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Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Commonwealth Keystone Building  
400 North Street, Second Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

**RE: Robert and Patricia Bubb v. PECO Energy Company**  
**PUC Docket No.: C-2015-2481756**

Dear Ms. Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission is *Preliminary Objection of Respondent* with regard to the matter referenced above.

I have enclosed a Certificate of Service showing that a copy of the above document was served on the interested parties. Thank you for your time and attention on this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawane Lee", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Shawane Lee  
Counsel for PECO Energy Company

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cc: Certificate of Service

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

**ROBERT C. BUBB** :  
**PATRICIA BUBB** :  
    **Complainants** :  
    **v.** :     **DOCKET NO. C-2015-2481756**  
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**NOTICE TO PLEAD**

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.101 and 5.62(c), you are hereby notified that, if you do not file a written response denying or correcting the enclosed Preliminary Objections of PECO Energy Company within 10 days from service of this notice, a decision may be rendered against you. All pleadings, such as a Reply to Preliminary Objections, must be filed with the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, with a copy served to counsel for PECO Energy Company, Shawane L. Lee, and where applicable, the Administrative Law Judge presiding over the issue.

File with:  
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With a copy to:  
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Dated at Philadelphia, PA, May 19, 2015



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**PRELIMINARY OBJECTION OF RESPONDENT,  
PECO ENERGY COMPANY**

Respondent, PECO Energy Company (“PECO Energy”), pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 5.101(a)(4) respectfully petitions this Honorable Commission to dismiss the instant Complaint as legally insufficient.

1. On May 12, 2015, PECO Energy was served with a formal complaint filed by Robert Bubb and Patricia Bubb (hereafter “Complainants”). A copy of the Complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit “1”.

2. In their Complaint, the Complainants allege the following:

We live in the Fairmount section of Philadelphia in a courtyard of six town houses. On Saturday, October 5, 2013 when were outside doing yard work we noticed a PECO worker outside at the entrance on the pathway up to our property. I didn’t have any idea what he was doing, and as he approached our house I asked him if he was installing the Smart Meters, and he said that he was. Because of the many negative reports I have been hearing about the new Smart Meters, I told him that I would like to refuse having one installed on our house. He said installing the smart meters was a PUC regulation. I said that I still didn’t feel that I could allow him to replace my analog meter with the new Smart Meter. He said “It’s a free country and you can do whatever you want to.” He went on to say that everyone received a letter informing us that they would be installing the new meters...we did not receive the letter he was referring to, and none of our neighbors did either. I asked if there would be consequences if I refused the meter, such as being arrested or having our electricity turned off.

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See Exhibit “1”.

3. In their request for relief, the Complainants state:

**We do not want to have a Smart Meter installed on our home. We would like to have the option to “opt out”. We do not want to have our electricity to be shut off. We do not want to be charged any extra fees for refusing to have the Smart Meter installed.**

See Exhibit “1”.

4. In essence, the Complainants are requesting to “opt out” of smart meter installation at their home.

5. PECO Energy simultaneously filed an Answer and the instant Preliminary Objection.

6. Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 5.101, preliminary objections may be filed against a complaint and dismissed for legal insufficiency. 52 Pa. Code § 5.101(a)(4).

7. Commission procedure regarding the disposition of preliminary objections is similar to that utilized in Pennsylvania civil procedure. Equitable Small Transportation Intervenors. v. Equitable Gas Co., 1994 Pa.PUC LEXIS 69, Docket No. C-00935435 (July 18, 1994).

8. In deciding preliminary objections, the Public Utility Commission must determine, based on the factual pleadings of the petitioner, if relief or recovery is possible. Roc v. Flaherty, 527 A.2d 211 (Pa. Cmwlth 1985).

9. A complaint must be able to recover under the law to survive a preliminary objection. Milliner v. Enck, 709 A.2d 417, 418 (Pa. Super. Ct. 1998) (“preliminary

objection should be sustained only where it appears with certainty that, upon the facts averred, the law will not allow the plaintiff to recover”).

10. All of the non-moving party’s averments must be taken as true for the sake of deciding the preliminary objection. County of Allegheny v. Commw. of Pa., 490 A.2d 402 (Pa. 1985).

