

Federal Communications Commission
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To The FCC,

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is correct.

I am the founder of www.stopsmartmetersny.org

Since I have been actively working on the issue of "smart" meters (SMeter) and because I founded www.stopsmartmetersny.org, I have been in touch with people in New York State and across the United States who are being injured by the unprecedented radiofrequency (RF) radiation emissions from "smart" electric, water and gas SMeters.

Utility companies are lying about the safety of SMeters and relying on the FCC's unscientific and outdated RF safety guidelines to protect their investment of billions of dollars in this unsafe technology.

In 2009, because I suspected that the RF radiation emissions from AMR digital "smart" electric utility meters were making me sick, I was able to convince two electric utility companies to remove the offending SMeters and replace them with safer analog meters.

Following the removal of the meters, my physical relief was so profound, I began to research, report on and document the RF radiation problems with SMeters.

First, I contacted my utility companies, Con Edison and Central Hudson, to inform them that their meters were malfunctioning and were transmitting hundreds of thousands of RF signals a day, 24/7, which I learned because I purchased an HF35C Electrosmog Analyser. In addition, I hired an RF engineer to measure SMeter radiation emissions in the air and also to measure the conducted RF radiation that is being conducted onto the electrical wiring. (Report from RF engineer to be submitted at a later date)

In 2010, when I contacted a Con Edison Board member, Ellen Futter (president of the Museum Of Natural History) about the radiation problem with SMeters, by mail, e-mail and phone, she referred me to Randolph Price, the Vice President of the Department of Environmental Health and Safety at Con Edison.

I contacted Randolph Price, who wrote me a letter which included factual errors regarding the radiation emissions from AMR SMeters. He informed me in his letter that the RF signals from SMeters were being sent only once a month or at most once a day, when a truck drove by. He also suggested that I contact the FCC.

I was misinformed by both Con Edison and Central Hudson that SMeters were safe and being required by the New York State Public Service Commission (NYS PSC). I was also given this same misinformation by my water utility, United Water, because they were attempting to switch my analog water meter to a SMeter, which to date, I have not allowed them to do. All three utilities referred me to the FCC and to the NYS PSC.

In an e-mail to me, the NYS PSC stated that although they had approved SMeters, they were not requiring any particular meters by law however, the NYS PSC refused to give me any information about their approval process for SMeters and then referred me to the FCC.

Although Con Edison and Central Hudson finally removed the SMeters from my homes in March 2010, requiring that I provide a letter from my doctor before they would do so, they are now refusing to remove any more SMeters from homes in New York State, including where residents have provided letters from their doctors.

In March 2010, I contacted the FCC, thinking that they might want to know that the RF radiation emissions from the new SMeters were making some people sick. The man that I spoke to on the phone at the FCC listened to my story and he said "we don't deal with humans, only frequencies" and he hung up on me.

I spoke to, wrote to and e-mailed the FCC many times, but no one there would help me with this matter, other than to refer me to the NYS PSC, which, as noted, had referred me to the FCC.

When I asked the “smart meter department” at Con Edison, for human health test results for the SMeters, I was told I would need a subpoena to get that information, and to contact the FCC.

When I contacted the “smart meter department” at the NYS PSC again, they told me that the meters were safe and approved by the FCC and that I should contact the FCC.

I contacted the NYS Health Department over a dozen times, they referred me to the FCC.

I contacted the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (by phone and e-mail); they referred me to the Department of Energy. The Department of Energy (by mail) referred me to the NYS PSC.

I contacted the EPA many times (by phone, e-mail and mail). They referred me to the FCC.

I contacted the Westchester County Department of Consumer Protection (by mail); they referred me to the NYS PSC.

I contacted the Westchester County Health Department. They do not have anyone there who knows anything about RF radiation, and they referred me to the NYS Health Department.

I contacted the FDA (by phone). They would not take complaints about the meters.

I submitted testimony about the RF radiation emissions from SMeters to the FDA (docket 2010-N-0291) and the FCC (docket ET-10-120) and (docket 03-137).

I contacted the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (by phone), and in the middle of taking my complaint, suddenly the person there said “I’m sorry I can’t take complaints about 'smart' meters.”

A group of us contacted the NY State Attorney General's office by mail, phone and e-mail. They suggested that we contact the NYS PSC and the FCC.

The Village Board of Hastings on Hudson, where I live, referred me to the Hastings Health Board and then the Hastings Health Board referred me back to the Hastings Village Board.

The Hastings Village Board's attorney said that there was nothing that our village could do because the meters were approved by the NYS PSC.

SMeters and digital meters in the "smart" meter family transmit radiation that has been classified as a Class 2B carcinogen. To date the FCC safety guidelines disregard the obvious biological effects from RF radiation exposure.

Please see attached document: WHO IARC

Because of the radiation emissions from SMeters and other RF technologies, people like me can no longer work and have needed to flee our homes. Some of us are living in cars to escape the radiation. Some people who have metal dental work or medical implants are suffering from terrible radio frequency sickness because of the conduction of RF on to the metal inside their mouths and bodies. RF sickness is causing some people to lose their eyesight and some cannot stop shaking. Sleep has become a nightmare for those of us who have been injured by RF radiation. Some people are suicidal and some have already killed themselves, some can't find a place of comfort because the radiation is getting worse and worse every day.

In my most recent e-mail communication with the FCC about this dire situation I was told it was not the FCC that I should be contacting, but rather the EPA!

It should be the EPA that I should be contacting, but if I were to do so, they would tell me that I need to contact the FCC!

There is too much evidence for the FCC to continue pretending that biological systems are not in danger when exposed to RF radiation. How much longer will the FCC ignore the unmistakable facts?

Thank you.

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