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Subject: Relative to the request to modify Hydro-Quebec's Conditions of Electricity Service and incurred expenses - File: R-3964-2016

To Whom It May Concern:

I respectfully entreat that the Régie, at this particularly important juncture in the review, take into account the multitude of concerns and serious health issues that I and many other Quebec residents have had after the deployment of Smart Meters and Non Communicative Meters, and who have as a result of either exposure and or developed awareness sought to maintain their electrical mechanical meters.

Many arguments have been brought forth by the CQLPE, AQLPA and the RAPLIQ along with the concerns and impact the deployment has had on a whole segment of society, which is significant; the value of health and the legitimate concerns of health issues that hundreds have raised might be new to many, but it is certainly weighty and integral at this crucial stage. This is a new technological time; wireless technologies are ubiquitous and expanding; EMFs/RFs emitted from these technologies are amplifying and complexifying in our environment, moving faster than our internal body systems can handle or adapt to, that's why erring on the side of caution and keeping our mechanical meters would be essential as a future safekeep.

There are currently 181 500 mechanical meters in storage; in consideration of those who have concerns for their health and their family's health, and for those who are electromagnetic hypersensitive, it would be most advisable to keep them, as a precautionary measure, a health public safety net, and a safeguard for the future. Once the mechanical meters are gone, they won't be replaceable. Moreover, wouldn't it be prudent to have a back-up system in case something happened to our wireless centralized communications system? We are living in shifting times, a time of Climate Change. Mechanical meters are sturdy, reliable, built to last, and can be refurbished and re-certified; moreover, they aren't fire hazards, or cheaply and poorly manufactured such as the Smart Meters and the Non Communicative Meters are.

I like to finally say that being electromagnetic hypersensitive is a very serious condition; since my exposure to Smart Meters, my health deteriorated to the point where I have lost three years of my life, work was virtually unthinkable: the recurring debilitating migraines comprising of searing scalp inflammation and vice-gripping head compression, and accompanied, no less, by frequent halting and overwhelming nausea,

(which are known symptoms of electro-magnetic field exposure); and the sheer exhaustion as a result of it, self-perpetuating week after week made life very challenging.

So, the option proposed by HQ to instal a non communicative meter is unacceptable, not after what I've been through with the series of Smart Meters that I was unknowingly exposed to, and not after what I had to go through to regain some semblance of my health back. Dirty electricity from a non communicative metering device will course through my home's circuitry; being electromagnetic hypersensitive means, in part, that my threshold of tolerance to EMFs/RFs has been breached; a non communicative meter might trigger or aggravate my state, so it's **not** really an option.

Moreover, there is *no WiFi*, or micro-wave oven in my home; my computer is wired, so the way I've set up my home allows me to manage my health to some degree; EMFs stay at a minimum and at bay.

Preserving our precious lot of mechanical meters will benefit us as a whole in the long-term; –it's only socially responsible.

I sincerely hope that the Régie will authorize a second retrieval option in which it will possible to keep the mechanical meters, and adjust its fees accordingly, like in some parts of the United States.

I give thanks those who have taken the time read this letter.

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Sincerely,
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