

SMART METER OPT OUT OPTIONS AND FEES – latest additions February 17, 2018

UTILITY	ONE-TIME CHARGE	MONTHLY CHARGE	OPT-OUT OPTION	NOTES
<b>CANADA</b>				
<b>British Columbia: BC Hydro</b> <sup>1</sup>	<p>NO FEE</p> <p>\$22.60 (plus \$55 charge to exit Opt Out and accept Smart Meter)</p> <p>\$65.00 “failed installation charge” if a customer refuses meter exchange or obstructs access</p>	<p>\$32.40 <b>legacy</b><sup>1</sup></p> <p>\$20 radio-off</p>	<p><b>Current Meter</b> (ANALOG or DIGITAL) – <b>RADIO-OFF-METER</b><sup>2</sup> when customer moves. (analogue meters no longer available) once you have a smart Meter, you are no longer eligible to make a choice</p> <p>RADIO-OFF METER<sup>2</sup></p>	<p>B.C. Utilities Commission interim approval<sup>3</sup>.</p> <p>April 25, 2014 - BC Hydro Application for Approval of Charges Related to Meter Choices Program ~ Decision<sup>4</sup></p> <p>The BCUC decision notes: “As a result of the prescriptive nature of Direction No. 4, the issues within scope in this public hearing are very narrow. They are limited to whether the proposed charges would enable BC Hydro to recover expenditures that are considered program costs, investigation costs and infrastructure costs to the extent that BC Hydro requests their recovery and the amount of the failed installation charge.”</p>
<b>British Columbia: FortisBC</b>	\$88 for those with an	\$9	RADIO-OFF METER	

<sup>1</sup> BC Hydro Meter Choices

[https://www.bchydro.com/accounts-billing/rates-energy-use/electricity-meters/meter-choice.html?WT.mc\\_id=rd\\_meterchoices](https://www.bchydro.com/accounts-billing/rates-energy-use/electricity-meters/meter-choice.html?WT.mc_id=rd_meterchoices)

<sup>2</sup> “Radio-Off Meter” means a smart meter adjusted so that the meters components that transmit data by radio are deactivated <http://www.bcuc.com/Documents/SpecialDirections/2013/OIC-391-SD4-BCHSMI-Options.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> BC Utilities Commission Order G-166-13.

[http://www.bcuc.com/Documents/Proceedings/2013/DOC\\_36246\\_A-1\\_G-166-13\\_BCH-Meter-Choice-Program.pdf](http://www.bcuc.com/Documents/Proceedings/2013/DOC_36246_A-1_G-166-13_BCH-Meter-Choice-Program.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> April 25, 2014 - BC Hydro Application for Approval of Charges Related to Meter Choices Program ~ Decision [http://www.bcuc.com/Documents/Proceedings/2014/DOC\\_41266\\_04-25-2014\\_BCH%20Meter%20Choices\\_Decision\\_G-59-14.pdf](http://www.bcuc.com/Documents/Proceedings/2014/DOC_41266_04-25-2014_BCH%20Meter%20Choices_Decision_G-59-14.pdf)

	<p>unwanted Smart Meter (“AMI meter”)</p> <p>\$60 for those who choose a radio-off AMI meter before meter installations begin in their region. <sup>5</sup></p>	(\$18 per read every 2 months)		
<b>Quebec: Hydro-Québec</b>	<p>\$15 before 30 day deadline</p> <p>\$85 after 30 day deadline<sup>6</sup></p>	\$5	NON-COMMUNICATING ELECTRONIC METER	<p>Hydro-Québec asked the Régie de l’énergie to authorize a review of the opting-out costs and conditions.<sup>7</sup></p> <p>Hydro-Québec reduced fees in May 2014, but in a ruling released Sep 24, 2014, the Régie de l’énergie found that even the reduced fees were too high and ordered Hydro-Québec to cut them by nearly 60 per cent.</p> <p>Energy Minister Pierre Arcand said he was happy with the ruling, calling it a victory for consumers. “We don’t need to penalize the consumer who use those kinds of meters,” he said.<sup>8</sup></p> <p>(Initial fee before 30 day deadline - was \$98, lowered to \$48 May 2014, now \$15 Initial fee after 30 day deadline was \$137, now \$85 monthly Reading fee was \$17.17, reduced to \$8, now \$5)</p>
<b>Quebec: Hydro Westmount</b>	\$99 (waived if the analog has expired) <sup>9</sup>	\$5	NON-RF METER	By-law adopted April 8, 2014.