11. The court does not, however, need to accept, “unwarranted inferences from facts, argumentative allegations, or expressions of opinions.” Feingold v. McNulty, 2009 Phila. Ct. Com. Pl LEXIS 167, \*3.

12. Section 703 of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S.A. § 703(b) provides that the Commission may dismiss any complaint without a hearing if, in its opinion, a hearing is not necessary to the public interest.

13. A hearing is required only when there is a disputed question of fact, and is not required to resolve questions of law. Dee-Dee Cab, Inc. v. Pa.Pub. Util. Comm’n, 817 A.2<sup>nd</sup> 593 (Pa.Comm. Ct. 2003), petition for allowance of appeal denied, 836 A.2d 123 (Pa. 2003).

14. Here, there are no genuine issues of fact and PECO Energy is entitled to judgment as a matter of law with respect to all of the allegations in the Complaint.

**I. Legal Insufficiency – Prior Commission Approval of Smart Meter Installation**

15. The Complainants have requested that they be permitted to “opt out” of the smart meter installation at their residence. PECO Energy’s Smart Meter installation plan was approved by the Pennsylvania Utility Commission on May 6, 2010, as a part of the Smart Meter Technology Procurement and Installation Plan, (“Smart Meter/Smart Grid Plan”) at docket number M-2009-2123944.

16. By way of background, Governor Edward Rendell signed Act 129 of 2008 into law on October 15, 2008. The Act took effect 30 days thereafter on November 14, 2008, and amended Section 2807 of the Public Utility Code. Among other things, the Act specifically directed that electric distribution companies (such as PECO Energy) with more than 100,000 customers file smart meter technology procurement and installation plans with the Commission for approval. See 66 Pa. C.S. § 2807(f). The statute does not provide customers with an option to “opt out” of smart meter installation.

17. On June 18, 2009, the Commission adopted a Smart Meter Procurement and Installation Implementation Order (“Implementation Order”) to establish the standards each plan must meet and to provide guidance on the procedures to be followed for submittal, review and approval of all aspects of each smart meter plan. See Smart Meter Procurement and Installation Implementation Order, entered on June 24, 2009, at Docket No. M-2009-2092655.

18. Specifically, the Commission’s Implementation Order states:

Act 129 requires EDCs to furnish smart meter technology (1) upon request from a customer that agrees to pay the cost of the smart meter at the time of the request, (2) in new building construction, and (3) in accordance with a depreciation schedule not to exceed 15 years. 66 Pa.C.S. § 2807(f)(2).

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The Commission believes that it was the intent of the General Assembly to require all covered EDCs to deploy smart meters system-wide when it included a requirement for smart meter deployment “in accordance with a depreciation schedule not to exceed 15 years.”

**THEREFORE,  
IT IS ORDERED:**

1. That the Commission establishes specific smart meter technology minimum capabilities and procedures for submittal, review and approval of all aspects of each smart meter plan to include cost recovery.
2. That electric distribution companies with greater than 100,000 customers adhere to the guidelines for smart meter technology procurement and installation identified in this Implementation Order.
3. That the Director of Operations convene a stakeholder meeting no later than July 17, 2009, to discuss issues related to the costs and benefits associated with the Commission imposed smart meter capability requirements.
4. That all electric distribution companies that are required to file a smart meter technology procurement and installation plan file such a plan consistent with the directives contained in this order by August 14, 2009.

See id.

19. The Commission’s Order does not have a provision for customers to “opt out” of the smart meter installation.

20. Through its Implementation Order and policies, the Commission has approved the smart meter implementation process required by Act 129.

21. Indeed, Pennsylvania PUC Chairman, Robert F. Powelson stated:

Act 129 of 2008 has really paved the way for the rollout of smart meters, also referred to as Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI), and the implementation of Act 129 continues to benefit Pennsylvania customers. As I see it, smart meter technology is a “win-win” situation for the Commonwealth – both electricity

customers and electricity providers alike reap the benefits of advanced meters.

See PaPUC Chairman Powelson on Smart Meters and Pennsylvania's Energy Future at <http://www.smartgridlegalnews.com/interviews/papuc-chairman-powelson-on-smart-meters-and-pennsylvanias-energy-future/>

22. On August 14, 2009, PECO Energy filed with the Commission its Petition of PECO Energy Company for Approval of its Smart Meter/Smart Grid Plan.

