

From: Diane Schmidt <p.d.schmitt@charter.net>

Date: November 30, 2019 at 10:16:13 PM EST

To: <michael.grant@state.or.us>

Subject: Fwd: URGENT!

Please cut your unfair charges to those that chose to stay with their analog meter please read the e-mail sent to me it states what is fair

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Freedom to Say No to Smart Meters <freedom2sayno2smartmeters@gmail.com>

Date: November 30, 2019 at 7:08:35 PM PST

To: p.d.schmitt@charter.net

Subject: URGENT!

Reply-To: <freedom2sayno2smartmeters@gmail.com>

From: Harriet Greene <backroadspr@gmail.com>

Date: November 30, 2019 at 10:36:53 PM EST

To: <michael.grant@state.or.us>

Subject: Opt out fee

To Michael Grant,

If you support reducing the Opt Out fee to \$10 per reading, I respectfully demand that that same reduction be applied to us who get our analog meters read every 3 months. The program allowing meters to be read every 3 months is working much better for us than having our meter read every month and that I want it to continue at the reduced rate.

Sincerely,

Harriet Greene

From: Suzanne Alvarez <suzannealv7@gmail.com>

Date: November 30, 2019 at 10:42:07 PM EST

To: <michael.grant@state.or.us>

Subject: \$10 meter reading fee

I fully support reducing the Opt Out fee to \$10 per reading of my Pacific Power meter, and respectfully demand that that same reduction be applied to those of us who get our analog or analog meters read every 3 months. The program allowing meters to be read every 3 months is working much better for me than having my meter read every month and I would like it to continue at the reduced rate. Thank you so much for your sincere consideration to this matter. Best regards,

Suzanne Alvarez

Medford, OR

From: jim thompson <jimi2tee@gmail.com>

Date: November 30, 2019 at 11:03:28 PM EST

To: <michael.grant@state.or.us>

Subject: Opt out inequalities

Mr. Michael Grant, Executive Director, Public Utility Commission of Oregon

I support reducing the Opt Out fee to \$10 per reading, and respectfully demand that that same reduction be applied to those who get their analog meters read every 3 months. The program allowing meters to be read every 3 months is working much better than having my meter read every month and I'd like for it to continue at the reduced rate.

Thanks for your support in this.

James Thompson
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Talent, OR 97540
541-535-6626

From: V Johnson <isisbeefcake@gmail.com>
Date: November 30, 2019 at 11:08:21 PM EST
To: <michael.grant@state.or.us>
Subject: Opt Out Fee Reduction

Dear Mr. Grant,

At your upcoming Dec. 3rd meeting, PLEASE support reducing the Opt Out fee to \$10, for myself and all of those people who still getting their analog meters read every month, and for those who are currently getting their analog meters read every 3 months.

A person in my household is EMF sensitive, I have spent several hundred dollars to hardwire my entire house to avoid Wi-Fi signals from coursing through the structure, and being charged an extra \$36 ever month is an inexcusable additional cost to an already high Power Bill.

Thank you in advance for supporting this request. Sincerely,

Victoria Johnson

3430 Creek View Drive

Medford, OR 97504

From: doncarolynh <doncarolynh@ccountry.net>

Date: November 30, 2019 at 11:20:57 PM EST

To: <michael.grant@state.or.us>

Subject: Lowering Smart Meter Fee's!

Mr Grant, we are writing to ask you to reduce the Smart Meter Opt out Fee to \$10.00. Per month. We also ask that the 3 month opt out reading be reduced as well! Thank you for your consideration as this fee is hurting us we are low income.

