

Lane County Republican Party Resolution

Resolution for EWEB to enact a 5 year moratorium on the purchase and installation of Wireless Smart Meters

Whereas: the reported estimated contract to change our existing “analog” meters with new “smart” meters will be in excess of over 26 million dollars; and

Whereas: the only logical way (admitted by EWEB) to pay for such a change out will be another rate increase coupled with “Time of Day Pricing” that will charge higher rates for usage during peak times (the waking hours of 7am-9am and post work hours of 6pm-8pm) thus putting the burden of this change out on the shoulders of working people/working families, and

Whereas: the safety and privacy of homes using wireless smart meters is compromised. Due to the high intensity wireless emissions to signal the utility about usage, meters themselves can smolder and catch fire. These smart meters combined with “smart appliances” work in tandem to discern household habits and ways that power is being used to harvest personal information!

Therefore, *Resolved That:*

- I. The Lane County Republican Party Central Committee opposes implementation of Wireless Smart Meters by EWEB at this time; and
- II. The Lane County Republican Party Central Committee urges EWEB to place a moratorium of no less than 5 years to examine economic, social, safety, privacy, and health effects that are attributed to wireless smart meters before considering any new plan that includes their usage; and
- III. The Lane County Republican Party Central Committee urges Republicans to indicate opposition to any installation of wireless smart meters by speaking at EWEB Board meetings, making phone calls to EWEB Board Members and writing letters to local newspapers.

Adopted this day, June 27, 2013 by the Lane County Republican Party Central Committee in session.