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I am writing to all parties involved in electricity pricing and smart meters.

With regard to electricity pricing, from 2004 to 2012 the lowest KWh rate has increased 32% and the highest rate (now called on peak) has risen 97%. I can guarantee incomes have not risen at anything close to this. On top of this there are several other charges including delivery, regulatory and debit reduction which add another approximately 47% of the electricity charge on top of this. Now I understand the local PUC have submitted an application to add another \$3.36 to our bills in smart meter riders. When does it end? We even get charged for electricity we don't use as billed usage is higher than metered usage.

As a retiree I guess it ends with me selling my house and moving into geared to income seniors housing or else sitting in my house wrapped in a blanket in the winter with everything turned off until 7:00 PM. Without doubt seniors at home are disadvantaged by smart meter on peak charges. My house has electric baseboard heating so there is little I can do other than turn the thermostats down and add more body layers.

I would challenge all of you well paid parties to find other alternatives in your budgets rather than constantly picking consumer pockets with these increases.

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