

I am responding to Question 5 and Question 18 of your RFI.

Currently, too many Americans have been forced to accept biologically-active smart meters as a condition of electric, water, and natural gas utility service. These devices cause obvious adverse health effects in many people. In many cases, the smart meters emit RF/EMF 24/7, every minute, every second. I offer the following evidence as one proof of this:

ALJ Watson failed to recognize from the evidence that DLC smart meters transmit RF energy 24/7 and that the duty cycle is only a small subset of those 24/7 transmissions. This was clearly affirmed upon Complainant's cross-examination of DLC fact witness Michael Belanger (Senior Project Line Manager at Itron, Inc.) who testified that in addition to the LAN and Zigbee radio emissions, the electronics and power supply within the meter will have transmissions and emissions that are not part of the "intentional radio transmissions", and are both radiated RF emissions and emissions that are conducted onto the AC power line which occur constantly, 24/7, every minute, every second. Tr. 201-204.

Ms. Scott: "Mr. Belanger, are there any other emissions from these meters that we're discussing other than the Zigbee and the ... LAN radio?" Tr. 201.

Mr. Belanger: "Yes. Yeah, so to answer your question, you know, just like any other, you know, kind of digital device, you know, the electronics within the meter and the power supply within that meter will have some level of transmissions and emissions which the FCC, you know, calls spurious emissions, you know, that are not part of the intentional radio transmissions. Those spurious transmissions can become -- you know, be either through radio frequency like a radio or they

could be conducted on the the AC power line. So, you know, there is a small level of the emissions that the devices will emit, you know, just by the nature of their operation." Tr. 201.

And later,

Ms. Scott: "So, do those spurious transmissions go on constantly, 24/7, every minute, every second?" Tr. 202.

Mr. Belanger: "Yeah, the nature of the spurious emissions are part of the digital electronics that are, you know, within the meters, so they -- there may be some variation, but they are, you know, mostly, you know, constant levels of spurious emissions." Tr. 202.

And later,

Ms. Scott: "These spurious emissions, is it fair to say that they occur onto the AC -- are conducted onto the AC power line 24/7?" Tr. 202.

Mr. Belanger: "It would be fair to say that, yes." Tr. 202.

Ms. Scott: "So what about the other spurious emissions that are not conducted onto the AC power line, are they also 24/7?" Tr. 202.

Mr. Belanger: "Yes. Those are, you know, fairly continual emissions." Tr. 203.

Ms. Scott: "How many minutes a day would you say that those emissions occur, the spurious transmissions?" Tr. 203.

Mr. Belanger: "Yeah, the spurious transmissions -- there will be spurious transmissions all day. The levels may vary slightly with some of the internal operation of the device, but there will be spurious emissions all day." Tr. 203.

From: Exceptions of Pamela Scott - Complainant - to the Initial Decision of the Administrative Law Judge, Pamela Scott v. Duquesne Light Company, p. 9-10 (Before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission; November 15, 2024; Docket No. C-2018-3004042).

Commenting here as an individual consumer, I recommend that HHS take urgent steps to make the informed decision to permit all Americans to opt out of forced smart meter installations in their homes and on their property.

Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,
Pam Scott