility. We do not want a smart meter, however this past week two smart meters were installed at my home and we want them replaced asap.

Bottom line, we think there is too much conjecture on both sides and until science can prove no long term health effects, we believe homeowners have the right to choose their type of meter.

Thank you,
Patrick & Susan Davidson
2146 N. Elba Rd.
Lapeer, MI 48446
810-441-7090

From: Mary Kimball-Smith <kimballm@mail.gvsu.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 9:16 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013

Please, have mercy on those who live on fixed incomes, are home raising children, taking care of the sick or elderly, or who believe that we have the choice to use our energy when we wish to, not when it's affordable. DO NOT charge rates based on usage!!!

Mary

From: Nan Nelson <nantambura@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 9:22 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013

I oppose the implementation of time-of-use (demand-response) electricity programs in Michigan. Such a rate plan is discriminatory against those who must use electricity during peak hours, such as elderly persons who rely on air conditioning during heat waves.

In addition, the "smart" or "advanced" meters which enable such programs are themselves harmful to the health of the entire population.

If saving energy is the goal, a program which negatively impacts the most vulnerable citizens is not a wise strategy. People instead need to be educated in ways to reduce energy use, and improving energy efficiency in our homes and workplaces.

Nan Nelson
Ann Arbor

From: Lola Killey <lola.killey@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 9:34 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013

April 27, 2016

To the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC):

I oppose the implementation of demand-response electricity programs in Michigan. I run a business from my home (a bookkeeping service) and have electromagnetic hypersensitivity (EHS) health issues. The implementation of demand-response electricity programs will be detrimental to me from both a financial standpoint and a health standpoint because it would require me to use smart meters and smart-chipped appliances. I have had my smart meter removed from my home to reduce its effect on my health. I would never buy a smart-chipped device for exactly the same reason.

The demand-response programs put additional load on the servers used to run the computer networks of the utilities. "Most data centers . . . consume vast amounts of energy in an incongruously wasteful manner Online companies typically run their facilities at maximum capacity around the clock, whatever the demand. As a result, data centers can waste 90 percent or more of the electricity they pull off the grid." Here is the place to start on reducing consumption. There are many others out there." From a [New York Times](#) article.

If you want people to save energy, educate them on using less.

Please do not move forward with demand-response electricity programs.

Sincerely,

Lola Killey

Ann Arbor, MI

New Day Bookkeeping, LLC

From: takeoutdouble@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 10:12 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936. U-18013

I am writing to express my concern and absolute objection to the idea of mandatory smart meters for tracking electricity use or smart meters for any purpose. Smart meters have been proven to be dangerous to people's health. They disturb people's sleep patterns. They make people with hyper radiation sensitivity sick. They interfere with medical devices (pacemakers,etc.). They have caused fires. They invade a person's privacy--a very bad idea if there is any concern for people's welfare. How are people supposed to live and survive when being subjected to this kind of danger. And how can people afford these outrageous fees? I am a retired person on a fixed income. I have to juggle to pay my bills and taxes as it is. This is bullying and a force of extreme overreaching control. It is an invasion of a person's privacy at a price beyond my and most people's. Capacity to pay. Please consider our welfare and let us return to a country that is free from this kind of control and oppression.

From: Jeanine Deal <j.s.deal@att.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 10:15 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013

Greetings,

I oppose the implementation of demand-response electricity programs in Michigan.

Time-of-use programs discriminate against people who must be at home during peak hours. This includes the elderly and the chronically ill. It also includes people with home businesses, of which there are an increasing number in Michigan.

Time-of-use programs will discriminate against people like me, with electromagnetic hypersensitivity. We can not use smart-chipped technology without exposing ourselves to the very environmental factor that brings about symptoms.

The demand-response programs will discriminate against people with low incomes. They cannot afford to buy appliances that they can set to run at any time of the day or night.

If you want people to save energy, educate them on using less.

Sincerely,

Jeanine S. Deal
3508 Capital Ave SW
Battle Creek, MI 49015

From: bekyhertel@comcast.net
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 10:24 PM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Subject: U-17936, U-18013

Time-of-use programs discriminate against people who must be home during peak hours.
It especially impacts retirees and the elderly. Both groups function on a fixed income and to increase cost due to peak hour usage is truly outrageous. The elderly, many confined due to advanced age or illness will be forced to run appliances mainly at peak times. They will hardly use electricity in the evening.

Making the public aware of usage can be better accomplished through education not by creating financial hardships. Having the elderly sit in the dark with no TV or computers just because it happens to be peak usage time hardly solves the problem.

Truly a disgrace that this would even be considered.