



This packet is about a statewide rollout of Electric Smart Meters, NOT the local Silver City water meters. This new program has far more serious implications than the water meters:

- higher bills
- fire hazards
- surveillance device
- hackable

AMI “SMART” METER UPDATE

PNM Service Area in NM
From CAUS (Citizens Alliance for Utility Safety) Silver City, NM

PNM IS ASKING PERMISSION FROM THE NMPRC TO INSTALL ELECTRIC AMI “SMART” METERS

April 2016: PNM requested the NM Public Regulation Commission (NMPRC) for permission to install electric AMI “Smart” meters in their NM service area, billing customers up to \$130 million for meters and expenses. (References available on CAUS website)

CONCERNS IF THE PROPOSAL IS APPROVED

- large rate increases
- loss of personal privacy
- fire hazard
- serious health risks
- vulnerability to hacking and 3rd party control

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Express your NON CONSENT and INTENT TO OPT-OUT

PNM stated that if the NMPRC does not allow PNM to pass the cost of AMI “Smart” meters on to customers, they will not install them; AND the project could become “uneconomical if the number of customers opting out becomes very substantial.”

Our success depends on the number of letters received

Please Help Us Spread the Word

“The most common way people give up their power is by thinking they don’t have any.” Alice Walker

KEEP NEW MEXICO SMART METER FREE

3 THINGS YOU CAN DO

1. **Complete the “SAY NO TO NMPRC” letter**
Use the attached letter or compose your own
Include name, date, address, signature, & opt-out
2. **Sign NON-CONSENT letter to Patricia Collawn, PNM**
Include name, date, account number, address & signature
3. **Mail BOTH letters to CAUS A.S.A.P.**
Use the pre-addressed envelope provided
Keep copies for your records if you choose

PNM has already made their request to the NMPRC.
They will be meeting soon to make their final decision.

CAUS will send these letters to the NMPRC, PNM, and will keep copies as evidence

“THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND CONCERN”

--PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH--

CAUS

(Citizens Alliance for Utility Safety)

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“Take Back Your Power” documentary available on loan from CAUS
Purchase or “stream” from <https://takebackyourpower.net>

NMPRC, Att. records,
1120 Paseo de Peralta
PO Box 1269,
Santa Fe, NM 87504.

Date: _____

Case No. 15-00312-UT

Dear Public Regulatory Commissioners;

I am writing to request that you reject PNM's application to install AMI (smart) meters in the areas it services around New Mexico.

REQUIRED: Write your personal comment here

I oppose the installation of PNM's "AMI" (Smart) meters and equipment. If approved by NMPRC, I intend to Opt-out. ***PNM's proposed opt out fees discriminate against low income customers. I therefore ask that you require PNM to offer the opt-out option at no fee so that everyone in the state, regardless of income, can avail themselves of this option.***

Sincerely,

Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Street Address, City, and zip code _____

From: Your Full Name _____

Your PNM Acct. # _____

Your Address _____

City, NM zip code _____

To: CEO Patricia Collawn
PNM
Resources Headquarters
Albuquerque, NM 87158

Date: _____

NOTICE OF NO CONSENT TO TRESPASS AND SURVEILLANCE; NOTICE OF LIABILITY

Dear Ms. Patricia Collawn:

In regard to your possible intention to install a "smart", AMI, or other digital utility meter at the above address, those meters violate the law. They cause endangerment to people in their vicinity due to the following factors:

1. They individually identify electrical devices and record when they are operated causing invasion of privacy.
2. They monitor household activity and occupancy in violation of rights and domestic security.
3. They transmit wireless signals that may be intercepted by unauthorized and unknown parties. These signals can be used to monitor behavior and occupancy; and they can be used by criminals to aid criminal activity against the occupants.
4. Data about the occupant's daily habits and activities are collected, recorded and stored in permanent data bases that can be accessed by parties not authorized or invited to know and share that private data by those whose activities were recorded.
5. Those with access to the smart meter data bases can review a permanent history of household activities complete with calendar and time-of-day metrics to gain a highly invasive and detailed view of the lives of the occupants.
6. Those databases may be shared with, or fall into the hands of, criminals, blackmailers, corrupt law enforcement, private hackers of wireless transmissions, power company employees and other unidentified parties who may act against the interests of the occupants under metered surveillance.
7. "Smart Meters" are, by definition, surveillance devices that violate federal and state wiretapping laws by recording and storing databases of private and personal activities and behaviors recorded without the consent or knowledge of those people who are monitored.
8. It is possible, for example, with analysis of certain "smart" meter data, for unauthorized and distant parties to determine medical conditions, sexual activities, physical locations of persons within the house, vacancy patterns, and personal information and habits of the occupants.
9. Your company has not adequately disclosed the particular recording and transmission capabilities of the smart meter, or the extent of the data that will be recorded, stored and shared, or the purposes to which the data will and will not be put
10. Electromagnetic and radio frequency radiation from smart meters has been classified by the World Health Organization as a potential (Class 2B) carcinogen. It can even exceed the inadequate FCC standards, which do not take into account health effects from non-thermal radiation emitted from wireless devices such as smart meters, and are based on acute heat exposure only.

This letter is to notify you that I do not give my consent to PNM to install on my home or property any meter that has the capability of monitoring usage (other than simple metering of overall electric usage) and collecting and transmitting data on my usage, and/or any meter that transmits any data by wireless transmission to the utility. This includes "Smart" meters and AMI meters.

It is my intention to exercise my right to opt-out of having PNM install a "Smart" or AMI meter on my home.

This is legal notice. After this delivery, the liabilities listed above may not be denied or avoided by parties named and implied in this notice. Civil Servant immunities and protections do not apply to the installation of smart meters due to the criminal violations they represent. Notice to principal is notice to agent; and notice to agent is notice to principal. All rights reserved.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Certified Mail # _____