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First, I strongly oppose installing these so-called "smart" water meters at all, due to a host of likely problems with them. They create a health and environmental hazard by constantly transmitting/emitting low-frequency electromagnetic radiation, which tens of thousands of published scientific studies have shown is harmful to the health of both human beings and the natural environment (especially birds and bees). Also, they tend to be inaccurate and can cause overbilling to customers. Finally they are expensive and typically have a short lifespan requiring more frequent replacement than the traditional analog meters.

Second, if such meters are foolishly going to be installed nevertheless, then there should be no charge for any customer to opt out of using them. Also, an ADA accommodation of receiving an analog meter instead is not an "opt-out," and under the ADA, opt-out fees would be considered surcharges and are not allowed. It is not meter "choice" when a person's medical condition or disability requires them to have an analog meter.

Thank you for considering these arguments,

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