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From: Margaret Lucido <mlucido@harrison-township.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2012 10:59 AM
To: MPSCEDOCKETS
Cc: Jan Jorgensen
Subject: Case No. U-17000-Smart Meter Resolution
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Attached please find the Resolution "Concerning the Installation of Smart Meters". The resolution was adopted by the Charter Township of Harrison Board of Trustees, at a regular meeting held on March 12, 2012.

If you have any questions, please contact the Clerk's Office.

Thank you,

Marge Lucido, Deputy Clerk
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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON
RESOLUTION
CONCERNING THE INSTALLATION
OF SMART METERS**

At a Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees for the Charter Township of Harrison, on Monday, March 12, 2012, the following Resolution was adopted.

WHEREAS, DTE Energy has begun the installation of new meters to customers in the Metro Detroit area communities, replacing existing meters with so-called "Smart meters," that is, electric meters which will broadcast information to the utility company using radio frequencies; and

WHEREAS, DTE Energy has indicated that it will, at some point, begin installation of Smart meters in Harrison Township; and

WHEREAS, Smart meters provide a benefit to utilities by allowing remote meter reading by, among other things, eliminating the need for someone to go onto each utility customer's property to read a meter and possibly offering residents lower electric rates at non-peak times; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of people, including residents of the Charter Township of Harrison, have expressed their concerns to this Board about potential health effects of the Smart meters, as well as other concerns regarding their universal deployment in the Township; and

WHEREAS, although the Township Board is informed that it is without jurisdiction to directly regulate Smart meters, exclusive jurisdiction over them residing with the Michigan Public Service Commission ("MPSC"), the Township Board believes it is appropriate to assist its citizens in obtaining consideration of their issues by requesting careful review thereof by the MPSC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Michigan Public Service Commission shall perform a careful analysis of the potential health and safety effects which may result from the universal installation of Smart meters for electric and gas utilities, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MPSC impose a moratorium of Smart meter installation by the MPSC, following careful study and review that such meters are safe and will not have short-term or long-term negative consequences to the health of the citizens of Harrison Township and the State of Michigan generally, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MPSC is asked to carefully examine other concerns regarding the deployment of Smart meters as may be submitted to them by residents of Harrison Township and the State of Michigan, so as to insure that all aspects of the issues are considered before final determination is made, with respect to such deployment, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the MPSC shall require public utilities to provide customers the ability to “opt out” of having a Smart meter installed at their home, and

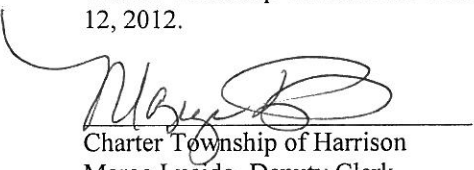
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Michigan Public Service Commission shall perform a careful analysis of the potential privacy issues regarding available and future “Smart meter” technology, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Township Clerk is directed to deliver a copy of this Resolution to State Senator Jack Brandenburg, State Representative Anthony Forlini, DTE Energy Regulatory Affairs, Consumers Energy Regulatory Affairs, Michigan Municipal League, Michigan Township Association and the Michigan Public Service Commission.

Motion by Mr. Kapral and second by Mr. York to adopt the amended Resolution concerning the Installation of Smart Meters.

**Roll Call: Ayes: Kapral, York, Bratto, Swiatkowski, Tomenello, Verkest
 Nays: None
 Excused: Jorgensen
 RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

I, Marge Lucido, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the resolution adopted by the Charter Township of Harrison Board of Trustees, Macomb County, Michigan at a regular meeting held on March 12, 2012.



Charter Township of Harrison
Marge Lucido, Deputy Clerk

3-14-12
Date