

June 30th

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To: Honorable Kathleen Burgess  
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Regarding case 14-M-0196

Dear Ms, Burgess,

With gratitude for extending the comment deadline to July 29,2016

Stop Smart Meters Woodstock New York sees fit to comment on Ken Panza's letter dated 6/28/16 where he shares his personal views of the current debate on allowing company owned analog meters as opposed refurbished meters to be used in the opt-out program with or without fees.

It has been stated by Mr Panza that analog meters that are owned by Central Hudson (CH) are the best solution as opposed to providing refurbished/remanufactured analog meters. It should be noted that refurbished meters are more accurate than the company owned analog meters . The refurbished analog meters refurbished by Hialeah Meter Company, in Hialeah Florida, surpass the C12 standard (See Meter Test attachment ) and

California's "Type A" certification, the strictest meter standard in the US. The C12 standard requires 38 separate tests that must be passed before a meter manufacturer can claim compliance. It is important to

note these tests account for a wide range of influencing parameters including changes in load, power factor, temperature and harmonic distortion.

([http://www2.schneider-electric.com/documents/support/white-papers/998-4531\\_electric-utilities\\_High-accuracy\\_EN.pdf](http://www2.schneider-electric.com/documents/support/white-papers/998-4531_electric-utilities_High-accuracy_EN.pdf) page 5)

The type A Certification of an electrical meter required in California is a field test of the utility meter in operation.

([http://www.energy.ca.gov/2013publications/CEC-400-2013-002/chapters/08\\_electrical\\_power\\_distribution.pdf](http://www.energy.ca.gov/2013publications/CEC-400-2013-002/chapters/08_electrical_power_distribution.pdf). section 8-8-7)

The Hialeah analog meter complies with those tests.

While Stop Smart Meters Woodstock NY wholeheartedly agrees with Mr. Panza that analog meters should be made available to the electric utility opt-out applicant, whether they be company owned or refurbished, we disagree that we should be obligated to pay a monthly fee the rest of our lives to opt-out of a transmitting meter program that we never willingly consented to. Analog meters are presently being read manually in two thirds of CH's customer base with no fees being charged. Why should utility customers have to start paying fee's to read the analog meters when utility customers never had to pay any meter reading fee's all the while CH was recording huge profits. If and when CH and the "Joint Utilities" have implemented transmitting meters to the vast majority of utility customers the money they will supposedly save will will offset the cost of the relatively few opt-out customers by a wide

margin and the meter reading expense will be negligible and yet protect the rights of those few who chose to opt-out. Integrity should be the determining factor not greed.

It should also be noted that Central Hudson's customer base and the Joint Utilities customer base are inclusive of all kinds of people such as Engineers, Doctors, Phd's, Electricians, Health professionals, Scientists and many other highly educated people. This contradicts statements by Mr. Panza like "it has already been established that utility customers do not understand these subjects and should not be criticized for their lack of understanding." We certainly do understand these subjects and would hope that the honorable Secretary Burgess does not share this biased view of New York Utility customers. Stop Smart Meters humbly requests that the PSC approve refurbished analog meters which surpass ANSI C12 standards for use in New York as other Utilities in other States have and do so without utility customers having to pay a monthly fee. Other Utilities the US government and industry are using refurbished analog meters refurbished by Hialeah Company Meter Company (See letter on electromechanical analog meters from president of Hialeah Meter Company in document file).

Thank you for your time and consideration, Steve Romine

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