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To: Standing Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services
Sarina Gersher, Chair; Hilary Gough, Troy Davies, Darren Hill, Mairin Loewen

Re: Advanced Metering Infrastructure Participation Policy.

I am in receipt of a letter dated April 28, 2021. **I am in favor of Non-participation in AMI with resident self-reads.**

At one point, Saskatoon Light and Power placed a smart meter on my house and I asked that it be removed, which it was. Thank you!! Please see enclosed letter. (To Whom it May Concern dated 2015) My daughter had a seizure and we suffered many symptoms while we had the smart meter on our house. This is especially dangerous for my daughter who has epilepsy.

Electromagnetic Hypersensitivity (EHS) : health problems attributed to low level exposure of electromagnetic fields (EMF). Symptoms include: headaches, body pain, tinnitus, nausea, burning sensation (skin, teeth, gums), heart arrhythmia, brain fog, anxiety, ears hurting, teeth grinding, etc. Most famous person to admit she suffers from EHS is Gro Harlem Brundtland, former Prime Minister of Norway and retired Director of the W.H.O.

What's so important about metering my utility useage that warrants the city, city councillors and city contractors to jeopardize our quality of life and our health?

As long as I reside at [REDACTED] Avenue F South, Saskatoon, S7M [REDACTED], **"I DO NOT"** give permission for any smart meter or activation of a water communication module on my premises.

Contrary to the opinion that Health Canada has stated that the Radio Frequency (RF) emissions are below the Industry Canada Regulations, there are still non-ionic frequencies that are emitted from these devices and they fail to acknowledge that the effect of these non-ionic emissions are cumulative. Although Health Canada website claims that "20 year exposure" to smart meters will not affect one's health adversely, they cannot substantiate such a claim as smart meters have not been in use that long. I also have not seen any long term studies on how smart meters affect young children, teens, animals, plants, etc.

From the 1920's - 1950's "smoking cigarettes" was considered safe, "doctor recommended". Decades later(1964) the US Surgeon General stated smoking cigarettes was linked to cancer and other diseases (after 7000 published articles in medical journals). Health Canada also approved "thalidamide" for use by pregnant women suffering from morning sickness. This approved drug caused babies to be born with birth defects. I don't believe Health Canada can without a doubt infer that smart meters are safe and that smart meters don't affect our health adversely in the long run without the proper data collection and analysis.

I see that smart meters are in the process of UL (Underwriter Laboratory) certification. If they are approved, please provide me the evidence that they are. I would never authorize any electrical device that isn't UL Safety Approved to be attached to my home.

As my non-smart meter is currently working fine, I have no problem assisting with the "billing issue" as pointed out in your meeting. To eliminate the cost to Saskatoon Light and Power and Saskatoon Water, I have no problem taking a picture of my meters once a month and sending them in directly. No need for meter readers. Since I am providing the readings for the meters, I see no reason to be charged extra for this. Also there should be no dispute as to the accuracy of the readings.

Banks allow photos of cheques to be direct deposited instantaneously so why not meter readings? As I have lived here for 25 years, I see no need for daily readings of my utility usage. My account has always been in good standing and I have given full consideration.

In the past, I have received a phone call from someone at Saskatoon Light and Power stating that if I don't comply I could be refused essential services. I don't feel comfortable being threatened with loss of services because I am concerned about my health and my daughter's health. As I have provided a remedy for your "billing issues", I do not see the need to threaten me to comply.

All city works are for the people. The people provide the finances for the operation of the city works. Some people have private special needs due to propagation of non-ionic frequency sensitivities . No wifi and no wifi meters or metering system in or around my house please and thank you.

Sincerely,

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