23. Amongst other things, PECO Energy's Petition requested that the Commission approve the deployment of up to 600,000 smart meters. See PECO Energy's Smart Meter/Smart Grid Petition.

24. As a part of PECO Energy's meter deployment plan, the company committed to deploy 600,000 meters by March 2013, upon receiving American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding from the Department of Energy. See id.

25. PECO Energy's Implementation plan does not give customers the option to "opt out" of smart meter installation.

26. By Order entered May 6, 2010 at Docket No. M-2009-2123944, the Commission approved PECO Energy's Smart Meter/Smart Grid Plan.

27. The Commission's Order approving PECO Energy's plan does not provide an "opt out" provision.

28. In conjunction with the Commission's Implementation Order; the Commission-approved Smart Meter/Smart Grid Plan and continuing compliance with Act 129, PECO Energy has deployed over 194,000 Advanced Metering Infrastructure ("AMI") meters in customer's homes and businesses.

29. Act 129, the Commission's Implementation Order; and PECO Energy's Commission-approved Smart Meter/Grid Plan do not provide customers the ability to "opt out" of having a smart meter installed in their homes or businesses. See 66 Pa. C.S. § 2807(f). See also Smart Meter Procurement and Installation Implementation Order, at Docket No. M-2009-2092655. See PECO Energy's Smart Meter/Smart Grid Plan at docket number M-2009-2123944.

30. The absence of an "opt out" provision in the existing statute; Implementation Order; and Smart Meter/Smart Grid Plan is underscored by the introduction of House Bill 394.

31. House Bill 394, which was introduced on February 9, 2015, seeks to change the existing law by adding an "opt out" provision. Specifically, House Bill 394 reads as follows:

*Section 1. Section 2807(f)(2)(iii) of Title 66 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:*

*§ 2807. Duties of electric distribution companies.*

*(f) Smart meter technology and time of use rates.-*

*(2) Electric distribution companies shall furnish smart meter technology as follows:*

*(iii) In accordance with a depreciation schedule not to exceed 15 years. Customers may opt out of receiving smart meter technology under this subparagraph by notifying, in writing, the electric distribution company. The following shall apply:*

*A) The electric distribution company shall provide an opt-out form to consumers upon request and may provide a method for consumers to opt out electronically through the electric distribution company's Internet website.*

32. House Bill 394 attempts to address individual customer concerns about the smart meter (such as the Complainants' concerns) by allowing individual customers to "opt out" of receiving smart meter technology on the mandatory schedule established by Act 129.

33. The “opt out” provision; however, has not been scheduled for a vote by the General Assembly, and the ability to opt out of smart meter installation is not currently permissible under the law.

34. Accordingly, the Complainants’ formal complaint, requesting the ability to “opt out” of smart meter installation should be dismissed as a matter of law.

35. Administrative Law Judge Joel H. Cheskis reached a similar conclusion in the matter Maria Povacz v. PECO Energy, Docket No. C-2012-2317176 (Order entered September 28, 2012). In that case, the Complainant, Maria Povacz requested to “opt out” of installation of the smart meter at her residence. Id.

36. ALJ Cheskis issued an Initial Decision wherein he determined:

To the extent that Ms. Povacz desires the ability to opt out of the smart meter installation, she should advocate for such ability before the General Assembly....The formal Complaint process against one Electric Distribution Company, PECO, is not the appropriate avenue for this issue to be addressed.

Id.

37. On January 24, 2013, the Commission issued a Final Order, adopting ALJ Cheskis’ Initial Decision. In the Order, the Commission specifically addressed whether a PECO customer could “opt out” of meter installation at their property as follows:

There is no provision in the Code, the Commission’s Regulations or Orders that allows a PECO customer to “opt out” of smart meter installation, as the Complainant desires to do. Accordingly, unless and until House Bill 2188, supra, passes the General Assembly, or some other provision is put in place that specifically allows customers to opt out of smart meter installation, PECO has not violated any provision of the Code, any Commission Order or Regulation or any Commission-approved Company tariff by prohibiting the Complainant from opting out.

