

RESOLUTION NO. CCR-12-03

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF MT. SHASTA
REQUIRING A STANDSTILL ON
THE INSTALLATION OF SMART METERS OR EQUIVALENTS
WITHIN THE PLANNING SPHERE OF INFLUENCE
OF THE CITY OF MT. SHASTA
UNLESS AN OPT-IN OPTION IS ESTABLISHED

WHEREAS, a number of public utilities in other regions of the State of California have undertaken programs to install equipment referred to as "smart meters," which generate radio frequency transmissions as an element of their operation, within their service territories; and

WHEREAS, although no such program is currently contemplated by Pacific Power in Siskiyou County, these programs have engendered a great deal of public concern about the potential of health risks and intrusions on privacy among some of the citizens of California; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mt. Shasta retains authority under California Public Utilities Code Section 2902 "to supervise and regulate public utilities in matters affecting the health, convenience and safety of the general public," in certain instances, and under Section 6203 to impose terms and conditions on a public utility franchise that are in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has recently adopted an order directing one of the California investor owned public utilities to include a provision for opting out of the smart meter installation program for citizens in its service territory; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mt. Shasta believes that until there is conclusive evidence as to the health risks of such equipment, even if only to a limited number of people, that its citizens should have the right to choose to opt in to any smart meter or equivalent installation program if one is undertaken in Mt. Shasta.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Mt. Shasta that it strongly requests that Pacific Power provide the City of Mt. Shasta with at least six months advance notice of any program to install smart meters or equivalents in the City of Mt. Shasta, except for isolated instances involving properties that request grid inter-tie for alternative electrical energy production or where safety considerations recommend a remote meter reading capability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Mt. Shasta adamantly opposes approval by the CPUC of any smart meter or equivalent installation program in the planning sphere of influence of the City of Mt. Shasta that does not include an opt-in option.

The foregoing resolution was introduced and adopted this 9th day of January 2012 by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Moore, Stearns, Boss, Murray, and Mayor Porterfield

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

DATED: January 9, 2012

ATTEST:

CITY OF MT. SHASTA


Sandra K. Studer, Deputy City Clerk


Russ Porterfield, Mayor