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Char Grossman
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Dear Char,

I want to follow-up on my medical challenges with the Smart Meters at my home.

Here's what I believe happened:
Until this situation, I did not know I had a Smart Meter on the back of my house, which I've had for 2 to 3 years. Evidently, I did not have any symptoms from this meter.

You were correct to question the update of Midcontinent internet services. Even though I wasn't using Wi-Fi the "Wi-Fi pod" was plugged-in which was sending out radio frequency radiation into my home. This was also unnoticed by me on a physical level.

The tipping point came when the Ultrasonic Smart Water Meter was installed in the basement of my home.

This addition created a collaboration between three components, culminating with high levels of radio frequency radiation into my home (confirmed by the EMF Detector I purchased).

I am so grateful you were responsive in getting the Ultrasonic Smart Water Meter out of my basement and returning my old water meter. The Wi-Fi pod through Midcontinent has been removed. I'm trying to see if I can manage the Smart Meter outside of my home. Unfortunately, when people been overwhelmed with radio frequency radiation, they sometimes develop a low tolerance for it. For the most part, my symptoms have decreased. I'm still having some headache issues, ringing in my ears, and fatigue.

I learned through the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission that Xcel Energy sends out letters 90 day prior to making the shift to Smart Meters, 60 days prior, then again at 30, so that people understand what was happening on their property and can opt out for non-

communicative meters. I am attaching information I took off Xcel's website, so you can see how they are communicating to the public. Otter Tail Power also has an opt out plan.

The Smart Meter outside of my house is called Aclara. In exploring their website, they do not have information regarding the radio frequency their product generates. I called the corporation, they refused to give that information to me, even though it is installed at my home. They do not define me as the customer. They said that the City of Ortonville is the customer, and I would need to get that information from you.

If you could provide me with this information, I would be very grateful. If I'm able to find a scientist who can analyze how much radio frequency radiation was generated in my home that would be valuable information for me. I have Aclara's phone number as 1-800-297-2728 and their email is: aclarainfo@hubbell.com

It my hope that the city will offer current information regarding what is being installed on/in homes and consider an optout plan for our community. People may be alright with one or two meters, but as updates happen, I'm guessing there may be more medical issues such as mine. I remain concerned about the impact on infants, children, the elderly, and the symptoms/consequences of radiofrequency absorption.

Thank you for your support, as we all navigate a changing world and the implications of technology.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Dr. Allan Ross and Dr. Amanda McMahon

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Dear Char,

I have been wanting to follow-up on the issue of Smart Meters, it took a while to understand what was going on, and then more time to feel well enough to compose this communication.

I am copying Dr. Ross because I still believe that this is a medical concern that the clinic and hospital need to be aware of, and Dr. McMahon because I met with her regarding radio frequency radiation issues on May 6, 2024.

Here's what I believe happened:
Unbeknown to me, until this situation, I did not know I had a Smart Meter on the back of my house, which I've had for 2 to 3 years. Evidently, I did not have any symptoms from this meter.

Char, you were correct to question the update of Midcontinent internet services. My computer and television are hardwired and my phone uses roaming, through my phone service. Even though I wasn't using Wi-Fi the "Wi-Fi pod" was plugged-in which was sending out radio frequency radiation. This was also unnoticed by me on a physical level.

The tipping point came when the Ultrasonic Smart Water Meter was installed in the basement of my home.

At this point there was a collaboration between the three components which sent out radio frequency radiation into my home. I don't know which component was the culprit, but in my bedroom, which was the farthest away from any meter, 86.9 was registering on the EMF detector I purchased. The alert yellow zone is from 50 to 100, 100 is the red zone with a siren to avoid. This likely contributed to my inability to sleep.

When the Midcontinent rep came to my house, I specifically asked if they are coordinating with the city in terms of these updates, with knowledge, or information of what's appropriate for a 1,500 square-foot home, or any home for that matter. He said they are not in communication with The City of Ortonville.

Since this happened, I am grateful that you returned my old water meter into the basement. The Wi-Fi pod through Midcontinent has been removed. I'm trying to see if I can manage the Smart Meter on outside of the home. Unfortunately, when people become overwhelmed with radio frequency radiation, they sometimes develop a low tolerance for it.

For the most part, my symptoms have decreased. I'm still having some headache issues, and fatigue.

When I saw Dr. McMahon on May 6, I had a temperature of 99.3 and a heart rate of 148/82.

I tend to have a normal temperature. My heart rate usually is around 120/70 to 80.

Ten days after seeing Dr. McMahon, I had a follow-up dermatology appointment in Morris. Even though those two pieces of equipment had been removed from my house I was still running a temperature of 99 and my heart rate was still elevated to 146/84. Increased body temperature is a symptom of electromagnetic energy absorption.

I have had five or six phone calls with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission in the cities regarding this situation. When I called them for the final conversation regarding my understanding of what happened, I said to The Consumer Mediator, "I cannot be the only one who's making these phone calls to you. You must get other phone calls like this?" He responded, "No, I do not get many phone calls from people like you. I get phone calls from the people who are informed and who are paying attention, they are concerned about Smart Meters, they don't want them, because they don't want to be in your position."

This has been a very unpleasant steep learning curve for me. I had never even heard of Smart Meters until I had a problem with them.

As I mentioned to you before, Xcel Energy sends out letters 90 day prior to making the shift to Smart Meters, 60 days prior, then again at 30, so that people understand what was happening on their property and can opt out for non-communicative meters. I am attaching information I took off Xcel's website, so you can see how they are communicating to the public. Because Smart Meters are so controversial, banded in many communities, and controversial on state levels, I can only imagine that Excel is trying to reduce their liability through communication and options. Otter Tail Power also has an opt out plan.

The Smart Meter on the outside of my house is called Aclara. In exploring their website, they do not have information regarding the radio frequency their product generates. I called the corporation, they refused to tell that information to me, even though it is installed on the outside of my home. They do not define me as the customer. They said that the City of Ortonville is the customer, and I would need to get that information from them.
If you could provide me with this information, I would be very grateful. If I'm able to identify a scientist who can analyze how much radiation was generated in my home that would be valuable information for me. I have Aclara's phone number as 1-800-297-2728 and their email is: aclarainfo@hubbell.com

I remain concerned about general health implications from Smart Meters. I have identified Senate and a House Representatives on a state level who are involved in residential safety issues. I am sharing this letter with them.

While I know the world is changing, and there is radio frequency everywhere--for right now and for today--it seems reasonable that I have control over what is in/on my home, especially when it affects my health and my basic ability to function. When I can't put together a meal, remember my own phone number, go to sleep or stay asleep, have an inability to read or focus, have ringing in the ears, have a massive headache that goes into an earache, that goes into a jaw pain, when I am running a fever for a prolong period, and heart palpitations with an increased heart rate, there's a problem. These are all symptoms that I had *prior to* understanding the health impacts of electromagnetic energy absorption.

I am so grateful you have been so responsible to my request of getting the Smart Water Meter out of my basement. I hope that you will consider an optout plan for our community. It is also my hope that the city will offer current information regarding what is being installed into homes.

Again, I'm so grateful for your support as we all navigate a changing world and the implications of technology.

Sincerely,

Edie Barrett

Cc: Dr. Ross and Dr. McMahon, Minnesota Senate Representative, Scott Dibbel, and Minnesota House Representative, Patty Acomb