Thank you

Don and Carolyn Henry

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy Tab® | PRO

From: Alan Rathsam <alan.rathsam@sbcglobal.net>

Date: December 1, 2019 at 12:18:12 AM EST

To: "michael.grant@state.or.us" <michael.grant@state.or.us>

Subject: REGARDING FEES FOR READING ANALOG METERS

Dear Mr. Grant,

I've become aware that the Oregon Public Utility Commission may reduce the monthly \$36 fee for opt-out analog-meter customers to \$10 per month, which is \$10 per reading. Since my analog meter is read every three months at a cumulative cost of \$27 per reading, I ask in the name of fairness, if others are granted the \$10-per-reading fee that my reading fee be reduced to \$10 as well. Another way of viewing this is that meter readers will be in the neighborhood anyway, and I would be paying the electric utility \$27 per reading to skip my meter reading two months in a row.

I believe many Oregonians share my reasoning that, first, a consistent consumer fee per reading for analog meters is fair to all such customers; and, second, the effort required for a utility worker to read a meter is the same, regardless of how frequently a meter is read.

Respectfully,

Alan, Native Oregonian and Retired Mechanical Engineer.

From: Yehudit Shemesh <freshspring@gmail.com>

Date: December 1, 2019 at 12:36:21 AM EST

To: <michael.grant@state.or.us>, Yehudit Shemesh <freshspring@gmail.com>

Subject: Meter Reading Fee

I strongly support reducing the fee to \$10 per reading, whether it's once/month or once/3 months. To charge more is unreasonable and a hardship for many people.

Thanks for reducing it to \$10 per reading.

Judith Platt

From: Glenn Miller <barberista@hotmail.com>

Date: December 1, 2019 at 9:36:31 AM EST

To: "<michael.grant@state.or.us>" <michael.grant@state.or.us>

Subject: Please reduce our analogue meter costs

Dear Michael Grant,

My wife and I opted out of accepting a smart meter, but have been paying a penalty for something we never wanted. We live in a community of 20 homes whose meters are all bundled up together on two easy to read areas. It never made any sense to me why everyone in our neighborhood all have to pay \$36.00 for each meter reading when the meter reader has all 20 meters right next to each other on the same board! It's overtly expensive and someone is getting paid way too much for an easy job. I wish I could receive 20 times \$36 for 10 minutes worth of meter reading.

I hope you can see that this is completely out of hand and not cost effective for those of us who are on a limited income.

Sincerely, Glenn Miller

Talent, OR

From: Shavana Fineberg <shavana@indra.com>

Date: December 1, 2019 at 9:51:17 AM EST

To: <michael.grant@state.or.us>

Subject: \$10 per meter reading

As a Pacific Power customer who has "opted out" of a Smart Meter, I ask that the fee become \$10/reading no matter how often one's analog meter is read. I pay for the privilege of getting mine read every 3 months by paying a set fee each month, even if my actual bill is less that month. If \$10 is deemed a fair fee for a meter reading (which I believe is much fairer than \$36!), that should be the fee for people on my program as well.

Thank you.

Ellen Fineberg

Williams, OR

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From: Lunette Fleming <bramblecreek@gmail.com>

Date: December 1, 2019 at 12:24:33 PM EST

To: <michael.grant@state.or.us>

Subject: Opt out fees for Pacific Power

Mr. Grant,

I was happy to hear that the Oregon PUC is considering reducing the opt out fee, for Pacific Power customers who elected to keep their analog meters, from \$36 to \$10. That is a more reasonable fee even though I still don't think it is necessary or equitable to charge people a fee for getting their meters read when historically Pacific Power was able to do so without an additional fee. I am opposed to having a Smart Meter attached to my property and I am grateful that we still have the freedom to say no to this type of meter. Regardless of my opposition to a special fee to read meters, a decision to reduce the opt out fee raises other questions.

1. How will this affect customers who opted out when they were given no other choice than a \$36 opt out?
2. How will this affect customers who opted out and then enrolled in the equal payment at \$9 per month fee?
3. How can this affect customers who wanted to keep their analog meters in the beginning but did not because \$36 per month extra was too high a price to pay for reading their meter?

