

DTE Smart Meter OPT OUT - Plan with consumer Penalty Fee

Re: Case # U-17053

Dear Michigan Public Service Commission:

I am writing to you about DTE's proposed opt-out plan. The following needs to be included in any plan.

Opting In

1. Individuals and businesses should be opting in to smart meters, not opting out.

Moratorium

1. There should be a moratorium on smart meter installation until an opt-in (or opt-out) program has taken effect.

Analog Meters

1. Digital meters are not an acceptable alternative and any customer—individual or business—who wants to keep their analog meter or have their smart meter replaced with an analog must be allowed to do so.
2. Smart meters and digital meters are no more accurate than analogs.
3. Whether a meter is analog or digital makes no difference to getting a meter reading.

Fees

1. Individuals can read their own meters if they so choose, thus negating the need for a \$15-per-month fee.
2. There should not be an opt-out fee (the \$87 fee) for anyone.
 - a. Individuals and businesses that have retained analogs do not need to pay an \$87 fee because nothing is being replaced.
 - b. Those with smart meters did not opt in and thus must not be charged for something they did not ask for and did not want.
 - c. Those with known health issues qualify under the ADA and must not be charged in any way for opting out.

Business Opt-Out

1. Businesses must be part of the opt-out plan.
 - a. Employees and customers will be harmed by the radiation put out by smart meters in businesses.
 - b. Customers who are extremely sensitive to smart meter radiation will be prevented from patronizing businesses with smart meters, including their doctors.
 - c. Both of these things will cause businesses to lose money.
 - d. Corporations have been declared persons by the U.S. Supreme Court, thus must have the ability to opt out.

Sincerely,