

~ RESOLUTION ~  
Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City

**A resolution urging the Michigan Public Service Commission to undertake a thorough analysis regarding the installation and operation of smart meters by DTE Energy, and to provide consumers with the unrestricted ability to opt out.**

**WHEREAS**, DTE Energy has commenced with the installation and operation of new meters in the residences of customers in the Metropolitan Detroit area; and, Known as "smart meters"

**WHEREAS**, although smart meters enable utilities to capture discrete user information, and eliminate the need for door-to-door meter readers, citizens have come forward with information calling into question the safety of these meters for persons and property, potential privacy concerns, and the fact that monies designated to the purchase and installation of meters incorporating non-essential functions such as data storage and radio transmission, this funding would be better allocated toward the upgrading of basic power generation and distribution systems, providing customers with improved quality and reliability; and,

**WHEREAS**, DTE Energy has indicated that it will, at some point in the future, commence the installation of smart meters in Grosse Pointe Shores; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is prudent to have the appropriate agency address the concerns of all utility consumers prior to moving forward with the installation and operation of smart meters; and,

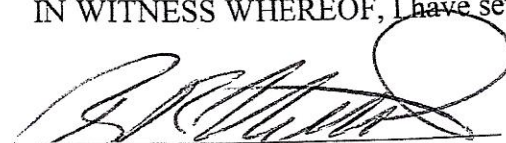
**WHEREAS**, although the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City is without jurisdiction to directly regulate smart meters, the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) should consider addressing the merits of the concerns which these citizens have brought forward.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that:

1. The MPSC is hereby requested to 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.
2. The MPSC is further requested to consider delaying the deployment of smart meters pending a determination, 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 Grosse Pointe Shores and the State of Michigan generally.
3. In the course of its deliberations, the MPSC should provide a forum that allows all interested parties to have their concerns over smart meters heard, including potential privacy and consumer rights issues.
4. The MPSC should also consider the merits of allowing consumers who wish to continue using conventional electric meters to have the unrestricted ability to opt out of smart meters installation.

This resolution was approved at the January 17, 2012 City Council Meeting by the City Council of the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my official signature, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2012:

  
Bruce R. Nichols  
City Clerk

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To institute a moratorium on the installation of residential smart meters, which shall include all meters proposed to be installed by DTE as part of its advanced metering infrastructure program in the Village of Grosse Pointe Shores, a Michigan City until such time that an option to refuse installation of such meters is given to our residents without cost or penalty.