



TO: STATE OF NEW YORK PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
FROM: PROTECT ORANGE COUNTY
RE: CASE 17-M-0178
DATE: 4-01-18

Dear Commission Members:

Protect Orange County is an all volunteer grassroots organization in Orange County. Our mission is to safeguard the health, safety, and well-being of all sentient life in Orange County. We have over 1000 members throughout Orange County. On behalf of members and mission we endorse the petition of Deborah Kopald submitted 12/18/18 and herein attached. We object to the roll-out of his plan for the following reasons:

- Nobody knew this roll-out was slated: there was no pre-approval to roll this equipment out beyond the pilot into Orange, Sullivan and the rest of Rockland
- There are many hidden charges that were not pre-approved by the commission including costs of the infrastructure and costs of legal violations
- There should be a public hearing before smart meters are allowed to be rolled out.

Pursuant to the state Uniform Procedures Act part 621.8 a and b we are requesting either a legislative or adjudicator public hearing. We are also requesting a technical conference for all stakeholders to understand the implications of this impact.

In addition Protect Orange County is seeking party status on this matter. We are struggling with a number of environmental issues right now and this will compound all impacts placing an undue health burden on the residents of Orange County

Thank you

Pramilla Malick
Chair, Protect Orange County