

To Rich Austria; Oregon DOJ/AG/ Criminal Justice Racketeering Division  
From Randal Barrett 3/4/2019

Thank you for responding to our request for an investigation into OPUC Racketeering, Fraud, violation of US Constitution, and other Violations of Law.

Please excuse my length or any repeating. Every effort was made to keep this as brief as possible while providing you necessary & relevant information for your examination. Hopefully the below information will prevent propaganda from the OPUC (Oregon Utilities Commission) or from Pacific Power (PacifiCorp) from being successful in diverting attention away from evidence they don't want you to think about or see.

If I could summarize to start.

The OPUC has falsely claimed that manual meter reading/reporting is more expensive than smart meter power reading/reporting, in a very convoluted statement highlighted in attached PAC-SmartMeterFS-online.pub.pdf, (available here: <https://www.puc.state.or.us/docs/PAC-SmartMeterFS-online.pub.pdf>) without ever examining costs of smart meter upgrade or ongoing smart grid costs in application No. 17-001 referenced in attached ue322hau155820-1.pdf (and here: <https://apps.puc.state.or.us/edockets/Docket.asp?DocketID=20670&Child=action&OrderBy=ActionDate&SortOrder=DESC>) The OPUC has not requested upgrade costs and ongoing smart grid costs from the utility for public exposure; to purchase new meters, remove and install, upgrade infrastructure, new antennas, new employees, constant meter and security upgrades etc., while taking great efforts to suppress evidence submitted by the public which could expose the higher costs of the Smart Grid and their violations of Oregon Statutes they are bound by as well as numerous violations of State and Federal Laws.

Please do not allow their propaganda to distract as they intend.

They falsely refer to smart meters as Radio devices and claim that when there are no RF Transmissions, that it is not a smart meter. False diversion! RF Radio communication is just one method of 2 way communication available to them to remotely access your private information. This is a diversion tactic. A Smart Meter is a computerized device with Surveillance & Control, usually with 2 way communication, but not always and not required to meet the real definition of a computerized surveillance/control device no matter what they call it, AMI, Smart Meter, Digital Meter, etc. Even if they have to come to your home to download the information, the computerized meter is still recording your activities without your permission. 2 way communication and remote access is a requirement of the smart grid to control people in their homes, and they have many ways of meeting this goal, Radio transmissions, PLC (power line communication), phone lines, fiber optic, etc. If we cannot stop them from forcing a computer on our homes, they will put anything they want in them to achieve their goals of control, which has been clearly revealed with the current additions to computerized meters now called Smart Meters.

Now the OPUC has become so emboldened so as to say that citizens are not bound to use power service! Have you ever tried to get a building permit? They require you to hook up to the power grid prior to issuing a permit. And, how can we choose a different power provider? They have gone off the rails! The OPUC was created to regulate monopoly utilities because we Don't Have Other Power Choices, AND, Power Use is legally acknowledged as a necessity for public safety! The OPUC has gone completely Corporate Shill Propaganda Controlled and the lies are blatantly evident to informed citizens!

They also claim in the above link:

"Commentators on the internet suggest these meters are an infringement of the 4th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. No court has agreed with this argument. The 4th Amendment importantly prohibits government from forcibly invading privacy. As a private company Pacific Power is under the laws of criminal or civil trespass instead. More importantly, customers are not compelled to use PacifiCorp's services. An opt out option is available and no one is obligated to take electric service."

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The statement quoted above and a recent ruling by an OPUC Judicial proceeding regarding 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment applications are incorrect. See attached: UCR 192 FINAL ORDER 2-4-19.pdf

Naperville Illinois Ruling by the U.S. Court of Appeals Seventh Circuit, established that our power collection is covered by the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment. See Attached: Naperville Ruling.pdf

Governmental Ruling Bodies enacting Fees that extort citizens with Unfair Charges, put the OPUC and other regulatory bodies in direct violation of the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment; which does not require the government actually be the one collecting the data, but restricts government from acting in any way that violates or allows violation of our home protection and privacy rights. The OPUC regulates the fees. The OPUC is legally responsible for protecting us from unfair charges. The OPUC is not allowed to make rules or laws that would allow the utility to violate our rights. The OPUC is in violation of the 4<sup>th</sup> amendment because they make the law!

