



Smart Meter Panel Discussion



What is "smart power?"

CVPS's "Smart Power" initiative will be installing "smart meters" on all of their customers homes throughout 2012.

A "smart meter" is a digital meter connected to your house or business which transmits automated energy readings over a wireless network. They provide utility companies with far greater information about your energy consumption than standard meters.

They will replace your current analog meter, and not require meters to be read in person. According to CVPS, "smart meters" will save energy and money as they "modernize and automate the electric grid."

That's great, right?

Not everybody thinks so.

There have been concerns raised about the **health effects** of "radio frequency radiation" emitted 24/7 by smart meters on your home. There have also been concerns about **privacy**, **security**, and the potential for electricity **rate increases** in the future. Panelists will address these issues and more!

Do I have to get one?

You do have the option to "opt-out" of the smart meter program, but starting sometime in 2013, there will be \$10 monthly surcharge for "opting-out."

How can I find out more?

**COME TO THE
SMART METER PANEL DISCUSSION!
WEDNESDAY, MAY 9TH, 6:30 - 8PM
ROXBURY TOWN HALL**

Panelists will include:

- Janet Newton - Electromagnetic Radiation Policy (EMR) Institute
- Allen Gilbert - Vermont ACLU
- Todd Kowalczyk - Project Manager, CVPS Smart Meter Program
- Vermont Department of Health

Refreshments will be served!

Contact the Roxbury Energy Committee for more information
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