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CST Calls Upon Medical Experts Across BC to Protect Their Patients

Citizens for Safe Technology Society (CST) has launched a Human Rights action against BC Hydro requesting accommodation of individuals refusing a wireless smart meter for health reasons. These are persons with a variety of health concerns ranging from cancer to heart problems, from seizures to electrosensitivity, and who have medical letters from their doctors requesting BC Hydro accommodate their health conditions by allowing an analogue meter to remain.

On January 19, 2012, The American Academy of Environmental Medicine (AAEM) officially stated its opposition and request for an immediate moratorium on the installation of wireless “smart meters” based on a scientific assessment of the current medical literature. Their letter states, **“Chronic exposure to wireless radiofrequency radiation is a preventable environmental hazard that is sufficiently well documented to warrant immediate preventative public health action.”** The AAEM confirms that public health standards are inadequate and obsolete and cannot be used to protect the public from chronic, low intensity radiation exposures that raise credible questions about genetic and cellular effects, hormonal effects, male fertility, blood/brain barrier damage and increase in certain types of cancers. The AAEM warn that children are at heightened risk for **“altered brain development, and impaired learning and behaviour”** from such wireless exposure. <http://aaemonline.org/images/CaliforniaPublicUtilitiesCommission.pdf>

CST agrees with the AAEM that physicians have an obligation to urge precaution when sufficient scientific and medical evidence suggests health risks which may negatively impact the health of vulnerable individuals and groups, and potentially affect large populations, as is the case with BC Hydro’s wireless “Smart Meter Program.”

CST calls upon physicians and medical experts in BC to support public health and the Human Rights action by recommending an immediate moratorium on “smart meter” installation until these serious public health issues are resolved. We ask that they support patients seeking relief from involuntary and forced exposure to wireless “smart meter” emissions within their homes by requesting that BC Hydro accommodate them with an analogue meter, without additional cost or penalty. <http://citizensforsafetechnology.org/ehs--health-action-kit-in-health-effects,77,0>

The emissions given off by wireless “smart meters” have been classified by the World Health Organization, International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) as a Possible Human Carcinogen.

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