

PRESQUE ISLE COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY RESOLUTION

2014

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE STATE HOUSE AND SENATE ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEES HOLD HEARINGS AND A VOTE TO REPORT OUT OF COMMITTEE HOUSE BILL 4315 AND SENATE BILL 819 FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE ENTIRE STATE LEGISLATURE

WHEREAS, DTE, PIE&G, Alpena Power and Consumers Energy are replacing analog meters with so-called smart (also known as "advanced" or "AMI") meters with the intention of completing the process by 2019 and an unknown time for PIE&G; and

WHEREAS, there are serious health, privacy, safety and cost concerns regarding these so-called smart meters; and

WHEREAS, "SMART" meter technology collects personal data without a warrant or the informed consent of customers, and is thus in violation of customers' 4th Amendment and privacy rights; and

WHEREAS, "SMART" meters emit pulsating radio frequency radiation 24/7, posing a well researched and documented health threat to biological organisms; and

WHEREAS, "SMART" meters (even with the radio-transmitter disabled) cause an irregularly pulsating electromagnetic current known as "line noise," composed of voltage transients and harmonics to travel through the wiring of any building which is commonly referred to as "dirty electricity"; and

WHEREAS, "SMART" meters are known to have caused fires, explosions, and meltdowns of appliances and circuit panels, causing death, injury and property damage, placing an unprecedented safety and monetary risk upon utility customers; and

WHEREAS, the very foundation of consumer protection laws is violated by (1) the utilities compelling their customers to pay for something the customers did not request and that many customers have asked to have removed and (2) by the utilities' installation on customer homes, without consent, of devices that compromise privacy, health, safety, and property; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 4315 and Senate Bill 819 would allow DTE, PIE&G, Alpena Power and Consumers customers to opt-out of the so-called smart meters at no cost, without paying a one-time and monthly fee as they are now required to do; and

WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon our elected officials to protect our natural rights to health, safety, privacy and prosperity by representing the People above special interests; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairs and members of the State House and Senate Energy and Technology Committees amend HB 4315 and SB 819 to provide that the cost-free opt-out meter be an analog meter identical to those that have been removed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that by a majority vote of the members of the Presque Isle County Republican Party, the Chairs and members of the State House and Senate Energy and Technology Committees are urged to, after adequate and impartial deliberation, move HB 4315 and SB 819 to their respective full legislative bodies for a hearing, consideration and vote; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Chairs and members of the State House and Senate Energy and Technology Committees, requesting timely consideration of their respective Bills, with additional copies transmitted to all members of the entire State legislature.

Dated this 10th day of April, 2014

By Order of the Members of the Presque Isle County Republican Party

 4/23/14

Sherri Wiggins, PIRP Chair



Cindy Minier, PIRP Secretary