See Maria Povacz v. PECO Energy, Docket No. C-2012-2317176 (Order adopted January 24, 2013).

38. The PUC precedent for formal complaints filed against PECO Energy in similar cases, requesting smart meter “opt out” have been dismissed on Preliminary Objection as a matter of law. See e.g. Theresa Gavin v. PECO Energy, Docket No. C-2012-2325258 (Order entered January 24, 2013); Jeff Morgan v. PECO Energy, Docket No. C-2013-2356606 (Final Order entered July 23, 2013); Thomas McCarey v. PECO Energy, Docket No. C-2013-2354862 (Final Order entered September 26, 2013); Renney Thomas v. PECO Energy, Docket No. C-2012-2336225 (Final Order entered December 31, 2013); Ellen Donnelly v. PECO Energy, Docket No. F-2013-2330663 (Final Order Entered March 18, 2014) and Gerald H. Smith v. PECO, Docket No. C-2014-2443198 (Opinion and Order entered April 23, 2015).

39. Like the formal complaints filed in the Maria Povacz, Theresa Gavin and Jeff Morgan, Thomas McCarey, Renney Thomas, Ellen Donnelly and Gerald H. Smith matters, objecting to the installation of the smart meter and requesting an “opt out”, this case should be dismissed as a matter of law.

40. The Complainants’ formal complaint alleges that they do not want the meter because of negative reports.

41. Assuming that everything the Complainants allege in their Complaint is true, PECO Energy is operating under the basis of Act 129 and the specific direction given to the company by the legislature and the Commission through the Commission’s Implementation Order.

42. The Complainants’ Complaint, objecting to the smart meter at their residence, does not allege a violation of any order, law or tariff that can be the basis of any finding against PECO Energy.

43. Further, as the law currently stands, pursuant to Act 129 and the Commission’s Implementation Order, customers do not have the ability to “opt out” of smart meter installation.

44. Because PECO Energy's smart meters are being deployed in compliance with the Commission-approved Smart Meter/Smart Grid Plan, and the law does not provide for the Complainants to "opt out" of smart meter installation, there is no legal basis for the Complainants' Complaint.

45. Therefore, the Complainants are not entitled to relief under the law.

46. For the reasons set forth above, the Complainants' Complaint should be dismissed as a matter of law.

**REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth above, PECO Energy Company respectfully requests that your Honorable Commission summarily dismiss the Complainants' formal complaint, and all issues which were raised in the Complaint.

Respectfully submitted,



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**VERIFICATION**

I, Shawane L. Lee, hereby declare that I am counsel for PECO Energy Company; that as such I am authorized to make this verification on its behalf; that the facts set forth in the foregoing Pleading are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that I make this verification subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 pertaining to false statements to authorities.



Date: May 19, 2015

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Shawane L. Lee

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Shawane L. Lee, hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of PECO Energy Company's Answer in the above matter upon all interested parties by mailing a copy, properly addressed and postage prepaid to:

Robert C. Bubb  
Patricia Bubb  
2217 Green Street, Apt. #6  
Philadelphia, PA 19130

May 19, 2015



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# **EXHIBIT 1**

**Botak, Amy:(PECO)**

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**From:** eServe@pa.gov  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2015 12:01 PM  
**To:** Lee, Shawane L.:(PECO)  
**Cc:** Botak, Amy:(PECO)  
**Subject:** PA PUC eServe Notice

**Importance:** High

Dear Shawane L Lee,

A(n) **Formal Complaint** has been served in this proceeding. This document is docketed as **C-2015-2481756**.  
You may view this document at

**Formal Complaint**

You are receiving this email because you are a(n) **Respondent** for this case and have agreed to be served electronically. By selecting electronic service (eService), you have agreed that this notification constitutes valid service. Electronic service of any and all documents will be in place of paper service.

Thank You,  
Public Utility Commission  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

*\* Please do not respond to this automatically generated email.*

PECO ENERGY  
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PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Formal Complaint

Filing this form begins a legal proceeding and you will be a party to the case. If you do not wish to be a party to the case, consider filing an informal complaint.

To complete this form, please type or print legibly in ink.