Why do they refer to “Commentators on the internet”? Citizens have submitted thousands of pages by mail, email, and in person to the OPUC! They are not only trying to discredit by attacking sites and resisters utilizing the “Internet”, but by diverting attention once again away from evidence submitted by the public. The OPUC feels they can ignore all the submitted evidence because they were not submitted through a “Public Hearing” process, which they have not allowed. They can legally ignore any evidence submitted at public meetings. In the recent OPUC Complaint and Ruling referred to above, the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment issue was raised. But they attack “Internet Commentators” to make people who stand up look like extremists. We get reports of meter readers telling citizens that the people who opt out are the ones that don’t pay their bills. The inside lies and propaganda are intense. Pacific Power is feeling the public push back hard and are doing everything they can to propagate lies and discredit public testimony. Pacific Power sends reps all over Oregon to present their lies to City and County Officials to influence them against citizen activism, comments and submitted evidence. We have attended many of these meetings and received reports from others.

In a recent OPUC Meeting, I, Randal Barrett, made a public comment that exposed their crimes. The video was published by the OPUC without Audio! Kevstir got the audio from them, put it together and published on youtube. Even though my comments are not legally binding, they clearly did not want this out there for public exposure. [https://youtu.be/a5UU9t\\_YIHg](https://youtu.be/a5UU9t_YIHg)

### **Summary of OPUC violations:**

The OPUC was created to protect citizens from monopoly utilities and unfair charges to customers.

See attached excerpts from ORS 756.000

Link to OPUC Laws ORS 756 <https://www.oregonlaws.org/ors/chapter/756>

CUB was created to insure that the OPUC did just that. See attached excerpts from ORS 756.000

The OPUC is charged by law to demand costs & expenses from the utility to determine if requested charges and rate increases are fair and cost based to protect customers from unfair charges.

The OPUC has fraudulently and punitively enacted rules/laws to charge customers who refuse smart meters on their homes.

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The OPUC has discriminated against a group of citizens that refuse their illegal actions like slavery. This is a new form of discrimination of technological slavery. Blacks were discriminated against and so were all whites that stood with them, making it a group that stood against slavery that was actually discriminated against.

The OPUC has violated citizens 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment Rights by enacting illegal discrimination fees used to coerce citizens into not refusing a smart meter. Most Oregonians are now under Mafia Style Control on their homes.

The OPUC has concealed Smart Grid / Smart Meter expenses in collusion with Pacific Power to falsely represent costs & expenses incurred by the utility to collect and report customers power usage based on the type of meter customers have. No cost comparison to collect or report power usage utilizing different meters has been done or requested by the OPUC.

The OPUC has colluded with the utility to hide critical and pertinent information of intrusion, health harm, fire risk etc by not disclosing this information to customers prior to smart meter deployment; thereby preventing customers from making an informed choice.

The OPUC has committed Racketeering with the utilities to force a surveillance/control computer on citizens homes using extortion/punitive fines/fees.

The OPUC has enacted punitive based fees to ones that refused smart meters, which fees are not based on proven higher costs to deliver service to these customers as compared to customers using a 2 way communication meter like smart meters.

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**Our requested remedies are:**

1. 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment Rights upheld to refuse Computerized Devices on our homes, and
2. Prove that illegal racketeering fines were enacted by the OPUC to force smart meters on Oregonians, and
3. Return non-computerized meters to all who request at no cost, due to coercion and instillation without proper disclosure, informed consent & approval by customer, and
4. Make approved Opt Out Fees, for manual reads and smart meter removal etc, illegal in Oregon, and provide refunds of fees charged.

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**Critical info:**

Meter reading fees have always been included in our basic rate. The OPUC actually approved Double Billing to Pacific Power in their smart meter approval. The utilities are, with PUC approval, removing the meter reader fees from the approved budget and only charging manual read customers for meter reading to remove the Double Billing issue. In California Pacific Power removed the meter reading from the general budget to only charge refusers meter reader fees. This is coming to Oregon to remove the Double Billing issue. The Double Billing was a diversion and was never the real reason Opt Out fees were and are illegal.

