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Opposing AEP "upgrade" to Smart Meter >> We do NOT want the AEP "Smart Meter" installed on our property. These have NOT been proven safe or beneficial to us in any way. In fact, they have been condemned by many international experts as a threat to health and safety

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You can decline a smart meter. Please call 1-855-872-6446 to speak with a customer service representative, or email <a href="mailto:mymeter@aep.com">mymeter@aep.com</a>. Have your address and account information available. Please note that the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio approved a monthly fee of \$24 to be charged to you for declining installation of smart meter. If you already have a smart meter installed, there is also a \$43 fee to have the meter replaced with a non-emitting meter.

The \$24/mo fee is LUDICROUS because 1) AEP's costs are not raised by \$24/mo from doing something they have always done before. 2) Technicians have never in the past checked our meter every month-many months are marked "estimated."

These smart meters do not provide ANY benefits to the people, they ONLY BENEFIT AEP by increasing their profits at the expense of our health and safety.

I am EXTREMELY disappointed in the Public Utilities Commission's failure to protect our interests in this matter. I ask that you reverse the decision to allow AEP to charge a \$24/mo ransom to people who don't want to be exposed to this hazard. I further implore you to do your job of protecting our health and safety by ordering AEP to halt the installation of these hazardous smart meters entirely.

## **Basil Argento**

- "...the inauguration of smart meters with grudging and involuntary exposure of millions to billions of human beings to pulsed microwave radiation should immediately be prohibited..." Olle Johansson, PhD, Department of Neuroscience, Karolinska Institute (Sweden)
- "...we are creating a potential time bomb. If smart meters are placed on every home, they will contribute significantly to our exposure and this is both unwise and unsafe." Magda Havas, PhD, Professor of Environmental & Resource Studies, Trent University (Canada)

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