

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO STOP SMART METERS?

1. Learn more about Smart Meters and their effects on the Internet.
2. Send a letter via Certified Mail to FPL or JEA stating that you absolutely do not want a Smart Meter installed on your property.
3. Send a letter to all of your municipal and state representatives requesting a ban or ordinance on Smart Meters.
4. Put a sticker or a cover over your analog meter stating that you do not authorize its removal for a Smart Meter.
5. Pass this information on to your neighbors, friends and co-workers.

INFORMATIVE WEBSITES

- stopsmartmeters.org
- www.stopsmartmetersnow.com
- www.bansmartmeters.com
- nosmartmeters.blogspot.com
- www.refusesmartmeter.com

Even if you are not convinced that Smart Meters pose a risk to privacy and safety or believe that you would like a Smart Meter installed in your home, other homeowners should have the basic right to choose for themselves. Help us to improve consumer rights and protection.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

FPL

Florida Power & Light Company Inc.
700 Universe Boulevard
Juno Beach, FL 33408-2683

JEA

JEA
21 West Church Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

Contact your municipal and state government to request a ban or ordinance regarding Smart Meters.

Florida Governor
Office of Governor Rick Scott
State of Florida
The Capitol
400 S. Monroe St.
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Print brochures and Opt-Out Letters at:

<http://nosmartmetersflorida.blogspot.com>

STOP SMART METERS NOW!

FPL has already begun the installation of controversial Smart Meters in south Florida and intends to begin installation in St. Johns County in 2012. Likewise, JEA has indicated their plans to also implement Smart Meters in Jacksonville. Now is the time for action to prevent this from happening.

These new meters pose potential risks to the privacy, safety and health of the entire household and local environment where they are installed.

WHAT ARE SMART METERS?

A Smart Meter is a digital device that reads electricity usage by way of a radio frequency network. It transmits between the meter, your home and the electric company. There will no longer be the need for a meter reader to physically visit your property to read an analog meter and document your usage.

The principle behind the Smart Meter is that it will allow consumers to know how much electricity they are using at different times of the day. This is supposed to encourage more efficient energy consumption and therefore save money on monthly utilities.

PRIVACY VIOLATIONS

Smart Meters will be measuring your electricity usage multiple times per hour and wirelessly sending this information back to the utility provider. This information will allow the study of your usage and can reveal much about your personal habits and daily routine. Such examples include:

- What time you get up in the morning
- How long you are at work and when you get home
- If there is activity in the middle of the night
- When you are absent from home for prolonged periods (such as a vacation)

Your activity will be chartable and possibly even predictable over time. You will be able to review this information

on FPL or JEA's website, but they will be storing this information in their database and others will have access to these records. There have been no indications or assurances (such as a contractual agreement with the utility company) that this data is completely private and confidential.

The utility provider could sell information collected about you to third parties, such as advertisers or the government. Even if your identity is kept anonymous, do you feel comfortable knowing that your personal habits and routine are being watched and documented permanently?

HEALTH CONCERNS

Smart Meters operate wirelessly by pulsing radio frequencies every few seconds, 24-hours per day. They cannot be turned off. This RF is the type of radiation produced by cell phones and microwaves. The utility providers openly admit that this is the same technology, but at a much lower level. However, they omit that you will not only be affected by the device operating at your house, but you will be within range of all of your neighbors Smart Meters. The more neighbors you have increases your exposure to the device radiation.

Across the country people are experiencing health problems from Smart Meters. Many people have sensitivity to electronic radiation and will suffer ringing in the ears (tinnitus), sleep disruption, headaches, nausea, heart palpitations, skin cancers and fatigue. There are numerous

studies that link cancer to exposure of RF radiation. Not to mention that these devices can interfere with pace makers and other medical equipment inside of the home.

Most people are aware of the health risks posed by cell phones and microwaves and these devices are not generally run 24-hours per day. As a consumer you have the right to not use these devices, however you do not have the option with Smart Meters. Tests have been performed to prove that Smart Meter radiation is penetrating the exterior walls and can be found at constant and persistent levels within the interior of the home.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Numerous incidents of fires involving Smart Meters due to their construction and faulty installation have occurred.
- Consumers around the country are reporting increases in their monthly utility bill rather than a savings after the installation of a Smart Meter.
- Since utilities are being monitored in real time instead of once per month, the utility company could potentially regulate and/or ration electricity usage.
- There are proposals for appliances in the near future to include corresponding technology. They will be able to remit data wirelessly to the utility company about the type of appliance and its usage inside your home.