

## Eddie Sleeper

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Here is a summary of the unwarranted possible shut-off notice DTE sent me, followed by a detailed accounting.

- DTE sent me a bill with a possible shut-off notice on it, claiming it has no access to my meter.
- I have an opt-out smart meter.
- DTE had and continues to have access (I have no mean dogs, no gate, no lock, no barriers)
- DTE has been estimating my bill for at least 5 months.
- When the meter reader came and I told him what DTE is doing, he was surprised DTE would claim that there is no access to meter

On January 24, 2018, at two p.m., I called DTE and talked to Michael about my bill being estimated instead of an actual read. He had no explanation, but inquired if I would like an agent to do an actual read. I said yes. Upon further examination of my DTE bill, I discovered that on the front of my bill, it states, **"We have not been able to read your meter for at least 12 months because you have not provided us with access to it. Therefore, your service is subject to physical disconnection. Please contact us immediately to resolve this matter."** I also noticed that on the back of my bill it says est., while on the front, it states, **"your usage is based on an actual meter reading."** Now, I'm really confused. I again called DTE, January 24, 2018, at three forty-five p.m., talked to Brandis, and proceeded to politely ask her about the discrepancies. She needed to talk to her Supervisor twice, and then came back and said the system had shut down and I should call back.

The next day, the meter man from DTE came on time. I asked him if he had reported that I had denied him access. He looked surprised and said that I had no gate, no mean dogs, and, no, he did not report that I denied him access. He was very respectful. As I checked my DTE history, I found estimated bills at least five months back. But, on the front of the bills it indicated that an actual reading was made.

I succumbed to the opt out meter when DTE installed in my area, hoping to circumvent health problems, so I have never had the radio-on meter on my house. But, the night after they installed the opt-out meter two years ago on the wall next to where I *used to sleep* (I have now moved my bed), I could not sleep. I awoke to a headache, nausea, sinus congestion, and extreme feelings of anxiety. I now have constant ringing in my ears, and a feeling of extreme pressure in my ears with dizziness. I have talked to my doctor about it, and knowing that watches stop on my wrists, and my symptoms, she feels it is due to the smart meter. She sternly told me to get the smart meter off my home. I tried calling DTE, almost begging to have it removed and replaced with an analog, but, to no avail. I don't feel I can subject my family to a home with no electricity so I continue. I pray it does not do damage to them as it has to me.

I have enclosed past bills from DTE, pictures of my home showing complete access, and pictures of the opt-out smart meter. I have also included my doctor's letter concerning my personal journey. I hope that your committee will help those of us who do suffer as a result of these meters. Please, please, give us the choice to have a traditional analog meter on our homes.

Thank you,  
Patricia L. Walsh