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Dear AEMC Team

Accelerating smart meter deployment rule change

I am writing with regard to the draft determination and rule for accelerating smart meter deployment. These are my concerns and recommendations:

A. No RF radiation emission

I object to the plan to install smart meters on residential properties, particularly to the possibility that my residence will have an RF radiation-emitting meter. I do not want the risk attached to such a device. Wireless smart meters emit RF radiation that is a class 2B carcinogen.

If I must have a new meter, then I want a non-radiating one without being financially penalised for choosing that. Indeed the legislation should require that ALL new meters are non-RF-radiating.

Recommendations

1. Householders should be given the option of a non-RF radiating meter, without any additional cost being entailed.
2. Smart meters that emit RF radiation should be clearly labelled to indicate the risk entailed.
3. Electricity suppliers should be required to insure so that they can compensate people who are harmed by the use of RF-radiating meters.

B. Data sharing

The claim is that this move will make data sharing more possible. This is a worry.

Who will have access to data about when and how a householder uses electricity?
How will the data be used?

What security risks will this entail (e.g. someone discovering that a householder is away from home. An inappropriate third party obtaining access to the data)?

Recommendation

4. Electricity suppliers should be required to obtain written permission from householders if they (the suppliers) wish to share data obtained from smart meters.

Thank you for considering my submission. I look forward to your response to my views and recommendations. I request that my NAME AND ADDRESS remain confidential.

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