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Re: Richard F. Wilson v. West Penn Power Company
Docket No. C-2018-3006410

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Enclosed please find the response of Richard F. Wilson to West Penn Power Company.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



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On page 2 of the First Energy/West Penn Power Answer and New Matter to the Amended Complaint of Richard F. Wilson, Dated January 10, 2019, "It is denied that West Penn Power has active intent to terminate service at 841 Gans Woodbridge Road, Smithfield, PA 15478. The Home of Mr. Wilson, for not allowing West Penn Power to install a Smart Meter. However on page 9 of the same document, it clearly states, "A utility has the ability to terminate the service of a customer who refuses installation of a Smart Meter". The West Penn Power Representative, Sherry, actually told Mr. Wilson, "to move out of the West Penn Power service provision area, if he did not want a Smart Meter". A move which would be problematic, since First Energy and it's subsidiaries like West Penn Power, have a Distribution Monopoly in the areas Mr. Wilson prefers to reside. The instruction was found to be an inappropriate and ludicrous suggestion, since Mr. Wilson's ancestors have continuously lived on the property since 1892. A time prior to West Penn Power electricity distribution at the Family Homestead.

On page 3 of the brief, West Penn Power claims to have installed a Smart Meter on the garage of Mr. Wilson's property on July, 18, 2018. West Penn Power must have been misinformed, or installation records are inaccurate, for the garage meter was Analog until December 2018. Proof of this is that both house and garage bills were alternately billed on an actual and estimated basis through the entire 2018 year. Smart Meters readings are not estimated, and Mr. Wilson kept watch over both meters due to the insistence of West Penn Power to change the meters.

First Energy/West Penn Power repeatedly use the phrase, "The call was terminated", throughout the document to cast Mr. Wilson in a negative light. All connected calls were completed to their conclusion, and most calls lasted 10 to 20 minutes.

West Penn Power mailed misleading information about Smart Meters to Mr. Wilson's home. The General Overview page shows Smart Meter signals traveling in a straight line. Signals do not travel in a straight line, signals radiate in a sphere formation. Multiple meters can cause overlap of spheres, and overlap of spheres lead to increased RF/Microwave Radiation exposure.¹ The Radio Frequency Fact Sheet states that Smart Meters using RF technology pose no health risk, and that the FCC has established safe limits for exposure. However, The American Academy of Environmental Medicine; Cindy Sage of Santa Barbara California, and David O. Carpenter of the University of Albany, N.Y., have found that exposure to electromagnetic fields is linked to a variety of adverse health outcomes, even at very low exposure levels.² Neurodegenerative Diseases and Neurological conditions are among such outcomes. I have a Neurodegenerative condition, and wish to slow further decline by limiting exposure to Smart Meters.

West Penn Power was unable to state if the Smart Meter would interfere with my Deep Brain Stimulator. Under U.S. Consumer Product Safety Law, West Penn Power, as the provider of the Smart Meter, is required to establish the safety of the meter. West Penn Power has not met this standard. On page 5, West Penn Power claims to have made reasonable investigation of links to health impacts from exposure to electromagnetic fields, radio frequency, or microwaves from Smart Meters. I for one think it is important to inquire into West Penn Power's methods of investigation: Data used, Experts Contacted, Conclusions, etc. Responsibility to prove safety falls

upon West Penn Power/First Energy, and not the individual the meter is being forced upon.

West Penn Power relies upon Pennsylvania ACT 129 as justification to compel home owners to accept Smart Meters. ACT 129 was passed as OPT-IN Legislation, and thereby has no OPT-OUT mechanism. I therefore choose not to OPT-IN. The Federal Law which started this movement, does not require consumers to accept Smart Meters.

West Penn Power's response, "to contact my Legislator," if I do not want a Smart Meter, is not practical. With the haste at which West Penn Power wants to install a Smart Meter on Mr. Wilson's home, Movement within the state legislature would be too prolonged.

Mr. Wilson's Informal Complaint was entered online to the Pennsylvania PUC on approximately 11-25-18. His first Formal Complaint was mailed on 11-28-18. The second Formal Complaint was mailed on 12-15-18 at the request of "Joyce of the Pennsylvania PUC". Joyce must have been unaware of the original Formal Complaint, for she mailed a blank Formal Complaint Form on 12-11-18 for Mr. Wilson to complete and return.

It saddens me that on page 9 of the brief, West Penn Power states the Pennsylvania PUC has no regulative authority in this case due to ACT 129. How can the PUC lack authority to decide what is best for the Residents of the Commonwealth? Mr. Wilson only requests a Smart Meter exemption for his garage and home, on a medical basis, congruent with the American's with Disability Act.

Thank You,

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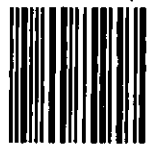
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