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.fortisbc.com/About/ProjectsPlanning/ElecUtility/ProjectsInYourCommunity/AdvancedMeteringInfrastructure/Pages/Radio-off-option.aspx>

<sup>6</sup> Quebec energy board cuts fees for smart-meter opt-out - Hydro-Québec ordered to reduce opt-out fee by \$33, CBC News:Sep 24, 2014 <http://www.cbc.ca/m/touch/canada/montreal/story/1.2776587>

<sup>7</sup> Hydro-Québec to reduce opt-out cost for smart meters, Montréal Gazette, November 22, 2013

[HTTP://WWW.MONTREALGAZETTE.COM/BUSINESS/HYDRO+QU%C3%A9bec+WANTS+REDUCE+COST+SMART+METERS/9202667/STORY.HTML](http://www.montrealgazette.com/BUSINESS/HYDRO+QU%C3%A9bec+WANTS+REDUCE+COST+SMART+METERS/9202667/STORY.HTML)

<sup>8</sup> Hydro-Québec ordered to reduce opt-out fee, CBC News, Sep 24, 2014

<b>UNITED STATES</b>				
<b>Arizona:</b> Tucson Electric Power Co <sup>10</sup>	\$38 set up	\$26/mo.	<b>ELECTRO-MECHANICAL/ANALOG –</b>	Arizona Corporation Commission approved Feb. 2017 <sup>11</sup>
<b>Arizona:</b> Arizona Public Service <sup>12</sup>	No fee for existing analog meters \$50 analog re-installation fee if Smart Meter is already installed	\$5	<b>ANALOG</b>	Docket No. E-01345A-13-0069: “ORDER: IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Arizona Public Service Company’s Service Schedule 17 is approved as modified by Staffs Alternative 1 except that the monthly meter reading charge is set at five dollars (\$5) and that a one-time fifty dollars set-up fee be assessed only for those Arizona Public Service Company customers with an AMI meter already in place.” <sup>13</sup>  The Utility had proposed a one-time fee of \$75 plus \$30 a month. <sup>14</sup>
<b>Arizona:</b> Salt River Project	NO FEE	\$20.00	<b>ANALOG</b> With the \$20 fee, customers are allowed to keep their analog meter permanently	

<sup>9</sup> **City brings in promised opt-out from RF Hydro Meters** , Westmount Independent, April 15, 2014 <http://citizensforsafetechnology.org/City-brings-in-promised-optout-from-RF-Hydro-Meters--Westmount-Quebec,15,3880>

Pdf of original article: <http://www.westmountindependent.com/Wlv8.4c.pdf>

<sup>10</sup> **Utility 'smart meters' raise health, expense concerns**, Arizona Daily Star , May 16, 2013 [http://azstarnet.com/mobi/latest/article\\_ed579a26-59b3-5dfe-ad09-cf5168f44025.html](http://azstarnet.com/mobi/latest/article_ed579a26-59b3-5dfe-ad09-cf5168f44025.html)

<sup>11</sup> **TEP new fee unfair**, Arizona Daily Star, April 1, 2017 [http://tucson.com/business/tucson/tep-s-new-fee-for-old-school-electric-meters-unfair/article\\_bc004ce5-64f6-5031-a684-26acc5e7dec3.html](http://tucson.com/business/tucson/tep-s-new-fee-for-old-school-electric-meters-unfair/article_bc004ce5-64f6-5031-a684-26acc5e7dec3.html)

<sup>12</sup> **State settles 'smart' meter debate**, The Republic | azcentral.com, December 13, 2014 <http://www.azcentral.com/story/money/business/2014/12/12/state-settles-smart-meter-debate/20343257/>

<sup>13</sup>Docket No. E-01345A-13-0069 BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION: IN THE MATER OF ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF AUTOMATED METER OPT-OUT SERVICE SCHEDULE 17 <http://images.edocket.azcc.gov/docketpdf/0000159381.pdf>

<sup>14</sup> **APS smart meters worry residents**, Verde Independent, Oct 11, 2013 <http://verdenews.com/main.asp?SectionID=1&SubsectionID=1&ArticleID=56641>

<b>Arizona:</b> UNS Electric Santa Cruz & Mohave Counties	?	\$26/mo	<b>Analog</b>	PUC decision Feb. 2017 <sup>15</sup>
<b>California</b>	\$75.00 \$10.00 for low-income customers <sup>16</sup>	\$10.00; or \$5.00 for low-income customers	<b>ANALOG</b> <i>Opt-Out Fees sunset i.e.: are no longer charged, after the Customer has paid the required monthly Opt-Out fees for the same residence for three years from the date of installation. For all Opt-Out Customers, readings by a meter reader are bimonthly; the non-read month is estimated.</i>	<b>California offered the first Opt-Out in the United States.</b>  Effective April 2012, The California Public Utilities Commission ruled to permanently allow residential Customers of electricity companies under their jurisdiction to keep their current analog meter permanently or request an analog meter be installed to replace a smart or other digital meters at any time by contacting the CPUC regulated electricity company and paying the required monthly Opt-Out fees. <sup>17</sup>  Note: In the September 12, 2015 case of Nice Customer versus Plumas-Sierra Rural Cooperative, Los Altos County Judge Judy Booty ruled that Opt-Out fees violate state discrimination laws. Plaintiff claimed she suffers and is disabled from electromagnetic hypersensitivity, and Defendant cut off her electricity for not paying Opt-Out fees. <sup>18</sup>
<b>California:</b> Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) - 52,000 meter pilot project	NO FEE	NO FEE – including free reinstallation of analog meter <sup>19</sup>	<b>ANALOG</b>	Marcelo Di Paolo, manager of the LADWP Smart Grid project, has stated that the project is “purely a volunteer optional program” and that the community can “pick and actually choose whether or not to participate.” <sup>20</sup>

