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Smartmeters need further testing

Letter to the Editor

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The following letter was sent to the California Public Utilities Commission and City of Milpitas and forwarded to the Post.

Dear Editor,

We do not want a Smartmeter installed on our home until the problems with them have been proven resolved. There is a strong indication of rate overcharging from the new meters. Many customers have complained and it has been on the local news. When you do install the Smartmeter on our home, we demand a third party certification and/or the meter to be installed parallel to our old meter so we are able to track meter readings on both meters simultaneously.

The Public Utilities Commission has been a lame duck board since the mid 1980s. It would be nice if you would actually step up and do your job show some concern for the communities you are supposed to protect.

We would like someone to contact us with a proposed plan prior to installing the Smartmeter on our home.

We would like the City of Milpitas to work with other neighboring cities to stop PG&E from installing these new meters until they are proven accurate and stable. In these hard times, an erroneous electric/gas bill that will double or triple and cannot be disputed in a timely fashion, will be the tipping point for many Californians to be able to stay in their homes whether they rent or own. This is just one more case of a huge company taking unfair and questionable advantage of the public.

Please stand up against PG&E and the PUC and fight for public rights!

-Barb Martens, Big Bend Drive