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## Safety Valve: *Letters from readers*

### 'Smart' meters are a bad idea

An issue of grave concern to Chelan County has come forth. The PUD is proposing the implementation of the euphemistically called "smart meters." When in actuality these invasive and dangerous devices should be called "dumb meters." The proposal is to replace analog meters with these devices.

Recent meetings in various locations of the county with a PUD "pitched

agenda" was evidenced by a most disrespectful and one-sided presentation which did not allow for persons attending to voice serious concerns with well researched evidence that these units are a major liability to the shareholders of the PUD.

One of the many health, safety and privacy concerns is the extreme risk these pulsed microwave units pose to cellular communication, i.e., our human biology. EMF (Electromagnetic Fields) are now ranked as a Class 2B carcinogen ("possibly carcinogenic to humans.") The proposed units are putting out microwatts per centimeter squared that are orders of magnitude beyond what even a cell phone transmits.

Regarding safety issues — thousands of home and business fires have been a result of these units throughout the country, with insurance companies refusing payment, resulting in litigation and liability concerns such that many cities have reversed course, and removed these dangerous devices.

For personal research — the exemplary "Take Back Your Power" documentary (free YouTube download) covers all aspects of these devices, in addition to giving the laymen an overview of what all electromagnetic implements emit; cell phones/towers, Wi-Fi and other harmful radiation emitting devices in our everyday lives. Top tier research, presented by innumerable sources.

An Opt Out program is potentially available, and a group of concerned citizens are formulating a central focal point, via the web. Please contact [optoutsmartmeters@AOL.com](mailto:optoutsmartmeters@AOL.com) for more information.

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