<sup>15</sup> **TEP new fee unfair**, Arizona Daily Star, April 1, 2017 [http://tucson.com/business/tucson/tep-s-new-fee-for-old-school-electric-meters-unfair/article\\_bc004ce5-64f6-5031-a684-26acc5e7dec3.html](http://tucson.com/business/tucson/tep-s-new-fee-for-old-school-electric-meters-unfair/article_bc004ce5-64f6-5031-a684-26acc5e7dec3.html)

<sup>16</sup> **PUC Orders PG&E to Offer Analog Meters as Sole Smart Meter Opt-Out Option**, La Mesa – Mount Helix Patch, January 17, 2012, <http://lamesa.patch.com/groups/susan-brinchmans-blog/p/bp--puc-orders-pge-to-offer-analog-meters-as-smart-me4240b673a5>

<sup>17</sup> **California Public Utilities Commission’s Decision Modifying Pacific Gas and Electric Company’s SmartMeter Program to Include an Opt-out Plan:**  
[http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/word\\_pdf/AGENDA\\_DECISION/158309.pdf](http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/word_pdf/AGENDA_DECISION/158309.pdf)

<sup>18</sup> **Judge rules electric co-op violated discrimination laws**, Plumas County News, May 4, 2015  
<http://plumasnews.com/index.php/13744-judge-rules-electric-co-op-violated-discrimination-laws>

<sup>19</sup> **LADWP letter to customer** <http://stopsmartgrid.org/>

<b>California:</b> Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) - Sacramento County	\$127 (can be spread out over 3 years) <sup>21</sup>	\$14 (meter read every third month)	<b>DIGITAL meter with Time-of-Use (TOU) Bi-Directional metering capabilities, and Electronic LCD display (NTDM Itron Centron meter or Itron Sentine Meter) – OR GE I70-S ANALOG meter if requested.</b>	some people have experienced health issues with the digital meters; ANALOG replacements are available on request
<b>Colorado:</b> Boulder		Starting July 1, 2018 customers charged \$10 additional per mo. for new meters. \$25 per month for refusal		A one-way communicating meter is being installed (AMR). All customers are being charged an additional \$10 a month for the meter - \$15 additional per month for people who refuse them. <sup>22</sup>
<b>Colorado:</b> La Plata Electric Association	\$6.67 (\$20 per quarter) <sup>23</sup>	NO FEE	<b>ANALOG</b>	
<b>Florida:</b> Florida Power & Light Co.	\$89 <sup>24</sup> (reduced from proposed \$105) <sup>25</sup>	\$13 (reduced from proposed \$16)	<b>Current meter (ANALOG), then NON-COMMUNICATING METER when it needs replacement.<sup>26</sup></b>	Acting as attorney on behalf of opt-out customers, a former Florida Public Service Commissioner filed a petition with FPSC March 31, 2014 objecting to the fees, arguing that FPL is seeking advanced recovery for the cost of possibly unnecessary visits to customers who simply keep their old meters. The petition also says that the fees fail to account for the cost savings because FPL did not have the expense of installing a meter for those who opted out. (In 2010 an FPL official testified that the Smart Meters would save \$30 million by 2013, but the projected savings have not materialized). <sup>27</sup>

<sup>20</sup> **Cindy Sage Challenges the “Smart” in LADWP’s “Smart” Grid: LADWP project manager guarantees “smart” meters are optional!** May 14, 2013 <http://emfsafetynetwork.org/cindy-sage-challenges-the-smart-in-ladwps-smart-grid/>

<sup>21</sup> **Opting out of SMUD smart meters,** <https://www.smud.org/en/residential/customer-service/smart-meters/opting-out.htm>

<sup>22</sup> **One-way communicating meter is being installed,** Boulder City Review, May 10, 2017 <http://bouldercityreview.com/news/city-approves-purchase-new-meters-track-electricity-use>

<sup>23</sup> **Smart-meter opt outs allowed** durangoherald.com Nov 19, 2014 [/http://durangoherald.com/article/20141119/NEWS01/141119465/Smart-meter-opt-outs-allowed-](http://durangoherald.com/article/20141119/NEWS01/141119465/Smart-meter-opt-outs-allowed-)

<sup>24</sup> Florida Public Service Commission News Releases **Florida PSC Reduces FPL Non-Standard Meter Customer Charge,** Dec 18, 2014 <http://www.psc.state.fl.us/home/news/index.aspx?id=1214>

<b>Florida:</b> The City of Lakeland electric utility	NO FEE for those who opted out before March 1, 2013. \$65 meter equipment fee after March 1	\$16.25	<b>ANALOG</b>	Lakeland City commissioners approved fees November 5, 2012. <sup>28</sup>
<b>Georgia:</b> Georgia Power	No Fee to keep analog meter No fee to have Smart Meter removed.	\$19 <sup>29</sup>	<b>ANALOG – (keep old one or have analog re-installed after Smart Meter removed)<sup>30</sup></b>	On December 17, 2013 the Georgia Public Service Commission approved a Smart Meter Opt-Out tariff as part of Georgia Power's 2013 rate case. Customers who opt out of having a smart meter installed and prefer to maintain a mechanical meter at their residence or facility can now do so with a basic service charge of \$19 per month. Customers can also request removal of their smart meters for no extra charge.
<b>Hawaii:</b> The Kauai Island Utility Cooperative	\$50.64 residential \$138.80 commercial <sup>31</sup>	\$10.27	<b>ANALOG</b>	Approved by the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission Nov 2013 <sup>32</sup> Kauai Island Utility Cooperative voted to keep the fees Jan 2014 <sup>33</sup>
<b>Hawaii:</b> Hawaiian Electric Co				HECO proposes that residential customers can keep their analog meter for a monthly fee of about \$15. <sup>34</sup>