1. Customer (Complainant) Information

Provide your name, mailing address, county, telephone number(s), e-mail address and utility account number. It is your responsibility to update the Commission with any changes to your address and to where you want documents mailed to you.

Name Robert C. and Patricia Bubb
Street/P.O. Box 2217 Green Street Apt # 6
City Philadelphia State PA Zip 19130
County Philadelphia

Telephone Number(s) Where We Can Contact You During the Day:

(215) 235-1424 (home) ( ) (mobile)

E-mail Address (optional):

Utility Account Number (from your bill) 00340-00303

If your complaint involves utility service provided to a different address or in a different name than your mailing address, please list this information below.

Name
Street/P.O. Box RECEIVED

City State Zip PA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION MAY 8 2015 SECRETARY'S BUREAU

2. Name of Utility or Company (Respondent)

Provide the full name of the utility or company about which you are complaining. The name of your utility or company is on your bill.

PECO

3. Type of Utility Service

Check the box listing the type of utility service that is the subject of your complaint (check only one):

- ELECTRIC                       WASTEWATER/SEWER  
 GAS                                       TELEPHONE/TELECOMMUNICATIONS (local, long distance)  
 WATER                                       MOTOR CARRIER (e.g. taxi, moving company, limousine)  
 STEAM HEAT

4. Reason for Complaint

**What kind of problem are you having with the utility or company?** Check all boxes below that apply and state the reason for your complaint. Explain specifically what you believe the utility or company has done wrong. Provide relevant details including dates, times and places and any other information that may be important. If the complaint is about billing, tell us the amount you believe is not correct. Use additional paper if you need more space. **Your complaint may be dismissed without a hearing if you do not provide specific information.**

- The utility is threatening to shut off my service or has already shut off my service.  
- See attached -
- I would like a payment agreement.
- Incorrect charges are on my bill. Provide dates that are important and an explanation about any amounts or charges that you believe are not correct. Attach a copy of the bill(s) in question if you have it/them.
- I am having a reliability, safety or quality problem with my utility service. Explain the problem, including dates, times or places and any other relevant details that may be important.
- Other (explain).

**Note:** If your complaint is only about removing or modifying a municipal lien filed by the City of Philadelphia, the Public Utility Commission (PUC) cannot address it. Only local courts in Philadelphia County can address this type of complaint. The PUC can address a complaint about service or incorrect billing even if that amount is subject to a lien.

In addition, the PUC generally does not handle complaints about cell phone or Internet service, but may be able to resolve a dispute regarding voice communications over the Internet (including the inability to make voice 911/E911 emergency calls) or concerns about high-speed access to Internet service.

5. **Requested Relief**

How do you want your complaint to be resolved? Explain what you want the PUC to order the utility or company to do. Use additional paper if you need more space.

- See attached -

**Note:** The PUC can decide that a customer was not billed correctly and can order billing refunds. The PUC can also fine a utility or company for not following rules and can order a utility or company to correct a problem with your service. Under state law, the PUC cannot decide whether a utility or company should pay customers for loss or damages. Damage claims may be sought in an appropriate civil court.

6. **Protection From Abuse (PFA)**

Has a court granted a "Protection From Abuse" order that is currently in effect for your personal safety or welfare? The PUC needs this information to properly process your complaint so that your identity is not made public.

**Note:** You must answer this question if your complaint is against a natural gas distribution utility, an electric distribution utility or a water distribution utility AND your complaint is about a problem involving billing, a request to receive service, a security deposit request, termination of service or a request for a payment agreement.

Has a court granted a "Protection From Abuse" order for your personal safety or welfare?

YES

NO

If your answer to the above question is "yes," attach a copy of the current Protection From Abuse order to this Formal Complaint form.

7. **Prior Utility Contact**

a. Is this an appeal from a decision of the PUC's Bureau of Consumer Services (BCS)?

YES

NO

**Note:** If you answered yes, move to Section 8. No further contact with the utility or company is required. If you answered no, answer the question in Section 7 b. and answer the question in Section 7 c. if relevant.

b. If this is not an appeal from a BCS decision, have you spoken to a utility or company representative about this complaint?

