

Please don't take away Vermonters to opt out of smart meter technology.

COST - To reduce costs GMP can institute a program where consumers report or photograph their analog meter on a monthly basis (esp in winter) and have a technician confirm it two or three times a year. This is done in Michigan.

REDUCE DANGER OF FIRES - Pulsed radiation emitted by smart meters causes "dirty electricity" within wiring leading to fires. With all the older homes in VT this will be an issue. Also appliances have burned out after smart meter installation. Lithium batteries are a known fire risk.

HEALTH RISKS - **"Smart meters' looked like a great idea, writes Lynne Wycherley, giving us more control over our energy use. The downside? They emit as many as 14,000 short bursts of intense microwave radiation a day, disrupting cellular electrochemistry and causing health symptoms from migraine to tinnitus, insomnia, dizziness, anxiety, chest pain, palpitations and memory loss. <https://theecologist.org/2017/apr/11/smart-meters-and-cell-damage-pulsed-em-radiation-our-health-risk>**

Personally I have an autoimmune disease that was alleviated after moving to a rural area of VT without a nearby cell tower.

The way my house is set up the meter is right on our primary living space wall. There is proven health risk of pulsed emf from smart meters.

Sincerely,
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