<sup>25</sup> **FPL sets higher charge for customers refusing smart meters**, Orlando Sentinel, January 7, 2014 [http://www.orlandosentinel.com/business/os-dumb-electric-meter-charge-20140107\\_0,4390998.story](http://www.orlandosentinel.com/business/os-dumb-electric-meter-charge-20140107_0,4390998.story)  
[http://www.wptv.com/dpp/news/region\\_c\\_palm\\_beach\\_county/west\\_palm\\_beach/fpl-smart-meter-update-there-will-be-a-monthly-fee-if-you-refuse-a-smart-meter#ixzz2sxt802l](http://www.wptv.com/dpp/news/region_c_palm_beach_county/west_palm_beach/fpl-smart-meter-update-there-will-be-a-monthly-fee-if-you-refuse-a-smart-meter#ixzz2sxt802l)

<sup>26</sup> **Florida Public Service Commission Docket # 130223**, filed by Florida Power & Light <http://www.floridapsc.com/dockets/cms/docketFilings3.aspx?docket=130223>

<sup>27</sup> **Former PSC commissioner files smart meter petition on behalf of Loxahatchee couple**, Palm Beach Post, March 31, 2014 <http://www.palmbeachpost.com/news/news/former-psc-commissioner-files-smart-meter-petition/nfPdP/>

<sup>28</sup> **Lakeland Officials Approve Fee to Opt-Out of Smart Meter Program**, The Ledger, November 5, 2012 <http://www.theledger.com/article/20121105/POLITICS/121109627>

<sup>29</sup> **For a price, Georgia Power customers can opt out of smart meters**, SavannahNow.com, January 22, 2014 <http://savannahnow.com/exchange/2014-01-22/price-georgia-power-customers-can-opt-out-smart-meters#.UulH9ZoWLbg>

<sup>30</sup> **Georgia Public Service Commission Smart Meter Q & A** <http://www.psc.state.ga.us/electric/smartMeter/>

<sup>31</sup> **Non-smart meters fees approved**, The Garden Island, November 3, 2013 [http://thegardenisland.com/news/local/non-smart-meters-fees-approved/article\\_f64efbd2-444f-11e3-a7eb-0019bb2963f4.html](http://thegardenisland.com/news/local/non-smart-meters-fees-approved/article_f64efbd2-444f-11e3-a7eb-0019bb2963f4.html)

<sup>32</sup> **KIUC ballot set, election begins Jan. 3**, The Garden Island, December 18, 2013 [http://thegardenisland.com/news/local/kiuc-ballot-set-election-begins-jan/article\\_2b77f420-67ab-11e3-b977-0019bb2963f4.html](http://thegardenisland.com/news/local/kiuc-ballot-set-election-begins-jan/article_2b77f420-67ab-11e3-b977-0019bb2963f4.html)

<sup>33</sup> **Kauai utility votes to keep smart meter opt-out fees**, Star-Advertiser, Jan 26, 2014 [http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/20140126\\_Kauai\\_utility\\_votes\\_to\\_keep\\_meter\\_optout\\_fees.html?id=242091521](http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/20140126_Kauai_utility_votes_to_keep_meter_optout_fees.html?id=242091521)

<sup>34</sup> **HECO proposes smart meter opt-out for residential customers** khon2.com, April 1, 2016 <http://khon2.com/2016/04/01/hawaiian-electric-companies-propose-plan-for-smart-grid-technology/>

<b>Illinois:</b> Commonwealth Edison Co - northern Illinois service territory	No Fee	\$21.53 <sup>35</sup>	<b>ANALOG</b>	****As of August 2015, ComEd does not offer a permanent opt-out. A resident can get a delay and pay the \$21.53 per month until ComEd circles around at the end of deployment and puts on a smart meter. ComEd has 4,000,000 customers in Illinois.
<b>Illinois:</b> Ameren Illinois -both electric and natural gas meters	No Fee to keep analog; \$70 to reinstall analog If customers change their mind. <sup>36</sup>	\$20.00/mp.	<b>ANALOG</b>	The Illinois Commerce Commission approved the fees Sept. 3, 2014
<b>Kentucky:</b> Frankfort Duke Energy Kentucky	\$100.00 if Smart Meter already installed	\$25.00/mo.		Kentucky Public Service Commission rules re. opt- out fees. Duke Energy Kentucky to track costs & benefits of the system. <sup>37</sup>
<b>Maine:</b> Central Maine Power	a. \$40  b. \$20.00	a \$15.66  b. \$13.98 <sup>38</sup>	<b>a. ELECTRO-MECHANICAL</b>  b. a standard wireless smart meter with the internal network interface card operating in receive-only mode (transmitter off)	On May 17, 2011 the Maine Public Utilities Commission ordered CMP to create an opt out program for customers who do not want a wireless smart meter <sup>39</sup> Revised with proposed effective date July 1, 2017.  As of July 2012, the Maine Supreme Judicial Court has ruled that the PUC failed to properly address health and safety concerns. The Public Utilities Commission has opened a docket to examine the health and safety issues. <sup>40</sup>  Bill LD 826 - An Act To Eliminate the Opt-out Charges for Smart Meters <sup>41</sup> , which prohibits a utility from charging a fee or a higher rate for declining the installation or for the removal of a wireless smart meter was put forth March 26, 2013 and has been carried over to 2014 regular session. <sup>42</sup>

