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**From:** Judith Phoenix <judithgphoenix@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 12, 2016 7:25 PM  
**To:** Statements  
**Subject:** Smart meters

I do not want a smart meter at my house and will refuse one. They are not necessary and are very dangerous as you well know. Please just leave well enough alone.

Judith Phoenix  
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To the North Carolina Utilities Commission:

Clerk's Office  
N.C. Utilities Commission

I am a public health professional, a parent, and a resident of Orange Country. I am writing to strongly urge the Utilities Commission to **OPPOSE** any smart meter opt-out tariffs proposed by Duke Energy, which is in the process of installing almost 200,000 smart meters in North Carolina.

The scientific literature shows that the electromagnetic frequencies produced by smart meters are a [growing health threat](#) with numerous documented health risks. The FCC standards that Duke Energy relies on to justify smart meter safety are not intended to be applied to smart meters, as discussed by the [Environmental Protection Agency](#) in 2002. Reported cases of electromagnetic hypersensitivity (EHS) are increasing at an alarming rate. The United States Access Board (developer of the Americans with Disabilities Act) recognizes that EHS is a growing problem, recognizes it as a disability, and is creating best practices to protect people afflicted with EHS.

Installation of a smart meter would be devastating to our family, given that one of our children already suffers from chronic health challenges and one of us suffers from severe headaches. We cannot afford to experience the sleep disruption, loss of learning ability, headaches, fatigue, and other common adverse effects that arise in those living next to a smart meter.

North Carolina citizens should not have to pay to protect their health from an industry-inflicted device (smart meters) that is clearly being implemented solely to increase industry profits. However, Duke Energy is the largest electricity provider in the world, and the average citizen stands little chance of being heard. The NCUC's position on Duke Energy's proposed tariffs will set a precedent for other utilities' treatment of opt-out provisions. North Carolinians need the help of the North Carolina Utilities Commission to protect their health. Please do the right thing and **OPPOSE** any smart meter opt-out tariffs proposed by Duke Energy.

Thank you.

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