

October 29, 2013

Resolution In Support Of Requesting the Michigan Public Service Commission To Reassess Opt-out Fees for Smart Meter Or Advanced Metering Infrastructure Programs

Commissioner Jim Carabelli on Behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Offer the Following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Macomb County Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution 2012-6 in support of requesting the Michigan Public Service Commission to investigate the safety and effectiveness of Smart Meters; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of Resolution 2012-6, Macomb County residents have voiced health concerns regarding Smart Meters and its opt-out fees; and

WHEREAS the Michigan Public Service Commission has approved the implementation of smart meters or AMI devices in Michigan and the associated fees for customers who choose to opt-out of the installation of a smart meter in the form of a one-time fee that is either pre-installation or post-installation, in conjunction with a monthly charge for outing-out in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS the Michigan Public Service Commission, when establishing the opt-out fees, provided no provision for low income customers who want to opt out of the smart meter installation but who cannot afford the additional fees.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Macomb County Board of Commissioners hereby expresses its concern relative to the current opt-out fees approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission for Advanced Metering Infrastructure in Michigan.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Macomb County Board of Commissioners requests that the Michigan Public Services Commission reassess the fees associated with opting- out and the ability for consumers to keep their current analog meters.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that hard copies of this resolution be provided to Governor Rick Snyder, the Macomb County delegation to the Michigan Legislature, the Michigan Association of Counties, Attorney General Bill Schuette, the Michigan Public Services Commission; Detroit Edison; and soft copies of this resolution be provided to County Executive Mark Hackel.