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2 basic meter types:

1. Manual read non-computerized non-intrusive Analog Meters, or
2. Computerized Meters; normally with 2 way communication, remotely accessible, remotely reprogrammable Meters, but always include monitoring and control features. Even the Digital non-RF computerized meter Pacific Power is offering, has 2 way communication ability (PLC, Fiber, phone) spying & control features not currently turned on. (some analogs have computerization inside and fall into this category).

Don't fall for the propaganda which claims that Pacific Power did not include the full blown surveillance & control features of most smart meters or that these features are currently turned off. The point is that they are capable of these intrusions and they can and will upgrade these meters or turn on these features just as in all areas where smart meters have been deployed. This is the goal and directive of the smart grid, to control your power usage and surveil you. The data they collect is worth Trillions of \$\$.

See highlighted area in attached: "Realize the potential of the Smart Grid system.pdf" from California Power Company. Similar statements as found in the above pdf, can be found on Pacific Powers Smart Grid pages and industry Smart Grid sites available on the internet.

They claim that they will not attach our personal information, even though our personal information is attached to our power usage and available online. We never consented to allowing them to collect our data, surveil us or control us; and that is the point. They do not have our permission to collect or sell our data, period!

When you agree to use a cell phone carrier, you do agree for them to collect your data. You can change carriers, use an old phone, or not use a cell phone. You don't have any of these choices with a monopoly power company. They even threaten us in writing that if we tamper with or remove their meter, we will be prosecuted under tampering laws and/or get power disconnected. Tampering laws were never enacted to allow a utility to force a surveillance device on our home that does present risks to property and life in the opinion of the customer, and that is what is recognized by the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment, not what the utility or government believes.

If someone tries to enter your home, you can refuse them entry for any reason you want! Only when the Government is the one opening the door, do our choices go away! The Government is opening the door with regulations that allow the utility to gain illegal access into our homes!

Computerized meters can have secret chips and functions, plus, they can add features without disclosure.

Computerized meters have opened a door to intrusion into our homes that must be shut to protect Americans Constitutional Rights.

The line in the sand and the cause of this intrusion is Computerized Meters! The dangers and invasions that computerized meters present and; the fact that if we don't stop them they can put anything in these computerized meters they want without disclosure or regulation, is the reason to identify all computerized meters as our right to refuse based on our 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment Rights.

We have proof that Pacific Power admitted at a publicly recorded OPUC Meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup> 2018, that these Smart Meters have functionality and Abilities not disclosed to the OPUC or the Public. What will they put in them next? Anything they want! And they don't have to disclose? Because they are capable of anything! These computers can be remotely reprogrammed to do anything just as your phone and laptop. The difference? They control the meter on your home, not you!

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We cannot stop them unless we win the right to demand a non-computerized meter; and not be charged extra since 2 way communication computerized meters cost more both short term and long term to collect and report power usage as identified by New Mexico's Elected Regulatory Body as well as some other states.

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**Arguments:**

When the OPUC does not request the utility disclose expenses, which were omitted from the application for Smart Meter Deployment, and enacted customer charges for ones who refuse, this is collusion and fraud.

As we discussed on the phone, the disclosure of smart meter & smart grid expenses in New Mexico (and other states) resulted their Elected Regulatory Commissioners rejecting the Smart Meter Deployment / Opt Out Fee Application. Their reasons for rejection were primarily due to the evidence submitted by the public which exposed the higher costs of reporting power usage with smart meters and the smart grid.

Oregon's Appointed Commissioners did not allow public evidence submission into the legal record. The law says that they "may" hold "Public Hearings" with public evidence submission in major customer charge increase applications; not "must" hold hearings. This should be changed. The OPUC Commissioners not holding "Hearings" is just one part of the evidence showing their efforts to hide smart grid expenses so as to discriminatorily target refusers of smart meters.

The OPUC has continually confused the public on the seriousness of "Hearings". A recent email from the OPUC claimed that they were holding "Hearings" at an upcoming OPUC Opt Out discussion. This was false! We disclosed this and they sent out a correction stating that it will be a "Meeting". They have continually caused confusion on this subject to purposely make the public believe that their comments and submitted evidence will be in the legal record for consideration when it actually will not be. We have been working on divulging this to all Oregonians, to expose the OPUC's efforts to keep public evidence out of the legal record and especially in cases of great impact to those they are charged with protecting.

