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December 20, 2010

Ms. Karen Geraghty,
Administrative Director
Maine Public Utilities Commission
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RE: Maine Public Utilities Commission Docket Nos. 2010-345, 2010-346 and 2010-389
Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI), so-called "Smart Meters"

Dear Ms. Geraghty:

On behalf of the Scarborough Town Council, I write to you and the Commission regarding CMP's campaign to install advanced metering infrastructure, so-called "smart meters" throughout their service area, pursuant to a PUC Order contained in Docket No. 2007-215 (II). Since approval of this project and with the start of the installation campaign, many consumers have expressed concern regarding the safety and appropriateness of such elective technology. In fact, we are aware that at least three formal Complaints relating to these concerns are currently pending before the PUC.

In October of this year, the Scarborough Town Council, on behalf of its residents, passed a Resolution which requested CMP to delay installation of smart meters in Scarborough for a period of not less than ninety (90) days to allow an opportunity to conduct local public forums to understand and comment on the use of smart meters. Although CMP did not agree to the 90-day hiatus, they have honored the request to meet and discuss and have participated in two local open-to-the-public forums on November 29 and December 14, 2010. The information shared as part of these forums suggests more than ever that consumers continue to be concerned with this technology, particularly health impacts, privacy and security concerns. We believe there are simple, yet important, modifications to this program that would address these concerns while allowing AMI to continue. Therefore, the Scarborough Town Council requests that the Maine Public Utilities Commission direct CMP to modify the AMI program in two important ways:

1. No smart meters be installed in Scarborough without prior notice to the customer of the date and time of the installation; and,
2. All customers be given the option of choosing not to have a wireless smart meter installed.

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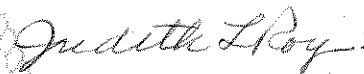
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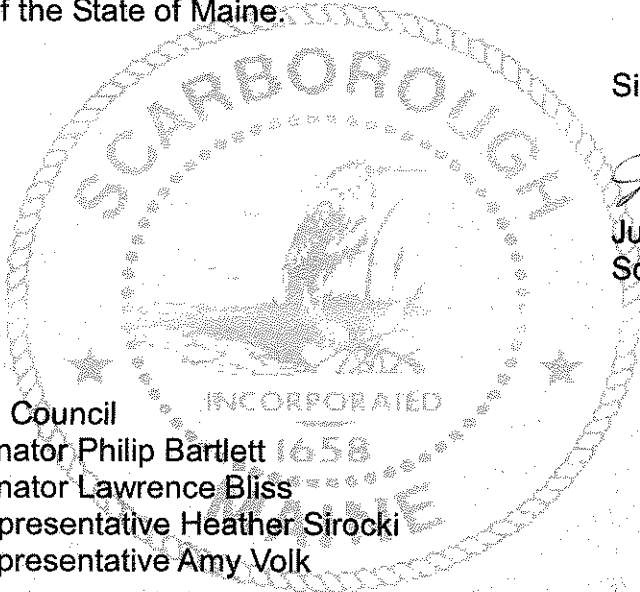
As regulators, perhaps your most important duty is to protect the health, safety and welfare of consumers. The Scarborough Town Council has the same responsibility with respect to the citizens of Scarborough. The inclusion of a notice requirement and choice for the consumer will ensure that consumers are aware of the program and installation schedule and able to opt-out of the program at their discretion. We do not believe that these requests are unreasonable or will serve to significantly dilute the effectiveness of the advanced metering infrastructure system.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this request as you consider what is in the best interest of the residents of the State of Maine.

Sincerely,



Judith L. Roy, Chair
Scarborough Town Council



cc: Scarborough Town Council
The Honorable Senator Philip Bartlett
The Honorable Senator Lawrence Bliss
The Honorable Representative Heather Sirocki
The Honorable Representative Amy Volk