

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-018
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BRIGHTON**

**RESOLUTION DIRECTED TO THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
REGARDING SMART METERS**

At the Regular Meeting of the Brighton Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Brighton, Livingston County, Michigan, held in the Brighton Township Board Room, located at 4363 Buno Road, Brighton, MI 48114 at 7:00 p.m., November 21, 2011.

WHEREAS, DTE Energy and other utilities are installing electric meters, also known as "Smart Meters," which electronically transmit specific usage data via radio frequency network to the utility company identifying the amount of energy consumed and which device is consuming energy, and enables the utility company to remotely shut off/interrupt service, and

WHEREAS, Via Smart Meter technology, the utility has the power to nonconsensual interrupt utility service to all or selected devices within each consumers' home, and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Public Service Commission ("MPSC") has the authority to regulate the utility companies and Smart Meters, and

WHEREAS, the Charter Township of Brighton Board of Trustees has determined that the health and safety of Brighton Township residents must be protected and that the responsibility for any potential negative health effects and privacy concerns must be addressed by the MPSC, and

WHEREAS, There is no right for the consumer to "opt out" of the Smart Meter installation, and

WHEREAS, There is a concern about the invasion of privacy and the proliferation of data accumulated on private citizens and the security of such private data, and

WHEREAS, The Charter Township of Brighton Board of Trustees has no jurisdiction over utility companies; such jurisdiction resides with the Michigan Public Service Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Charter Township of Brighton Board of Trustees requests the following actions be taken by the MPSC which will help protect the health and welfare of its residents:

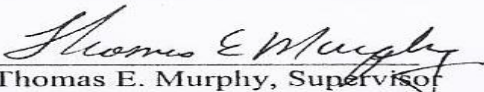
- 1) That the MPSC require public utilities to allow consumers an op-out option for Smart Meters so they can opt out of being exposed to Smart Meters via the installation of such units onto their residency;
- 2) That the MPSC address the concerns related to the potential health hazards associated with the installation of Smart Meters; and
- 3) That the MPSC make available, and easily accessible, any and all information it has gathered or received on Smart Meters

AYES: C. Doughty, L. Theis, A. Bollin, J. Rogers, M. Slaton, J. Kovitz, T. Murphy

NAYES: None

ABSENT: None

The Resolution was declared adopted.



Thomas E. Murphy, Supervisor


Ann M. Bollin, CMC, Clerk

Certification

I, Ann M. Bollin, duly elected Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the Resolution adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Brighton, 4363 Buno Road, Brighton, Michigan, at a regular meeting held on November 21, 2011, and public notice of said meeting was given and minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required.

In witness hereof, I have hereunto affixed my official seal this 28th day of November, 2011.


Ann M. Bollin, CMC, Clerk