My name is Bonnie Menth. I am a wife, mother, grandmother, longtime resident of Idaho, and I am electrosensitive.

Five years ago, the electric company installed PLC (power line communication) with a 2-way-communicating digital electric meter on my home. I developed dizziness, brain fog, headaches, heart palpitations, sleep disruption, ear pain and non-stop buzzing in the ear - all symptoms of ES (electrosensitivity).

PLC systems were warned against with smart meter usage by the Austrian and Swiss Medical Associations and also by US health professionals and scientists for the dirty power it creates inside the home. PLC is under FCC regulation as a wireless radiator. This is known as the PLC antenna effect.[1] My requests to the utility and the IPUC for the return of a non-communicating analog meter were denied. They also ignored my doctor's letter requesting accommodation because of my health problems with the meter.

To relieve ES symptoms one must get away from the offending source. I have moved twice since the meter was installed hoping that areas farther away from cellular antennas and power lines would help the PLC antenna effect. My electric provider covers over half of Idaho, and we cannot go too far away until my husband retires. Other states, PUCs, and utilities allow customers to keep their analog meters if they are ill or do not want the surveillance that comes with digital communication meters. Some utility providers in Idaho honor the customer's request, but Idaho Power and Avista will not help even a sickened customer.

I can no longer tolerate wireless devices, nor sit for long or concentrate in a WiFi-ed environment. Church, schools, concerts, movies, and libraries are inaccessible to me. Doctor and dentist offices affect me for days after a visit. Airline flights except for some short-hops have powerful WiFi in the cabins. I had to flee the Boise airport when I became ill just trying to sit with my young grandson waiting to board his plane.

Concerns for 5G: AT&T is in discussion with power companies to add antennas to power lines to deliver super fast wireless internet for 5G.[2] 5G will need antennas on poles in front of every 2 to 10 houses. The radiation will enter homes with the electric signal and radiate from outside through walls to pollute our living environment even more. 5G technologies are being developed as rapidly as possible while they rush to install before more states or local governments ban them from placing their 5G mess where ever they wish.

As utility and telecommunication providers are allowed to pollute my home and environment for corporate profit with no regard to health, I often wish I had been born years earlier to miss today's painful EMF polluted life.

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