

March 26, 2023

Jan Noriyuki, Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
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CASE NO. PAC-E-23-11

Dear Jan Noriyuki,

I am writing to submit a formal complaint with the IPUC in regards to being forced/coerced to accept a "smart meter." It is not in my or my family's best interest to have a smart meter installed. At this point we have been left with little choice as we are being threatened to have our power terminated on the 29th of March, 2023. We have children in the home and over twenty head of livestock (horses, cows, and goats) and numerous chickens that depend on daily water to live. Most of my waterers consist of automatic waterers that supply water on demand. If the power is off they are immediately out of water. Our house is heated with electricity with no other means to heat it. It is my understanding that the power cannot be shut off when temperatures are 32° or below. Most of the weather has been consistently below 32°. Much of my business is run from home. Without electricity I am unable to conduct my business. My daughter is homeschooled and without electricity she is unable to continue with her schooling.

We have lived the past 23 years in this home with an analog meter. We have never missed or been late with a payment. Our past payments total somewhere in the neighborhood of \$60,000. Our agreement with the power company never consisted of an agreement to allow "smart meters."


We do not own a cell phone, use a microwave oven and limit our exposure to EMFs as much as possible. And while we recognize EMF exposure comes in many forms and not all of it can be avoided, we certainly feel it is our right to be able to avoid adding additional exposure via technologies such as "smart meters." There are numerous studies to support the fact that EMF's may be carcinogenic and that caution is advised.

I have been informed multiple times, including your office that Idaho does not offer any opt outs from "smart meters." It would appear that is not an entirely true statement. It is my understanding that Idaho Falls Power customers are not required to have smart meters nor are customers of Fall River Rural Electric. So by this fact, there are opt outs. Why have they been allowed for only a select or rather elect group of people? This is neither fair nor equitable.

There are many organizations and peoples that are cautioning of the dangers, health hazards, risks and loss of privacy from "smart meters." It is reasonable and expected due to the lack of consensus of the safety and privacy of said meters that Idahoans should be granted the freedom to opt out. Our Idaho Public Utilities and Idaho Legislature have clearly not made any real effort to advocate for the citizenry of Idaho. At a minimum we should be granted the same privileges afforded Idaho Falls Power and Fall River Rural Electric.

Our ultimate goal is to ensure that we can have the ability to opt out of a “smart meter” like other Idahoans who are not being forced to submit to the installation of a “smart meter” due to their affiliation to municipal and co-op sources of power.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Diane M. Huskinson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and 'H'.

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