

RESOLUTION NO. 2014016

RE: URGING PASSAGE OF STATE LEGISLATION TO ALLOW OPT-OUT RE:
SMART METERS

Legislators TYNER, STRAWINSKI, JETER-JACKSON, MAC AVERY, and PERKINS offer the following and move its adoption:

WHEREAS, the American Academy of Environmental Medicine opposes the installation of "wireless smart meters" and states "chronic exposure to wireless radiofrequencies radiation is a preventable environmental hazard that is sufficiently well documented to warrant immediate preventative health action", and

WHEREAS, concerns come from, among other places, a recognition that the International Agency for Research on Cancer, part of the World Health Organization, classifies radiofrequency electromagnetic fields as possibly carcinogenic to humans, and

WHEREAS, research on the potential health impacts of smart meters is not yet conclusive, this Legislative Body believes there is sufficient concern expressed that consumers should be given a choice to "opt-out" of being forced to utilize "Smart Meters" rather than go without electricity, and

WHEREAS, in addition to public health concerns, public safety concerns exist in that many are concerned that utilizing "Smart Meters" enables "hackers" to electronically monitor the electricity usage of individuals making persons more susceptible to becoming crime victims if it can be determined when persons are home or not, and

WHEREAS, a bipartisan effort is underway in the New York State Legislature to ensure consumer choice exists in the State of New York as to whether persons should be forced to utilize "Smart Meters", and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 3379-A and Assembly Bill 7799-A, sponsored by Senator Joseph Griffo and Assemblymember Michael DenDekker respectively are presently pending in the Finance Committee (in the case of the Senate) and the Energy Committee (in the case of the Assembly), and

WHEREAS, these bills would enable consumers to choose not to have a "Transmitting Utility Meter" utilized on their home, and, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Dutchess County Legislature requests that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Dutchess County Board of Health to examine the potential health side effects "Smart Meters" would have on Dutchess County residents, the findings of the Board of Health will then be sent to our delegation within the New York State Legislature.

STATE OF NEW YORK

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COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Dutchess have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 21st day of January 2014, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Legislature this 21st day of January 2014.

STATE OF NEW YORK

3379--A

2013-2014 Regular Sessions

I N S E N A T E

February 1, 2013

Introduced by Sen. GRIFFO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Energy and Telecommunications -- reported favorably from said committee and committed to the Committee on Finance -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public service law, in relation to providing consumers the option to elect not to use transmitting utility meters

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1 Section 1. The public service law is amended by adding a new section
 2 67-b to read as follows:
 3 S 67-B. TRANSMITTING UTILITY METER; ELECTION NOT TO USE. NOTWITHSTAND-
 4 ING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE COMMISSION IS AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE
 5 THAT CONSUMERS MAY ELECT NOT TO USE TRANSMITTING UTILITY METERS OF ANY
 6 INVESTOR OWNED ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY SUBJECT TO REGULATION BY
 7 THE COMMISSION; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT THE COMMISSION SHALL NOT CREATE
 8 AND REGULATE A SURCHARGE FOR CONSUMERS WHO MAKE SUCH AN ELECTION. FOR
 9 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM "TRANSMITTING UTILITY METER" MEANS AN
 10 ELECTRIC METER THAT IS CAPABLE OF RECORDING CONSUMPTION OF ELECTRIC
 11 ENERGY AND COMMUNICATING SUCH INFORMATION UTILIZING TWO-WAY COMMUNI-
 12 CATION BETWEEN THE METER AND THE ELECTRIC SUPPLIER FOR MONITORING AND
 13 BILLING PURPOSES.
 14 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [] is old law to be omitted.

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S T A T E O F N E W Y O R K

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2013-2014 Regular Sessions

I N A S S E M B L Y

June 4, 2013

Introduced by M. of A. DenDEKKER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Energy -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

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