

STOP SMART METERS

If a utility company wants to install a Smart Meter on your house or income property you can do something about it.

Small Steps Can Make A Big Difference

Did you ever wonder why the bigger something gets the harder it is to deal with? Well, even if you never thought about it before, it's really true. That's why, if thousands of California property owners take a couple of small steps to prevent the installation of Smart Meters on their property, we can prevent the roll out of Smart Meter technology in the State of California.

The utility companies have utility easements on your property, but that doesn't mean they have the right to install Smart Meters that:

1. Make people sick who live in your property;
2. Diminish the market value of your property by making it less rentable and less saleable;
3. Data-mine the daily habits of people living in your property, so that faceless bureaucrats and computer algorithms can micro-manage how they live;
4. Impose more costly and less reliable utility usage fees on people who are already struggling to keep up with rising energy costs;
5. Massively invade the privacy of every citizen who uses computers, televisions, washing machines, dishwashers and other "smart" appliances that can be tracked and controlled through Smart Meters.

The utility companies can fight off citizens one by one, but if thousands of citizens take action to protect their rights, the utility companies cannot win. They have the money to hire lawyers, but the logistics of trying to hire and organize thousands of lawsuits would overwhelm them. What's more, it would give them a public black eye, and they definitely don't want that. So, if your utility company is going to install a Smart Meter on your property, here is what you can do.

Tell Your Utility Company "No Smart Meter"

Immediately send a Notice to your utility company, certified mail return receipt requested, instructing them not to install a Smart Meter on your property. A form for that purpose has been prepared for use in California with the Pacific Gas & Electric Company. It is attached. A similar form may work in other parts of California with other utility companies, and in other states of the nation as well. Keep a copy of the form that you send, and attach the signed return receipt to your copy when it comes back to you in the mail. That will be your evidence that the utility company received your Notice.

Put Up A "No Smart Meter" Notice

Immediately put up a “No Smart Meter” notice on the wall next to your electric meter, gas meter and water meter, so that the meter readers can see that you do not consent to the installation of Smart Meters on your property. A form for that purpose has been prepared for use in California, and a similar notice may work in other states of the nation. The notice should be laminated so that it can withstand inclement weather conditions. Such notices may be available through concerned citizen action groups, or you can create your own notice. For evidence purposes, it might be a good idea to take a photograph of your notice next to your meter, with a current newspaper in the photo to show the date your notice was put up. Here is some language that might be used in a notice:

**The Owner of this property DOES NOT CONSENT
to the installation of a Smart Meter on this property because it:**

- **Produces EMF that are harmful to the residents;**
- **Invades the privacy of the residents;**
- **Creates an unacceptable degree of uncertainty about actual utility usage and legally appropriate utility charges; and,**
- **Constitutes an unwarranted infringement upon the Constitutional, legal and property rights of the residents.**

The language above is intended to be informational and illustrative, and does not constitute legal advice. The laws of all fifty states of the United States are different, and people should contact their own lawyers with any legal questions they may have.

Install A “No Smart Meter” Physical Preventive

Utility companies have utility easements that allow them access to the utility equipment they install on your property. As long as they have effective access, the purpose of the easement is being fulfilled. Certainly, effective access means the utility company should be able to read the meter, and repair or replace it if it is broken. But, does effective access mean that the utility company has a right to install a Smart Meter that will make people sick, or that invades their privacy, or that violates other Constitutional and legal rights? Well, like so many things these days, that is a legal question that is ultimately a political issue. It is a political issue because laws are made by legislators, and legislators have to get elected before they can pass laws. That’s where you come in, because you are a citizen with a vote. If enough people stand in opposition to the installation of Smart Meters, the political blowback will be enough to change the laws and rules the utility companies are relying on to roll out Smart Meter technology.

So, while nobody but your own attorney can give you legal advice about whether or not to do it, if you believe that you have a right to prevent the installation of a Smart Meter on your property, there are physical methods of inhibiting such an installation. Some people are installing a special metal ring around their existing meter so that the meter cannot be removed unless someone physically breaks a small lock. Some people are

thinking of installing see-through boxes around their existing meters (made by Tap Plastics or some other company). Other people are coming up with other ideas that allow the utility company to read and, upon request, service the existing meter, but inhibit the installation of a Smart Meter. Obviously, each of these preventative measures limits the freedom of the utility company to install a Smart Meter without your consent, and the utility company may consider such action to impede their easement rights. So, each person has to decide for himself or herself whether to oppose the installation of a Smart Meter on their property.

NOTICE

(Date)

(Customer Name & Address)

TO: Kent M. Harvey, Senior V.P. & CFO
PG&E Corporation
1 Market Plaza, Suite 2400
San Francisco, CA 94105

RE: Account ID # _____

Dear Mr. Harvey,

YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT NEITHER PG&E, NOR ANY OF ITS EMPLOYEES, AGENTS OR CONTRACTORS, HAS PERMISSION TO INSTALL, OR ATTEMPT TO INSTALL, ANY “SMARTMETER™” AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

_____, SANTA ROSA.
CA.

Any attempt to install a SmartMeter at said location shall be deemed actionable under relevant state and federal laws, and in violation of the Constitutions of the State of California and the United States of America. Please be aware that under federal law, “If two or more persons conspire to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate any citizen in free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured to him by the constitution or laws of the United States, or because of his having exercised the same, or if two or more persons go on the premises of another with the intent to prevent or hinder his free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege so secured – they shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than ten years or both.”

Please be advised that the land use fee for the above address is hereby declared to be \$5,000.00 per person per day, or any portion thereof. Installation of a SmartMeter™ at the aforesaid location will result in the initiation of a claim for damages for trespass, wrongful burdening of a utility easement, invasion of privacy and violation of other constitutionally protected rights, intentional infliction of emotional distress, and for such other personal injuries and torts as the facts may warrant. Please be aware that activity at this location may be under surveillance. Kindly advise the undersigned of the name, address, policy number and phone number of PG&E’s insurer or surety. Please accept delivery of this letter by certified mail as a good faith effort by the undersigned to exhaust all applicable administrative remedies and claims procedures that may be a precondition to legal action in relation to the installation, or attempted installation, of SmartMeters.

(Customer Name)

cc: Anil Suri, Chief Risk & Audit Officer
PG&E Shareholders Association

**NOTE: SEND THE COPIES NOTED IN SEPARATE ENVELOPES
TO THE CHIEF RISK & AUDIT OFFICER AND TO THE PG&E
SHAREHOLDERS ASSOCIATION TO 1 MARKET PLAZA, SUITE
2400, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94105**