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Subject: APS Settlement



Dear Chairman Forese,

The APS settlement agreement allows APS to replace every analog mechanical meter with a non-transmitting digital meter for those who opt out of the smart meter. So those who opt out will not be able to keep their current analog meter. Non-transmitting digital meters are linked to dirty electricity and health problems.

The 'opt-out-for-a-price' arrangement, if customers are forced to have digital meters, would still not eliminate the dirty electricity flowing into the home, and so would not prevent negative health effects from occurring. Digital meters—whether or not “smart”—cause dirty electricity to flow through home wiring. Thus, people who opt out of APS smart meters and pay an opt out fee every month will be paying a fee to be stuck with a digital meter – no opt out at all in fact.

My real concern is the loss of our analog meters, not the opt out fees. If we lose our analog meters and are required by APS to have a non-transmitting digital meter, what's the point regarding opt out fees vs no opt out fees? In both the Sedona meeting and the Clarkdale meeting I attended, the focus was on the opt out fees.

However, the truth is, if we can't retain our analog meters, APS has essentially denied us our opt out. It's not the opt out fee that's a crucial point here. It's the loss of the analog meters. That is the critical issue and the salient reality facing us in our fight to retain these precious analog meters, which have never been a health or safety risk to anyone.

I entreat you to ensure APS customers who opt out of the smart meter have the right to keep their current analog meter and not be forced to have a non-transmitting digital meter.

Thank you very much for your consideration. Bless you.

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