4. Now that the Public Utility Commission and Pacific Power have effectively removed the option to have analog meters used to read electric consumption by charging the \$36 fee, will there be any chance of returning analog meters for use in Oregon?

5. Am I correct to assume, that now, the only option to the Smart Meter is the Digital non-Smart Meter unless we were able to keep the analog meter we had prior to the roll out?

I would appreciate your response to my questions.

Sincerely,

Lunette Fleming

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541-535-3902

From: Lesse Atkins <sisquoc19@hotmail.com>

Date: December 1, 2019 at 1:13:16 PM EST

To: <michael.grant@state.or.us>

Subject: Reduction in Opt Out Fee

Dear Mr. Grant,

Have learned there is to be a discussion regarding a reduction in the monthly fee for having analog meters read. It would reduce the \$36 fee to \$10 per month which would be a great savings.

I am asking that ALL customers with analog meters, pay the same rate, even those whose meters are read every three months. There are many Pacific Power customers living on a very limited income and this decision would be very helpful in keeping power bills paid in full.

Thank you for looking out for all of those who have opted out from Smart Meters.

Sincerely,

Lesse Kay Atkins

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From: Francesca Fericano <siciliangirlgreen@me.com>

Date: December 1, 2019 at 2:15:41 PM EST

To: <michael.grant@state.or.us>

Subject: Meter reading

Yellow Michael, please support reducing our analog meter reading for those that opt out and have their meter reading every three months. Reduce it to 10.00 per reading so we all benefit from the reduced meter reading. Thank you, Francesca Fericano

Sent from my iPad

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From: Alea Kent <aleakent@gmail.com>

Date: December 1, 2019 at 5:15:58 PM EST

To: <michael.grant@state.or.us>

Subject: Reduce fee for meter reading

The OPUC certainly has had a hard time getting things right. The fees have been changed so many times.

As a family with opt out and equal pay, we support reducing OUR meter reading fee to \$10 per read.

And as it is we were only paying less than \$2 BEFORE the opt out raised it so high. We are still paying the original fee in our bill, which sure earns you a lot of money.

We are seniors and are on a reduced income and every penny counts. Make the \$10 fee across the board, even if our meters are only read 3 times a year.

Gratefully,

Alea Kent

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From: Mac & Marcy Graham <sptrout@gmail.com>
Date: December 1, 2019 at 8:04:44 PM EST
To: <michael.grant@state.or.us>
Subject: re: OPUC opt out tariff change meeting (Pacifcorp)
Reply-To: <sptrout@gmail.com>

Greetings Mr. Grant: we met during your presiding over our formal complaint re: smart meters (UCR192), a year ago last September.

I write now to give comment on the upcoming Pacifcorp requested opt-out fee change. While this significant fee reduction helps most of those opting out, it actually increases fees slightly for those who took the further step to work with Pacifcorp by agreeing to pay annually-averaged bills. Pacifcorp agreed to charge the \$36 fees for meter reading conducted only 3 times per year, thus reducing averaged fees to \$9/month, for bill averaging customers.

I would propose alternatively, to charge bill-averaging opt out customers the same \$10 fee per meter reading, as they propose for other opt out customers. This would total \$30/year for bill-averaged customers rather than \$120/year (\$10/month). Perhaps this is what Pacifcorp intended to begin with, since fees have always been charged per reading.

Thanks for attending to this. Again, I support Pacifcorp's fee reduction overall; it represents a great stride in the direction sought in our original formal complaint.

Best, Charles (Mac) Graham

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From: Patrick Coniff <imosjeep@gmail.com>
Date: December 1, 2019 at 8:23:47 PM EST
To: <michael.grant@state.or.us>
Subject: Cutting opt out fee.

