

State: South Carolina

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On August 17, 2016 TWO AMI wireless Smart meters were installed on our home and garage without our knowledge or consent. We did not receive anything by mail or phone telling us of Duke Energy Carolina's plans to switch out our meters. Had we received anything, we would have been here at the home to keep such placement from happening.

I am here once a month for a couple of weeks and I have trouble sleeping, my vision has been impacted, I have headaches and ringing in my ears, I get very dizzy and I have extremely low energy. This is NOT due to aging. I am a high functioning person but when I come here around the wireless meters, I do not function well. My husband will be moving home at the end of this month and I am incredibly concerned for him because he has A Fib with his heart and a metal knee replacement.

We have heard of neighbors who were once healthy individuals who are now experiencing menacing health issues having no idea that they even have a wireless smart meter and that it may be implicated in their illnesses.

We have been to the doctors for so many issues in the last eight months and just [last Thursday](#) I went to an Ear, Nose and Throat doctor and he noticed that my thyroid is very enlarged and that it is impacting my vocal cords. The doctor rather randomly asked if I had recently been exposed to radiation. I said, "I am exposed 24/7 to RF radiation when I am home where there are 2 wireless smart meters, or if I go to a friend's home, out to eat, the movies, the gym, my vehicle, near a cell tower, near WiFi, or near a cell phone."

Just today I was reaching above my head into a cabinet on my tip toes and my right leg lost all feeling and had I not grabbed for the cabinet doors I would have fallen. This happened twice! I have never had anything like this happen to me in all my life!

Once placed, it was impossible to get Duke Energy to remove these harmful meters and replace them with safe analog ones. Even the meters we had previously were not conducive to health. They were wireless and digital and gave off radiation but the Wireless AMI Smart Meter proved to be so much worse.

Our adult daughter came to live with us 8 years ago to deal with a dreadful illness, lime disease and I thought we were going to lose her many times. She had been making many strides forward with her treatment and those gains disappeared the day the meters were installed. She felt as though the life force was coming out of her and had no idea the cause. We did not know right away that the meters had been changed. She kept developing so many new and worsening symptoms on August 17th but we had no clue what was

causing it. Once I found the door tag left on our front (unused) door, we started to research her symptoms. It became clear as day when we looked up problems with smart meters and the symptoms from RF radiation that we knew we found the culprit. As her mother, I wanted those meters OFF MY HOUSE IMMEDIATELY.

Duke Energy was completely unwilling to resolve the issue once they learned that the meters were causing serious negative health effects for our adult daughter in the home suffering. I could not believe the runaround that we got in trying to bring that about. I could not believe the audacity of Duke Energy not taking our complaints seriously with my daughter in such distress.

We sent letters to Duke Energy and the Regulatory Commission by certified mail trying to resolve the issue and get analog meters put on which have no wireless radio components in them and our complaints fell on deaf big bureaucratic ears.

We sent a letter to Duke Energy CEO, Lynn Goode, informing her that we would take measures ourselves, out of self defense for our health and safety, and replace the smart meters with safe analog meters if we did not hear from them in a set amount of time of 10 business days. After no response from Duke, we did exactly that. In 9 days they came with a sheriff escort to terminate all service to our home. The next day, Duke Energy said they would restore power but only with an AMR digital meter. The negative symptoms of headaches, heart palpitations, ringing in the ears, dizziness, abdominal pain, severe nausea, raging insomnia, muscle and joint pain, facial pain, inner ear pain, jaw pain from two metal dental implants acting as antennae and sudden onset of anxiety and panic which was so unlike my daughter. She would get in bed with me every morning just terrified with the new and worsening symptoms. This is not right to be a home owner and a utility tell me that they are not going to remove the meters that are causing us such devastation, right then or ever. This nightmare continued to get worse.

I moved back to Iowa where my husband works and our daughter was home alone to deal with this incredibly hard situation and finally had to move to a campground in a tent. She was being exposed to an environment with ticks because she did not have anywhere to go.

When a smart meter was located on the campground very near her tent, she had to move again and has now moved 6 times and two of those moves involved living in a vehicle.

Now that she is back in SC, she sleeps in a vehicle every night in a public park which is very unsafe but she cannot stay in our home. She has done this since the middle of February in sub freezing temperatures. She comes home to use the facilities because there are none at the park and to clean up. When she is here at home, she cuts most of the power off at the breaker box.

This is difficult for the rest of the family to live this way. My daughter did not create this nonsense, Duke Energy did. We are experiencing these horrible symptoms as well.

We are tired of this run around. We have learned that NO safety studies exist on the RF radiation that comes out of these meters and blankets our homes and neighborhoods. The results of the National Toxicology Project are stunning and I am shocked that we are still having to wait to get the meters off our property. RF radiation is a Class 2B Carcinogen and we have a right not to have that coming into our home on our wiring affecting our health, moods, and well being.

It is high time that our voices are heard through our elected officials and this criminal activity stopped.

WE did not give permission for Duke Energy to come on our property with a device known to cause harm and attach it to our home and garage. We want them off immediately as do many of our neighbors now that were made aware. We do not want to pay one penny in fees for that to happen.

I want very much to stop this constant exposure against my will NOW.

The public needs to know the truth about all of the many ways this RF radiation is coming at us. The industry is banking on our ignorance and with the the tax payer funding that has brought about the smart meter program, we are all involved in bringing about our own demise.

For heaven's sake, we need to get the ears and hearts of doctors in medicine to pay attention to this. Very few are aware. We need our government officials to get educated so that they can protect the people within their states.

This is creating the biggest public health crisis of our time and people are being affected adversely everywhere. Now is the time to act on behalf of all Americans so that they can get their zest for life back and get off drugs that help them sleep at night and then different ones to help them function during the day with the myriad of side effects to deal with. And the medicating of our children when every symptom of anxiety, depression, ADHD, oppositional defiance and other behavior problems can be easily traced back to the RF radiation impacting their developing brains and bodies is the greatest insanity of our modern time.

Thank you for considering my thoughts.

Sincerely,
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I give permission to use my Testimony for advocacy purposes regarding wireless radiation issues.

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