<sup>35</sup> **No smart meter for you? It'll cost you**, Chicagobusiness.com, February 06, 2014 <http://www.chicagobusiness.com/article/20140206/NEWS11/140209838/no-smart-meter-for-you-itll-cost-you#>

<sup>36</sup> **'Smart meter' refusal comes at a cost**, herald-review.com, September 22, 2014 [http://herald-review.com/news/local/smart-meter-refusal-comes-at-a-cost/article\\_dbf05964-ecbf-5b8a-8347-4aaa4f4c9dc9.html](http://herald-review.com/news/local/smart-meter-refusal-comes-at-a-cost/article_dbf05964-ecbf-5b8a-8347-4aaa4f4c9dc9.html)

<sup>37</sup> **Glasgow Daily Times**, May 30, 2017. [http://www.glasgowdailytimes.com/news/around-the-state/article\\_6031f024-456c-11e7-b787-db1324449d25.html](http://www.glasgowdailytimes.com/news/around-the-state/article_6031f024-456c-11e7-b787-db1324449d25.html)

<p><b>Maryland :</b> Baltimore Gas and Electric Co (BGE)</p> <p>*Opt-out customers who have both electric and gas service pay the fee once to opt-out for both.</p> <p><b>Maryland:</b> Pepco</p> <p><b>Maryland:</b> Delmarva Power &amp; Light Co</p> <p><b>Maryland:</b> Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative</p>	<p>\$75.00 (reduced from proposed \$100.00) (Same fee to keep old meter or have Smart Meter replaced by standard meter.)</p> <p>\$75.00 (reduced from proposed \$100.00)</p> <p>\$75.00 (reduced from proposed \$100)</p> <p>\$75.00 (reduced from proposed \$105.32)</p>	<p>\$5.50<sup>43</sup> (reduced from \$11.00, which originally was reduced from proposed \$15)</p> <p>\$14.00 (reduced from proposed \$58.00)</p> <p>\$17.00 (reduced from proposed \$58.00)</p> <p>\$17.00. (reduced from proposed \$34.94)</p>	<p><b>ELECTRO-MECHANICAL current analog or digital meter ("legacy meter")</b></p> <p>Customers who have a Smart Meter but wish to opt out can have current Smart Meter replaced by a "standard" meter</p>	<p>On January 7, 2013, The Maryland Public Service Commission ("MPSC") concluded that the public interest required that customers be allowed the option of declining the installation of a smart meter.</p> <p>On August 6, 2013, Baltimore Gas and Electric Co. and other utilities in Maryland propose opt-out fees.<sup>44</sup></p> <p>On February 26, 2014, MPSC approved opt-out fees. They will revisit these costs after the percentage of opt-out customers has stabilized and may adjust fees accordingly.<sup>45</sup></p> <p>Two bills are now pending in the Maryland legislature that would prohibit the opt-out fees.<sup>46</sup></p> <p>Charges begin August 2014.<sup>47</sup></p>
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<sup>38</sup> **Central Maine Power:** Here are your options: <https://www.cmpco.com/smartmeter/smartmeteroptions.html>

<sup>39</sup> **PUC Approves smart meter opt out program.** <http://www.maine.gov/meopa/utilities/electric/smartgrid.html>

<sup>40</sup> Friedman v. Maine Public Utilities Comm., Law Docket No. PUC-11-532 <http://caselaw.findlaw.com/me-supreme-judicial-court/1606139.html>

<sup>42</sup>**Bill eliminates 'opt-out' fee for smart meters in Maine,** Maine Sun Journal, March 26, 2013 <http://www.sunjournal.com/news/maine/2013/03/26/bill-eliminates-opt-out-fee-smart-meters-maine/1339124>

- Bill LD 826 -An Act To Eliminate the Opt-out Charges for Smart Meters [http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/bills\\_126th/billtexts/HP057701.asp](http://www.mainelegislature.org/legis/bills/bills_126th/billtexts/HP057701.asp)

<sup>43</sup> **State regulators lower BGE smart meter "opt-out" fee .** The Baltimore Sun Nov 24, 2015 <http://www.baltimoresun.com/business/bs-bz-smart-meter-20151124-story.html>





<b>Massachusetts:</b> Massachusetts Electric Company, Nantucket Electric, Boston Gas, and Colonial Gas	\$26.00 to remove and replace an existing AMR <b>electric</b> meter <sup>48</sup>  \$67.00 to remove and replace an existing AMR <b>gas</b> meter	\$11.00 - electric  \$13.00 – gas	NON-AMR electric or gas meter	
<b>Michigan:</b> DTE Electric	\$67.20	\$9.80	NON-TRANSMITTING METER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On January 12, 2012, the Michigan Public Service Commission opened a review of smart meters.<sup>49</sup></li> <li>• In May (DTE Electric) and June (Consumers Energy), 2013, the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) approved non-transmitting meter provisions for residential electric customers</li> </ul> 50 5152