This is Patrick Coniff from 8137 Gold Ray Rd., Central point OR 97502. I have been on the equal pay program with pacific power since June 2018. Pacific power agreed to read my meter once per year in June to adjust my monthly equal pay for the next year. However Pacific power has been charging me since January 2019 \$36 per month and has never read the meter on their scheduled read dates. My gate has been open on the schedule day to read the meter. Calculate January through October at \$36 per month that equals \$360 dollars for nobody to show up. I feel that we could take a picture with our smart

phones and send it to them. If they reduce the charge to \$10 per visit. Mine should only be \$10 per year. And for all people who are on an equal pay program they only have to visit us once per year. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Waiting to hear from you. Sincerely Patrick F. CONIFF PP account number 33193721-001 0.

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From: Eli Dumitru <elidumitru@earth77.net>
Date: December 1, 2019 at 10:33:06 PM EST
To: "michael.grant@state.or.us" <michael.grant@state.or.us>
Subject: Advice No. 19-013

Michael Grant,

Executive Director

Public Utility Commission of Oregon

RE: Advice No. 19-013 – Rule 8 – Metering and Schedule 300 – Charges as Defined by Rules and Regulations

My current Opt Out plan of having my meter read every 4 months is working much better for me than charging me to read it every month. I see no benefit to the rate payers to eliminate this program.

I appreciate and urge you to approve of the proposal to reduce the Opt Out fee from \$36 to \$10 per reading, and extend that per reading amount of \$10 to the plan that reads the meter once every 4 months. This is clearly in the best interest of the rate payers. I would also like to see the PUC require Pacific Power to send a notice to all rate payers who have Opted Out to notify them of the option to have their meters read every 4 months. This is clearly in the financial interest of the rate payers.

Thank you,

Eli Dumitru

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From: "E. W. Kellogg III" <alef1@msn.com>

Date: December 1, 2019 at 11:21:17 PM EST

To: "michael.grant@state.or.us" <michael.grant@state.or.us>

Subject: Comment for the 12/03 PUC Meeting re: Pacific Power's Opt-Out Meter Fee Change Filing (Adv. 19-013)

Oregon Public Utility Commission Mission Statement: *"To ensure Oregon utility customers have access to safe, reliable, and high-quality utility services at just and reasonable rates. We do so through robust and thorough analysis and independent decision-making conducted in an open and fair process."*

To: Mr. Michael Grant

Executive Director

Public Utility Commission of Oregon

201 High Street SE Suite 100

Salem, OR 97301-3398

Dear Mr. Grant:

I just came across your 11/21/19 letter yesterday letting people know that that Pacific Power has filed an advice filing (Adv. 19-013) to update opt-out fees associated with its roll-out of advanced metering infrastructure, and I wanted to share my views. You may recall that in September of 2018 I testified in an administrative hearing - in which you served as judge - before the PUC (**UCR192** C.M.G. Complainant vs. PACIFICORP d/b/a PACIFIC POWER), which brought to light new and important health and safety information on the total lack of testing of the RF emitted by the Aclara I-210+C AMI smart meters now installed in Oregon.

With respect to the rate changes proposed by Pacific Power for those who have opted out from smart-meters, I recommend that the Commission:

APPROVE the reduction of the \$36 for a manual monthly meter-reading fee to \$10 a month, but that they

DENY PP's request to eliminate the triannual read (and \$9 monthly fee).

HOWEVER, instead as an equitable alternative instead **APPROVE a new triannual read program** with a **\$3 monthly reading fee**, a reduction more proportionate with the decrease in the new monthly fee from \$36 to \$10, given that people on the triannual read program only need to have their meters read three times per year.

A few points. **First**, clearly the \$36 monthly fee for meter reading seemed much too high from the beginning, set only to discourage people from opting out, given that Pacific Power feels willing to settle for \$10, now that the initially high fee and penalty for opting out has accomplished this purpose.

Second, abolishing the triannual read program does not serve customers with tight budgets who need to know how much to pay each month, who need a set monthly payment. And these people should only have to pay a proportionate amount for having their meters read 3X /year - \$30/year or \$10/per

reading, the same as for those who have their meters read monthly at Pacific Powers new proposed rate.