YES



NO



Note: You must contact the utility first if (1) you are a residential customer, (2) your complaint is against a natural gas distribution utility, an electric distribution utility or a water utility AND (3) your complaint is about a billing problem, a service problem, a termination of service problem, or a request for a payment agreement.

c. If you tried to speak to a utility company representative about your complaint but were not able to do so, please explain why. *See attached -*

Note: Even if you are not required to contact the utility or company, you should always try to speak to a utility or company representative about your problem before you file a Formal Complaint with the PUC.

8. Legal Representation

If you are filing a Formal Complaint as an individual on your own behalf, you are not required to have a lawyer. You may represent yourself at the hearing.

If you are already represented by a lawyer in this matter, provide your lawyer's name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address, if known. Please make sure your lawyer is aware of your complaint. If represented by a lawyer, both you and your lawyer must be present at your hearing.

Lawyer's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street/P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Area Code/Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Corporations, associations, partnerships, limited liability companies and political subdivisions are required to have a lawyer represent them at a hearing and to file any motions, answers, briefs or other legal pleadings.

9. Verification and Signature

You must sign your complaint. Individuals filing a Formal Complaint must print or type their name on the line provided in the verification paragraph below and must sign and date this form in ink. If you do not sign the Formal Complaint, the PUC will not accept it.

**Verification:**

1 Robert and Patricia Bubb, hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct (or are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief) and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

Robert Bubb Patricia Bubb  
(Signature of Complainant)

May 8, 2015  
(Date)

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Title of authorized employee or officer (only applicable to corporations, associations, partnerships, limited liability companies or political subdivisions)

**Note:** If the Complainant is a corporation, association, partnership, limited liability company or political subdivision, the verification must be signed by an authorized officer or authorized employee. If the Formal Complaint is not signed by one of these individuals, the PUC will not accept it.

**10. Two Ways to File Your Formal Complaint**

**Electronically.** You must create an account on the PUC's eFiling system, which may be accessed at <http://www.puc.pa.gov/efiling/default.aspx>.

**Note:** If you are appealing your Bureau of Consumer Services (BCS) decision, you must file your formal complaint by mail.

**Mail.** Mail the completed form with your original signature and any attachments, by certified mail, first class mail, or overnight delivery to this address:

Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
400 North Street  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

**Note:** Formal Complaints sent by fax or e-mail will not be accepted.

If you have any questions about filling out this form, please contact the Secretary's Bureau at 717-772-7777.

**Keep a copy of your Formal Complaint for your records.**

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION (Formal Complaint)**

**4. Reason for Complaint**

*We live in the Fairmount section of Philadelphia in a courtyard of six town houses. On Saturday, October 5, 2013 when we were outside doing yard work we noticed a PECO worker outside at the entrance on the pathway up to our property. I didn't have any idea what he was doing, and as he approached our house I asked him if he was installing the Smart Meters, and he said that he was. Because of the many negative reports I have been hearing about the new Smart Meters, I told him that I would like to refuse having one installed on our house. He said installing the smart meters was a PUC regulation. I said that I still didn't feel that I could allow him to replace my analog meter with the new Smart Meter. He said "It's a free country and you can do whatever you want to". He went on to say that everyone received a letter informing us that they would be installing the new meters...we did not receive the letter he was referring to, and none of our neighbors did either. I asked if there would be consequences if I refused the meter, such as being arrested or having our electricity turned off. He said that he was only required to indicate that we refused to have it installed. He continued installing the new Smart Meters on the other five houses.*

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**7. c. Tried to speak to a utility representative**

*(Phone Call) On Wednesday, October 11, 2012 at 4:05 p.m. I called PECO at 1-855-741-9011, to request that they not install a Smart-Meter on our property. I spoke with a person named Joanne. She asked my name, and I said that before I give her all of my information could she tell me if it is possible for me to not have a Smart-Meter installed on my property.*

*She said that it is mandatory to have the new meters installed.*

*I responded that it was my understanding that if I called this number, I could request to not have the meter installed on my house. She asked me to hold on, which I did, and within less than 30 seconds our call was disconnected, and I got a dial tone. After trying to redial several times, I was not able to get through to continue the conversation.*

*Patricia Bubb*

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