

City of Troy – Resolution July 23, 2012

WHEREAS Detroit Edison Company, Consumers Energy Company and other energy providers have deployed Smart Meters in Troy; and

WHEREAS the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) opened a case on January 12, 2012 (Case U-17000), and directed electric utility companies to provide information on whether the electric utility intends to allow customers to opt out of having a Smart Meter and if so, how does the utility intend to recover the cost of an opt out program; and

WHEREAS, the MPSC's Order also issued a temporary moratorium on any new installations on Smart Meters until further Order; and

WHEREAS, HB 5411 has been introduced in the Michigan Legislature, which would codify the rights of customers to decline the installation of a Smart Meter or ask to have an installed Smart Meter removed; and

WHEREAS Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette filed comments in MPSC Case U-17000 on April 16, 2012. In his comments, he strongly advocated that customers should be afforded a meaningful and fair opportunity to opt out of Smart Meter installation without being penalized by unwarranted and excessive costs; and

WHEREAS there has been concern expressed by some electric customers that the smart meters are overly intrusive into their energy usage; and

WHEREAS some electric customers have alleged that emissions from the smart meters are actually dangerous to their health.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Troy City Council supports the ability of customers to opt out of the Smart Meter program on their homes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Troy City Council agrees with Attorney General Schuette that utility customers who opt out of the Smart Meter program should be able to opt out without being penalized by unwarranted and excessive costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Troy City Council supports HB 5411 to the extent that it legislatively mandates a Smart Meter Opt Out provision; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Snyder, the Oakland County delegation of the Michigan Legislature, the Michigan Attorney General, the Michigan Public Service Commission, the Michigan Association of Counties and the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and all elected officials representing the City of Troy.

Yes: seven

No : none