During the **UCR192** administrative hearing at which you presided, both Mr. Graham and myself felt impressed by your even handedness, which I hope you will apply to the issue at hand, and that you will ensure that Oregon Utility Customers get a fair shake this time around.

As this administrative hearing clearly demonstrated, Pacific Power does not care about the health and safety of their customers. You may recall that that the PUC substituted another judge in your place, and that this judge dismissed the case without allowing us to present further evidence at a second hearing as we had expected. In this respect, I'd like to bring you up to date.

First, to refresh your memory, at this hearing PacifiCorp Project Manager Mike Cochran testified under oath that PacifiCorp's independent third party test lab TESCO, **does not test the radio frequency emissions of these meters for FCC compliance at all**, and that he could not verify that the smart meters they install comply with the FCC standard. (See "UCR192 OPUC Hearing Transcript Excerpts 9-5-2018." at <http://www.freedom2sayno2smartmeters.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/UCR192-OPUC-Hearing-Transcript-Excerpts-9-5-2018.pdf> for a word-for-word transcription of the relevant testimony from this **UCR192** hearing.) So according to this testimony alone, none of Aclara I-210+C AMI Meter units now installed in millions of homes throughout Oregon have ever undergone testing to assure that their RF emissions comply with the FCC standard.

Furthermore, in new evidence we did not get a chance to present in a follow-up hearing according to William Bathgate, **TESCO, the company that PacifiCorp hired to test sample Aclara I-210+C AMI Meters under unrealistic laboratory conditions does not have the necessary ANAB or NVLAP accreditation required by the FCC to substantiate compliance, which renders all of their tests invalid.** (See "January 29, 2019 William Bathgate Response. Re: the Aclara Rebuttal of August 22, 2018." by William Bathgate, EE, ME. at <http://www.freedom2sayno2smartmeters.org/bathgate-aclara-january-29a-2019-response-re-aclara-rebuttal-copy-3-2/>)

This means that PacifiCorp's roll-out of Aclara I-210+C AMI Meters across Oregon did not comply with the FCC regulations for the testing of RF emitting devices, and in fact occurred unlawfully.

Should you or your staff have comments or questions with respect to Mr. Bathgate's information on the Aclara I-210+C AMI Meter not covered in his response, please contact him directly:

William Bathgate, EE, ME

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Pinckney, MI 48169

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256) 570-5434

Please keep me in the loop on your progress on the matter of Pacific Power advice filing ([Adv. 19-013](#)) on Opt-Out meter fees. If I can help further, please contact me.

Best wishes,

E.W. Kellogg III, Ph.D.

PO Box 1019

Ashland, Oregon 97520

From: Kathy Balint <hulakat@gmail.com>

Date: December 2, 2019 at 12:48:54 AM EST

To: <michael.grant@state.or.us>

Subject: Meter reading fees for analog meters

Dear Mr. Grant,

I understand that the Oregon PUC is considering reducing the fees that are being charged to read the meters of those of us who chose the Opt Out option and retained our analog meters.

I am a Pacific Power customer and have my analog meter read every 3 months. I enthusiastically support reducing the Opt Out fee to \$10 per reading and feel that this is much more reasonable than the \$36 currently being charged. Since the PUC is considering reducing the fee to \$10 for those who are having their meters read every month, it seems fair to have it be reduced to the same \$10 per reading for those of us on the every three month plan. I urge you to implement this reduction.

The meter reading every three months seems to be working well for me, and I appreciate the fee reductions that have been put in place so far. The original Opt Out fee and meter reading fees that Pacific Power was going to charge were exorbitant. Further reductions would make it much more reasonable for the analog meter owners, such as myself.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kathy Balint

598 James Street

Talent, OR 97540

From: Michael Framson <mframson@q.com>
Date: December 2, 2019 at 7:50:07 AM EST
To: <michael.grant@state.or.us>
Subject: Reduce meter reading to \$10.00 per read

To: Michael Grant
Executive Director, PUC of Oregon

Dear Mr. Grant,

Please recognize that electrical consumers are being penalized for keeping their analog meters with the monthly charge of reading their meter. Our meter doesn't need to be read monthly when 3 or 4 times a year would suffice. Instead of \$120.00 why not \$40.00 per year?

