

A group called “Stop Smart Meters” is launching the **citizens’ initiative** vote, using the same process as the HST initiative. As well, Citizens for Safe Technology has filed a **Human Rights application** on behalf of people with medical conditions requiring they avoid microwave radiofrequency influences in their living environment. – i.e. people with pacemakers and heart conditions, deep brain implants for Parkinsons, epileptics and those with seizures, people with cancer or those who are otherwise immune-compromised. **Legal actions** are being researched also.

People who refuse the meters should justifiably be able to continue to protect their homes and neighbourhoods until the end of 2012, long enough to see the whole program halted for a proper public review. B.C. Hydro should not legally be able to proceed with installations to citizens who actively communicate their refusal of these meters. Hydro may try to persuade otherwise, but they haven’t the right to coerce us.

After a two-year-long battle with PG&E, very recently choice has been **granted to citizens in California.**

With our united voices, this possibility exists here as well. Together we can act to keep our neighbourhood safe and secure from this new risk. We must take a stand for democracy, human and civil rights.

If you want to stop a Wireless Smart Meter on your property, use the pre-made CST **Non-Consent Form**, which so far has stopped Corix from installing the meters on properties where owners have sent it to Hydro. Registered mail is recommended.

EVEN MORE URGENTLY IMPORTANT: Because Corix is, at this point in time, installing in **OUR neighbourhood** and community, we recommend for standard meters the ready-made **“NO TRESPASSING” SIGN on every meter and every door.**

PRINT the SIGN from the “Smart Meter Action Kit” available from **Citizens For Safe Technology** www.citizensforsafetechnology.org

For more information:
www.stopsmartmetersbc.ca

Locally, phone _____

Pre-register for Recall and Initiative Petition: www.stopsmartmeters.ca

Neighbourhood Alert Wireless Smart Meters

Attention B.C. Hydro

My Human Right:

NO

**‘SMART METER’
HERE!**

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Dear Neighbours

You have probably heard that Wireless Smart Meters are being rolled out across B.C., although you may not know this is causing **serious public concern**. On September 30, 2011, the Union of BC Municipalities, (all the mayors and council members of BC), voted for a complete moratorium on the rollout of wireless smart meters until questions regarding health, privacy and cost could be analysed under public scrutiny. The Liberals said they didn't care, and are **ignoring all requests** from the people for democratic choice. Rich Coleman and Christy Clark have both stated that if you don't want a wireless meter on your house, you will need to pay to move it elsewhere on your property, go "off grid," or leave the province.

Currently, there is **no independent watchdog** analyzing B.C. Hydro's actions and claims, or any independent cost analysis of the business plan for the Wireless Smart Grid program. Where these meters have been introduced, approximately 80% of homeowners report that their **electricity costs** have risen significantly, 50%, 60%, some as high as double and even triple, with no increased use. Conservatives in Ontario are calling for an end to this new "tax grab" with no savings of power. Some homeowners in Ontario have taken the utility to court to prove the billing incorrect, and have won. But few people have the resources to fight Hydro this way.

On May 31, 2011, the World Health Organization reclassified **Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields**, as a 2B possible cause of **human cancer**, the same 2B category as lead, DDT, diesel exhaust, HIV virus and others. This classification applies to all the emissions from wireless devices we use in telecommunications today. A Class 2B rated risk cannot be called safe, because it means that there is a health risk from exposure. **This is the first time in history a recognized cancer risk is being forced on every home without consent.** Also, if you are unlucky enough to have a wireless collection device receiving signals from the other wireless meters in your neighbourhood, close to you or on your home, then you will receive much higher exposure from those multiple signals.

Our old, **reliable analogue meters** cost \$50 each, easily lasting 25 years and more. Compare that to the new computerized meters which are expected to need replacement within 15 years, with computer upgrades every 4 to 5 years. Cost to install is about \$500 each, and the meters are about \$150 each.

The ultimate aim of the Smart Grid is to introduce time-of-use pricing; not to control power used, but to make more money on what is being used. Studies show that people don't change their habits for long. People still get up in the morning, and need to eat at dinner time, even if the rates are higher at those times. Essentially, this is a **hidden tax without consultation or representation.**

Another aim of Smart Meters is to **divert our power** and sell it to the U.S. Agreements to sell our electricity, water and oil to the U.S. and beyond are already in place. B.C. Hydro's story is that we are short of power in B.C. The truth is, we have no shortage of clean power, but California wants to buy our power at the same peak power periods.

In order to control our power use remotely, **new appliances will have to be purchased** with radiofrequency Wi-Fi systems built into them. Then, these can be controlled by the Smart Meter on our home Wi-Fi system. B.C. Hydro can then decide when to turn off our appliances so as to divert the power. B.C. Hydro can also **turn the power off** remotely if bills are not paid on time.

If there are power surges, the new wireless smart meter can catch **fire** (over 800 fires reported from power surges in California alone). Fires caused in a home from arcing electricity are **not usually covered under home insurance.** If there is a problem with the wiring, the homeowner has to pay to have the house rewired for the new meter.

There are other **privacy and security** concerns. We believe it is each person's right to protect their own family in their home the way that suits them best. Any wireless device is **very easy to hack** into and someone with even limited hacking experience could easily **gain access** to our habits, when we get up, go to bed, go on holiday, go to work, and more. Hydro will have information on our habits that would normally only be obtained by court order.