The public has submitted evidence of greater costs to report power with smart meters, but the OPUC does not have to legally accept this evidence into the record, and they did not. They only held workshops and meetings which do not require them to consider any submitted evidence in their decisions. They have refused to ask "How much does cost to report power with a Smart Meter? How much does this whole smart grid, necessary to read smart meters, cost, both short term and long term?"

Hiding costs for new meters, meter replacement, smart grid infrastructure upgrades, new employees, ongoing expenses, etc and refusing to allow evidence to be entered into the legal record that could expose these expenses, is criminal. It cost more to report power usage with a Smart Meter / Smart Grid.

If an upgrade from a private power company was offered to citizens and the costs were disclosed and proposed for payment, would even one citizen have agreed to pay for an upgrade that invades their privacy along with potential harm to their home and family, when their current contract for manual reading is cheaper and safer?

But, what if a private power company came to your door and said that they will provide you with an intrusive upgrade for free, but they will charge you if you refuse? You would deny their service and threaten law suits!

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What happens when a monopoly utility that provides service basic to safety, and required by law in most areas, is the one violating your rights? When the company tells you that the government gave them the right, that you cannot get power service from any other power company, and you will either, accept, be extorted money for refusing, or get your power disconnected; then government is the one responsible for the violation.

It should be noted here that; utilities all over America have been installing computerized meters with more and more invasive and harmful features for many years now. They have been slipping computerized meters on to homes without disclosure or approval. Some meters installed have even been transmitting RF many times per hour 24/7 without approval or disclosure. Our contract with the power company should preclude such actions and allow the public to sue for restitution of non-invasive non-fire risk analog meters.

Our protective agencies now mandating acceptance of computerized meters in Oregon, through illegal fines, has woke Oregonians up to this invasion that has been in the development stages for many years now.

It is now clear what the root cause of this invasion on our homes really is; **The attaching of a computer to your home that others control! (Done either covertly, through fines or laws that force)**

The fire risk is real, deaths have occurred. Again, we don't have to prove anything to reject computerization forced on our homes, but it should be noted that such rejection is not without merit and we have the right to protect our families and property.

It should also be noted here that our power grid is being made more hackable and much more vulnerable despite industry lies. A Sun Spot event can take out large portions of our country due to these AMI meters having no protection against Electro Magnetic Pulse Events whether manmade or natural event.

There are many violations by the OPUC that precede the Pacific Power Smart Meter Deployment Approval. Our hope is that a win exposing the illegal opt out fees and rulings in this case, will open the door to reversing this invasion on our homes in all cases statewide and nationwide. As you can see, this is a ground breaking case and will have ramifications worldwide in establishing limits to how far the government can go with smart grid technologies. We must stand for our American Constitutional Rights to protect our homes from government forced invasion or our Rights will be lost forever in America!

The lines between what a private company can impose on you without your permission have been corrupted by our protective agencies no longer following the law and committing Racketeering.

CUB is also violating Oregon Statutes by not protecting citizens from this Racketeering by the OPUC and should be named in the investigation as well as Pacific Power.

The issue of smart grid upgrades nationwide which affect persons in public places is not being addressed here.

What is being addressed here is the forcing of intrusive smart grid surveillance on our homes in violation of our Constitutional Right to protect our homes from intrusion and protect our families from harmful devices. We don't have to prove anything to reject a device on our homes. We contracted to have our power read once a month. The Government cannot force laws and rules that allow an agent/utility to violate that agreement.

Invasive computerized meters are the cause of this intrusion that has opened the door to allow these violations.

**Alleged Violations of OPUC:**

- 1) Violated Oregon Statute 756.040
  - A. Did not request costs of upgrade in application No. 17-001 for smart meter deployment.
  - B. Did not compare power reporting costs of smart meters to manual read meters.
  - C. Did not fulfill Statute requirements to insure Fair charges for customers.
  
- 2) Committed Fraud by:
  - A. Colluding with utility to hide upgrade and maintenance expenses of the AMI upgrade.
  - B. Refusing to respond to evidence submitted by citizens which could expose upgrade costs.
  - C. Manipulating discussions in Meetings to only address non-compliant customer charges.
  
