



October 28, 2023

To:

Jim Smith  
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Klickitat County Board of Commissioners  
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Submitted via email to: [LMata@KPUD.com](mailto:LMata@KPUD.com)

Re: Requests regarding Smart Meter Implementation

Dear Jim and Commissioners:

Thank you for attending the facilitated community meeting on Smart Meter Implementation held at the Trout Lake Grange on September 5, 2023. The session was very informative for those attending and we truly appreciate the time both you and Commissioner Knowles spent answering questions.

As a follow-up to that meeting and we are requesting that KPUD and the KPUD Board of Commissioners consider waiving fees associated with those individuals that **must** opt out of Smart Meter installment due to **medically documented** health conditions where the smart meters will cause severe health issues for those so compromised. The costs associated with the opt-out program, as currently proposed, could be prohibitively expensive for those in our community that are facing such health challenges.

It is our understanding from the information you provided at our community meeting that at least two years of use data will be needed before a rate structure plan based on time of use can be developed. We are very interested in that process and are requesting to be involved to the extent feasible. We are concerned about the potential economic impacts of the rate structure on industries in our area, such as the dairy farms, that are unable to adjust the time of their electrical power usage and being faced with significant increases in power costs.

Please add our email address: [troutlakecommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:troutlakecommunitycouncil@gmail.com) to your email distribution list for information from KPUD. For information that will be sent out only vial US Mail please add our mailing address of:

PO Box 31  
Trout Lake, WA 98650

Once again, thank you for the time spent with our community and for the work that KPUD does to keep our electrical costs as affordable as possible.

Respectfully,



DAINA L. BAMBE  
Chair, Trout Lake Community Council

Cc: Trout Lake Community Council Members