<sup>44</sup> **Utilities propose charges to opt out of smart meter: Estimates don't pass the 'straight-face test,' opponent says**, The Baltimore Sun, August 05, 2013 [http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2013-08-05/business/bs-bz-smart-meter-opt-out-cost-20130805\\_1\\_digital-meters-radio-frequency-emissions-maryland-electric-cooperative](http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2013-08-05/business/bs-bz-smart-meter-opt-out-cost-20130805_1_digital-meters-radio-frequency-emissions-maryland-electric-cooperative)

<sup>45</sup> ORDER 86200 BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF MARYLAND, February 26, 2014 [http://webapp.psc.state.md.us/Intranet/sitesearch/Whats\\_new/Order%20No.%2086200%20-%20Case%20Nos.%20%209207,%209208,%209294%20-%20Smart%20Meter%20Opt-Out%20Fees.pdf](http://webapp.psc.state.md.us/Intranet/sitesearch/Whats_new/Order%20No.%2086200%20-%20Case%20Nos.%20%209207,%209208,%209294%20-%20Smart%20Meter%20Opt-Out%20Fees.pdf)

<sup>46</sup> **Maryland delegates criticize BGE smart meter opt-out fees: Bill has bipartisan support to erase opt-out charges**, WBAL-TV 11, Mar 04, 2014 <http://www.wbal.com/politics/md-delegate-to-challenge-bge-smart-meters-fees/24794032>

- **Locals upset over Smart Meters support Senate Bill 9**, WMDT.com. Feb 15, 2015 <http://www.wmdt.com/news/more-local-news/locals-upset-over-smart-meters-support-senate-bill-9/31287120>
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<sup>49</sup> Michigan Public Service Commission, Order Opening Docket U-17000: <http://efile.mpesc.state.mi.us/efile/docs/17000/0001.pdf>

<sup>50</sup> **MPSC Approves Advanced Metering Infrastructure Non-Transmitting Meter Provision for Residential Customers of Consumers Energy Company**, June 28, 2013 [http://www.michigan.gov/mpsc/0,4639,7-159-16400\\_17280-307199--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mpsc/0,4639,7-159-16400_17280-307199--,00.html)

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<sup>52</sup> **Debate on 'smart' meters rages on in Allen Park**, The News-Herald, June 14, 2014, <http://www.thenewsherald.com/articles/2014/06/14/news/doc539b131d9a337107399222.txt?viewmode=2>

<b>Michigan:</b> Consumers Energy <sup>53</sup>	\$69.39, if the notice is given before the transmitting meter is installed; \$123.91 to remove a wireless Smart Meter	\$9.72	NON-TRANSMITTING METER	
<b>Nevada:</b> NV Energy	\$52.86 to return to a traditional meter	\$8.82	<b>ANALOG - new analog meters to be installed for all opt-out customers<sup>54</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In January, 2013, Nevada Public Utilities Commission agreed to let NV Energy charge opt out fees. The commission also approved analog meters as the alternative to Smart Meters.<sup>55</sup></li> </ul>
New Hampshire	??	??		New Hampshire passed a law summer of 2012 which states in part: "the person or persons who own the home or business must sign to opt-in to having a smart meter gateway device installed on or in his or her home or business." <sup>56</sup>
UTILITY	ONE-TIME CHARGE	MONTHLY CHARGE	OPT-OUT OPTION	NOTES
<b>New Jersey: township of Wyckoff</b> Orange & Rockland Electric, one of the township's two electric utilities		\$15 (proposed) <sup>57</sup>		Sept. 1, 2015: Orange & Rockland Electric asked for a letter of support from the Wyckoff Township Committee to install new meters that would trigger a rate increase of \$4.84 per month . Customers would be allowed to opt out of the new meter, but would be charged \$15 per month to do so.
<b>New York:</b> Long Island Gas	\$95.64 to remove AMR meter and install non-AMR meter <sup>58</sup>	\$7.77		

<sup>53</sup> Court of Appeals, State of Michigan Docket No. 317434;

[https://gallery.mailchimp.com/d3fcfc4e39a5d54c6aa5b70fc/files/317456\\_Consumers\\_Energy\\_Motion\\_Denied\\_Judge\\_O\\_Connell\\_Opinon.pdf?utm\\_source=Smart+Meter+Education+Network+Newsletter++1-9-15&utm\\_campaign=d91b0643a5-appeals+court%2C+smen&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_3ad4eb3057-d91b0643a5-94785977](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/d3fcfc4e39a5d54c6aa5b70fc/files/317456_Consumers_Energy_Motion_Denied_Judge_O_Connell_Opinon.pdf?utm_source=Smart+Meter+Education+Network+Newsletter++1-9-15&utm_campaign=d91b0643a5-appeals+court%2C+smen&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_3ad4eb3057-d91b0643a5-94785977)

<sup>54</sup> **NV Energy customers can opt for 'refurbished' old-style meters,** Las Vega Sun, Jan. 9, 2013 <http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2013/jan/09/nv-energy-customers-can-opt-old-style-meters/>