- 3) Violated US Constitution:
  - A. Enacted discriminatory fees to allow an agent to force an intrusive and dangerous computerized device on homes of Oregon Citizens 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment Rights.
  - B. No Government agency can enact laws or rules that violate or allow violations of citizens Constitutional Rights.  
(Judge ruling in UCR 192 FINAL ORDER 2-4-19.pdf is incorrect. He states that no evidence was submitted that shows the government received our data. Who retains the data is not the issue. The intent of the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment was to restrict government from allowing invasion of our privacy by rules or any other action.)
  
- 4) Committed Racketeering (RICO)
  - A. Colluding with utility to extort money from citizens under false pretenses.
  - B. Colluding with utility to use the threat of harm if citizens do not submit to demands.
  - C. Colluding with utility to violate citizens 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment Rights.
  
- 5) Violated US Discrimination Laws
  - A. By targeting a specific group of people with extortion/punitive fines that are not fair or cost based.
  - B. By Allowing people who submit to forced computerized invasion, to avoid extortions fines.

The key to proving 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment violations by the OPUC is by **First** proving that OPUC approved Smart Meter Opt Out Fees are discrimination/extortion/legally unfair/not cost based, Punitive Fines. Fraudulent Fines were then used as leverage to coerce Oregonians into submitting to invasive computers on their homes. And, these illegal fees are currently being assessed on Oregon Customers who refused smart meters.

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**History of Opt Out Fees in Oregon**

Pacific Power had 3 Opt Out Fees approved by the OPUC.

1. \$137 Opt Out Fine/Fee for future installation of smart meter
2. \$36 Opt Out Monthly Meter Reader Fee for non-standard meter
3. \$169 Opt Out Smart Meter Removal and non-RF Digital non-standard Meter installation.

Note that in the application for smart meter deployment and all OPUC proceedings, that no costs or expenses for smart meter upgrade or long term costs are noted or discussed. Only costs relating to refusers are identified.

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Pacific Power has started calling the smart meter their Standard Meter. They call any manual read meter a Non-Standard Meter to justify charging you more for a non-standard service.

When Pacific Power started deploying Smart Meters in Southern Oregon in early 2018, the \$137 fee and the monthly \$36 forced most to not opt out. Some did pay the \$137 and were refunded when this fee was removed in August of 2018. The \$137 fee was so blatantly illegal. They were removing perfectly good meters and installing new smart meters while not charging removal/installation fees. But, if you refused and opted out, you had to pay \$137 Fee for the future installation of a smart meter.

After rolling over a few counties, when installations started in Jackson County the already established groups fighting smart meters and the addition of new citizens becoming aware, caused Pacific Power to receive a large number of angry phone calls from customers to the point that Pacific Power requested of the OPUC to remove the \$137 fee, they claim due to public pressure. Well, we did get on all 3 TV Stations, held protests and were getting news coverage statewide.

The fee was still used to influence most in Jackson County also because they were nearly all the way through Jackson County by the time the \$137 fee was removed. The low early numbers of opt outs has been used by Pacific Power to discredit refusers, claiming that only 1% are opting out, to make us look uninformed and weak. We have inside information which indicates that opt outs have grown in some counties to significant numbers, yet Pacific Power still claims the 1% to also justify the \$36 fee which was based on low opt out number estimates.

The \$36 that remained after the removal of the \$137 has still been very influential in discouraging many from opting out because we have many low income customers who just cannot afford this fine. On March 8<sup>th</sup> 2019 the OPUC will be entertaining a reduced meter reader fee program. This sounds good to those who opted out, yet the fee is still illegal. They are using the offering of lowering your whippings/beatings if you submit. After accepting fewer beatings, people will not dare refuse to pay the fee now, or they go back to the \$36 beatings. So now we are to thank our slave master for reduced beatings and we will behave?

It has already been established above why any opt out meter reader fee is punitive discrimination.

You see, many are refusing to pay the illegal Opt Out Fines/fees. We have some who are currently getting disconnect warnings for not paying the Opt Out Fees for a few months now. Personally, I am not paying the Opt Out Fees and expect to get my power cut in a few months. We are all paying our power usage bills. The number of ones refusing to pay the Opt Out Fees is unknown, but we know of many and believe the number is quite high. We are standing with other refusers and will be having peaceful protests soon to help expose their evil in disconnecting old people's power for refusing to pay illegal fees.