Respectfully,
Michael Framson
Medford, Oregon

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From: Vicki Simpson <v.j.simpson13@gmail.com>
Date: November 30, 2019 at 6:01:07 PM EST
To: <michael.grant@state.or.us>
Subject: Reducing the smart meter opt-out fee

Dear Mr. Grant,

It is appropriate for the Pacific Power smart meter opt-out fee to be reduced.

Full credit must be given or the balance of money above \$10.00 per month returned to those customers who have had to pay \$36.00 per month to opt out. As you know, this payment to opt-out has imposed a financial burden on low income households and prevented many customers from being financially able to opt out. It is an untenable, unethical position to effectively prevent customers from protecting themselves from wireless health effects and thereby force their consent.

The charge of \$9.00 per month for 3 times a year payments should be reduced commensurately.

The preference to have an analog meter restored in place of an RF meter/smartmeter should be honored for every customer who wants an analog meter. This is true in towns and cities in California and customers in Oregon towns and cities deserve the same choice especially if customers fear the health effects from digital wireless radiation.

All Oregonians expect the Oregon Public Utilities Commission to represent Oregonians' interests in their deliberations over power rates and the safety of power delivery.

This is a chance for the OPUC to demonstrate its legal responsibility to read and understand the independent, reproducible and replicated science which finds digital wireless radiation to be a health hazard to human beings.

Sincerely,

Vicki Simpson

From: John Barth <juanitob52@gmail.com>

Date: December 2, 2019 at 12:35:22 PM EST

To: <michael.grant@state.or.us>

Subject: Meter Reading Fee

Dear Director Grant,

I am writing to request that you support the once-every-four-months meter reading program. It works, is more efficient, and helps low income people like myself make ends meet. Also, please support the change to \$10 per reading, regardless of the frequency. This would be closer to being in line with the actual cost, rather than being a punitive fee.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

John Barth
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Ashland, OR 97520

From: Ingrid Sumrall <ingridsumrall@yahoo.com>

Date: December 2, 2019 at 10:30:44 AM EST

To: "<michael.grant@state.or.us>" <michael.grant@state.or.us>

Subject: Opt Out Fee

Michael Grant, Executive Director, Public Utility Commission of Oregon

Dear Mr. Grant,

I am writing today because I heard that you are having a meeting December 3 concerning cutting the Opt Out fee on Smart Meters from \$36 to \$10, which I heartily support! I am among those who are getting their analog meter read, and I would like to have my fee reduced to \$10, please.

I support reducing the Opt Out fee to \$10 per reading, and respectfully ask that that same reduction be applied to those who get our analog meters read every 3 months. I would like my meter read every 3 months, and would like it at the reduced rate.

Thank you so much for your consideration on behalf of Oregonians.

Ingrid Sumrall

541.476.1614

From: Tod Hunt <noteworks@charter.net>

Date: December 2, 2019 at 1:12:25 PM EST

To: <michael.grant@state.or.us>

Subject: cut the Pacific Power electric meter read fees

Michael,

I understand that the Oregon PUC is looking to cut the Pacific Power monthly electric meter read fees to \$10 from the current \$36. That would be so helpful to meeting the rising cost of electricity. I have two meters on my property (house and shop) that I must pay a meter reading fee of \$36 per month each! The fee should be reduced even further to \$10 per quarter or every 4 months for the 3-4 times a year meter reading fee program. We pay very high fees just to receive electricity now. We should not be penalized further by paying large opt out monthly meter fees just because we kept our analog meters.

Thomas Hunt

Medford, OR