<sup>55</sup> **Smart Meters Battle Ends For Good,** Las Vegas Review-Journal, January 9, 2013 <http://www.reviewjournal.com/business/energy/smart-meters-battle-ends-good>

<sup>56</sup> **New Hampshire Requires Smart Meter Opt-In** October 05, 2012 <http://www.smartgridlegalnews.com/smart-grid-basics/new-hampshire-requires-smart-meter-opt-in/>

<sup>57</sup> **Public utility pitches smart meters in Wyckoff** , Wyckoff Suburban News, September 17, 2015 <http://www.northjersey.com/news/business/new-meters-not-so-fast-1.1411684>

<sup>58</sup> Long Island Gas, The KEDLI Gas Company LI - Decline AMR Meter Application Form (National Grid Customer Service 1-800-930-5003.)

[http://files.meetup.com/1514058/LIGAS\\_DECLINE\\_AMR\\_Meter.pdf](http://files.meetup.com/1514058/LIGAS_DECLINE_AMR_Meter.pdf)

<b>New York:</b> Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp. (Ulster County)	tba	tba		Ulster County legislators voted 12-0 December 17, 2014 in favor of a resolution urging the state Legislature prohibit electric utilities from forcing consumers to use so-called smart meters or transmitting utility meters on their homes. <sup>59</sup>
<b>New Mexico:</b> New Mexico Gas Company	NO FEE	NO FEE	<b>ANALOG – SELF READ: Customers send in own meter readings once a month</b>	
<b>Ohio:</b> Cleveland Utilities		\$13.50 <sup>60</sup>		
<b>Ohio:</b> Duke Energy Ohio Inc	\$100 for changing meters – the fee does not apply to customers with a traditional meter	\$30 <sup>61</sup>		
<b>Oklahoma:</b> Public Service Co. of Oklahoma	One time fee of \$71 for non standard meter (not defined) requested prior to, or on, Dec. 31, 2016	\$28 <sup>62</sup>		\$110 one time fee for non standard meter requested on or after Jan. 1, 2017.
<b>Oklahoma:</b> Gas and Electric	\$115	\$15.66 <sup>63</sup>		
<b>OREGON:</b> Portland General Electric Company <sup>64</sup>	\$254 Fee is the same whether replacing a Smart Meter or an old (analog) meter <sup>65</sup>	\$45 \$45.00	NON-COMMUNICATING (radio off) Unwanted Smart Meters will be exchanged. Some analogs still operating as of spring 2014, but these will be replaced.	As of April, 2014 Portland General Electric Company had 14 customers who have chosen to have a non-standard, non-networking meter installed.

<sup>59</sup> **Ulster County lawmakers back opt-out proposal for electronic utility meters**, Daily Freeman, Dec/17, 201313, <http://www.dailyfreeman.com/general-news/20131217/ulster-county-lawmakers-back-opt-out-proposal-for-electronic-utility-meters#comments>

<sup>60</sup> **Cleveland ready to complete "smart" meter installation** .timesfreepress.com, December 7th, 2015 <http://www.timesfreepress.com/news/local/story/2015/dec/07/cleveland-ready-complete-smart-meter-installation/339236/>

<sup>61</sup> CASE NUMBER: 14-1160-EL-UNC; DUKE ENERGY OHIO INC; 11/6/2016 <http://dis.puc.state.oh.us/CaseRecord.aspx?Caseno=14-1160&link=PDC>

<sup>62</sup> PSO was granted approval by order of the Oklahoma Corporation Commission on July 14, 2016, (Public Utility Division Cause #201500109)

<sup>63</sup> **Oklahoma regulators approve opt-out fees for PSO smart meters**, The Oklahoman Editorial Board, June 18, 2015 <http://newsok.com/article/5509617>

<sup>64</sup> **Could smart meters pose health risks? Some say yes**, KATU Problem Solver, Mar 25, 2013 <http://www.katu.com/news/local/Could-smart-meters-pose-health-risks-Some-say-yes-199882821.html>

<sup>65</sup> **Customer service** 503 – 228 -6322

<b>OREGON:</b> Ashland Electric Department <sup>66</sup>	NO FEE	NO FEE	<b>ANALOG</b>	
<b>OREGON:</b> Eugene Water & Electric Board	NO FEE	NO FEE	<b>ANALOG</b>	Opt-In Plan: customers who want a smart meter would have to call EWEB to get one installed. Those who don't ask for one won't get one.
<b>South Carolina:</b> Duke Energy	\$150 initial set up	\$ 11.75 per month	<b>Applies for an analogue or radio off meter</b>	One year contract. <sup>67</sup>
<b>Tennessee:</b> Memphis Light, Gas & Water	NO FEE	NO FEE	<b>ANALOG</b>	In order to opt-out, a customer must be in a current installation zone, meaning installers are scheduled to work in that area within the next 30 days. <sup>68</sup>
<b>Texas:</b> Austin Energy	\$75.00*	\$10.00* <sup>69</sup>		

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<sup>68</sup> **Memphis Light, Gas & Water** <http://www.mlgw.com/smart-grid/smartgridfaq>