The offering of lower opt out fees, if you submit, will reduce the number of ones refusing to pay the Opt Out Fees and is brilliant on their part. Nevertheless, the fees are illegal and have been used to force these invasive computers on most Oregonians, therefor the need for investigation and prosecution.

The final Opt Out Fee of \$169 is also presented in such a way as to seem reasonable. You should pay to get the smart meter removed and a non-standard meter installed, right? Not so fast. They are removing and installing for customers who accept a smart meter at no cost. Once again, only charging refusers for meter removal and installation is punitive discrimination. In some cases, they remove a perfectly good analog or digital meter, install a smart meter when persons change service when moving, knowing that the person requesting new service does not want the smart meter, just to force them to pay the \$169 to get it off. Yes, they are replacing all 590,000 perfectly good meters in Oregon with smart meters and they are almost done at this time.

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The Opt Out Fees have done their damage and had their intended result of discouraging opt outs. The real numbers of opt outs could be obtained by your office, but the reality is, even if 20% opted out, the major damage has been done. We have reason to believe that there are government grant moneys that only get paid when a certain percentage of saturation has been achieved by the utility. This explains the calculated tactics used to roll over the people before they even knew what a smart meter was. Many have stated that they were completely unaware of the smart meter even having been installed on their home. The notices were very weak just stating that you would be getting a free upgrade. Others saw the Opt Out fees and due to lack of disclosure, did not see the reason to refuse until after the smart meter was installed and are now faced with a \$169 Up Front Fee to get it off.

Most just want the Fines/Fees/Beatings reduced. Most don't see the legal issues well. This is why those of us that can clearly see the illegal acts of the OPUC and Pacific Power, are bound by Constitutional Duty to stand for all Oregonians in stopping this Mafia style extortion and Racketeering. We are calling upon you in the Oregon DOJ to stand up for Oregonians Constitutional Rights and be the first State in our Great Country to expose Opt Out Fees as punitive discrimination and fraudulent.

Your office can be our Nations Champions in establishing our Constitutional Rights to stop the Smart Grid from intruding into our homes against our will. We must have informed consent and no illegal extortion.

Many have had their perfectly good safe analog meters removed and a smart meter installed even though they opted out. Installers just claim that you were not on their list. Then the utility will not return the analog and will only offer a Digital Computerized Meter with hidden invasive features and future invasive upgrades. They win.

We respectfully request an Investigation into the Oregon Utilities Commission for Racketeering, Fraud and numerous other Federal and State violations of Law.

We cannot be Free without Rule Of Law. We cannot have Liberty & Justice For All if Government is allowed to remove our Constitutional Protections.

Thank you for your consideration on this most serious violation on Oregonians and Americans.

All the above statements are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.  
Any evidence referenced here but not provided will be provided upon request.

Please provide a case# or reference# to refer to.

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This additional info will help you see the legal obstacles we are up against.

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Additional note: Enacting Laws or Judicial rulings that would allow property owners to install their own sealed certified analog power meters, would be another way to end this intrusion!

Laws have been enacted that only allow the utility to change the meter and that protect the ownership of the meter to the utility. This has prevented property owners into taking things into their own hands. In NC a woman was prosecuted and convicted for removing a smart meter and putting on an analog meter.

Easement laws have given the utility the right to remove meters even when property owners object. Easement laws do state that the easement cannot be used in any way that could potentially cause harm to property, lives, etc. But this cannot currently be used to fight against computerized intrusion due to the OPUC enacted laws.

Sheriff and Police have been used to force smart meters on homes and arrest any who stand in the way. Sheriff and Police have been utilized on scene to allow the power company to cut wires of ones who refused smart meters in some states. Officials upholding the easement rights of the utility has now caused police and sheriff to stand against citizens property rights rather than standing to protect our property rights. The Police and Sheriff should be telling the utility that they will not allow the utility to force anything on the property of the home owner without their consent. Things are upside down.

Many have stated that The Property Owner or The Resident Paying the Bill should have the right to refuse computerized devices on their homes and property. Pacific Power has refused Property Owner Rights by only allowing the one paying the bill to opt out resulting in many property owners having a computerized meter that can easily explode and catch on fire if power surges are experienced. Again, we don't have to prove anything, the property owner feels that if he has any objections, that his rights should be paramount. This has upset many property owners statewide.

The Legal options for Property Owners have been diminished if not eliminated to protect their home and family.

End Note.