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Madam

This is a letter of comment pertaining to the application and hearing for an electricity distribution rate increase for PUC Distribution Inc. to recover costs for deploying "smart" meters in Sault Ste Marie, ON, filed March 5, 2012 as stated I in our local newspaper, The Sault Star, April 5, 2012.

I object to an increase in distribution rates to recoup the costs of this meter from me on the basis that <u>I did NOT ask for or need a new electricity meter and it is of no benefit to me.</u>

My old one worked just fine to measure my power consumption.

I told the installer that I did not want it. He said that I had no choice: he had to install it on the outside of my home.

I am not sure who decided/mandated that I get a new "smart" meter. If it was the government, then it should be responsible and our taxes should cover this cost.

The new meter is of NO benefit to me since I am unable to use it to assess how much power I use for certain appliances or functions.

I was told that this would be possible with the new meter system which would enable energy conservation and savings. I have electric heat and would like to determine which type of electric baseboard heater is most energy efficient. This is NOT possible. The new meter is not helping me to conserve energy OR assess my usage, so why should I pay for it?

The meters have, however, allowed the PUC to utilize 'time of use billing' with higher electricity rates, with the mid and peak rates higher and the lowest rate not much lower than my old pre-"smart meter rate. They do benefit PUC Inc.

Purchasing and installing these meters was the initiative of the PUC and/or Gov. of Ontario: their business, their initiative, their decision .

I wasn't asked for input prior to the purchase of these meters, so I should not have to pay for them after the fact. It's time for business to be accountable for their decisions.

Thanks for allowing my input