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<p><b>Texas:</b> San Antonio: CPS Energy</p>	<p>To replace Smart Meter (s):  1 \$175 reg/ \$35 low income  2 \$250 reg/ \$50 low income  Each additional \$75 reg/\$15 low income</p> <p>No fees charged if the meter Xchange Program application form is submitted to CPS Energy prior to Smart Meter installation.<sup>70 71</sup></p>	<p>\$20 reg  \$10 low income</p>		<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="1706 99 2026 212">FEE TYPE</th> <th data-bbox="2026 99 2222 212">STANDARD FEES</th> <th data-bbox="2222 99 2403 212">FEES for LOW INCOME CUSTOMERS</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="1706 212 2026 261">Exchange ONE Meter Fee</td> <td data-bbox="2026 212 2222 261">\$175.00*</td> <td data-bbox="2222 212 2403 261">\$35.00*</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1706 261 2026 310">Exchange TWO Meters Fee</td> <td data-bbox="2026 261 2222 310">\$250.00*</td> <td data-bbox="2222 261 2403 310">\$50.00*</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1706 310 2026 358">For each additional Meter</td> <td data-bbox="2026 310 2222 358">\$75.00*</td> <td data-bbox="2222 310 2403 358">\$15.00*</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="1706 358 2026 407">Monthly Meter Reading Fee</td> <td data-bbox="2026 358 2222 407">\$20.00</td> <td data-bbox="2222 358 2403 407">\$10.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>• Smart Meter Xchange Program Fees applicable to qualified accounts  • To qualify for low income status, customer must be at 125% of federal poverty level</p>	FEE TYPE	STANDARD FEES	FEES for LOW INCOME CUSTOMERS	Exchange ONE Meter Fee	\$175.00*	\$35.00*	Exchange TWO Meters Fee	\$250.00*	\$50.00*	For each additional Meter	\$75.00*	\$15.00*	Monthly Meter Reading Fee	\$20.00	\$10.00
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				time, without incurring any charge for such removal. <sup>75</sup>
<b>Virginia:</b> Dominion Virginia Power	NO FEE currently, but Dominion Virginia Power will be going before the State Corporation Commission of Virginia and requesting to charge fees. <sup>76</sup>	NO FEE currently, but Dominion Virginia Power will be going before the State Corporation Commission of Virginia and requesting to charge fees.	NON-COMMUNICATING METERS - smart meters with both the two-way communications and data storage features disabled.	Dominion Virginia Power has eliminated from all the meters the 2nd antenna that keeps track of what appliances are using how much electricity at any given time. <sup>77</sup>
<b>Washington State:</b> Port Angeles City Council Public Works and Utilities	NO FEE - Smart Meter Program ended	NO FEE	<b>All</b> Smart-meter components that wirelessly transmit will be removed	City residents voiced repeated objections to the project, citing health concerns over the electromagnetic energy employed by the wireless devices. City Council approved a \$1.8 million settlement with Mueller Systems LLC to end the “Smart” Meter program. All water and electric meters will be free of the controversial, electromagnetic Smart Meter components. <sup>78</sup>
<b>Washington State:</b> Seattle City Light	\$124.43	\$15.87 each billing cycle after initial fee	If smart meter already installed resident pays \$84.21 for removal & reinstall of analog.	Discounts for low-income customers apply. Renters need landlords approval to opt out. <sup>79</sup>

<sup>74</sup> Vermont 'Smart Meter' Opposition: No Opt Out Fee under New Legislation, Huffington Post, May 14, 2012, [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/05/14/vermont-smart-meters-opposition\\_n\\_1514544.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/05/14/vermont-smart-meters-opposition_n_1514544.html)

<sup>75</sup> S. 214 (Act 0170), AN ACT RELATING TO VERMONT ENERGY ACT OF 2012, at pp. 61-63: <http://www.leg.state.vt.us/docs/2012/Acts/ACT170.pdf>

<sup>76</sup> Dominion Virginia Power: Interim Non-Communicating Meter Option Requirements <https://www.dom.com/about/conservation/pdf/meter-option-requirements.pdf>

<sup>77</sup> Dominion: Smart Meter FAQs: Are there alternatives to receiving a smart meter? <https://www.dom.com/about/conservation/smartmeter-faqs.jsp>

<sup>78</sup> Proposed \$1.8 million settlement would end Port Angeles ‘smart’ meter dispute, Peninsula Daily News, October 19, 2014 <http://www.peninsuladailynews.com/article/20141019/news/310199902/proposed-18-million-settlement-would-end-port-angeles>

<b>Guam: Guam Power Authority</b>	approximately \$235 (proposed) <sup>80</sup>	\$18.33 <sup>81</sup>		

<sup>79</sup> **Seattle Weekly**, May 10, 2017 <http://www.seattleweekly.com/news/city-lights-smart-meters-are-hitting-the-grid-this-summer-is-there-anything-to-fear/>

<sup>80</sup> **GPA's Opt Out Program** Smart Energy Guam [http://guampowerauthority.com/m.gpa\\_smart\\_opt\\_out.php](http://guampowerauthority.com/m.gpa_smart_opt_out.php)

<sup>81</sup> **Get rid of smart meters** November 29, 2015 <http://www.guampdn.com/story/opinion/2015/11/29/get-rid-smart-meters/76489884/>