

# Hundreds of smart meters simultaneously explode

The utilities lied when they said “smart” or “AMI” meters would make the electricity grid “*resilient*” and “*self-healing*.”

Nothing could be further from the truth, and this latest episode is more proof of the failure of “smart” meter programs everywhere.

On Monday, **hundreds of “smart” meters simultaneously exploded** in Stockton, California, when a truck ran into a utility pole. Watch the video:

**Source:** <http://sacramento.cbslocal.com/2015/03/30/stockton-smart-meters-explode-after-truck-causes-power-surge/>

CBS News reported that “neighbors in the South Stockton area described it as a large pop, a bomb going off, and strong enough to shake a house.”

The catastrophic failure of these PG&E “smart” meters — which are **not approved by Underwriters Laboratories (UL)** — not only damaged meter bases and other homeowner property, but left those 5,800 customers without power.

That’s right — whenever these plastic, unproven meters fail, they **shut your power off**, as shown in this Cambridge University [research paper](#).

**Source:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gOqucXzwKkA>

Last July, the province of Saskatchewan [ordered the removal](#) of all 105,000 “smart” meters, following a rash of fires. [Portland OR](#), [Lakeland FL](#), [Arizona](#) and [Ontario](#) followed suit with mass removals.

Quebec firefighters are up-in-arms that Hydro-Quebec agents have actually been [unlawfully taking “smart” meters from fire scenes prior](#) to investigation.

Analog meters are not susceptible to fires. The risk of fires is a “smart” new feature for all customers, brought to you by your PR-spinning utility. Back in 2011, after a similar power surge [ignited 80 “smart” meters](#) in Palo Alto, California, a spokesperson for The Utility Reform Network (TURN) stated:

“In the collective memory of TURN, **we have not seen similar incidents with analog meters.**”

The total number of separate incidents of [fires and explosions](#) caused by “smart” meters is now very likely to exceed a thousand or more, although the true number is not known due do widespread coverups and denials by utilities.

In addition to the ongoing stream of incendiary events, so-named “smart” meter programs:

- are enshrouded in [fiscal negligence](#);
- are [not shown to save energy](#);
- are linked with systemic [billing inaccuracy](#) and widespread [increase of bills](#);
- facilitate “[time-of-use](#)” [billing](#) and future [artificial austerity measures](#);
- facilitate [monitoring of your activities](#) and external control of your home;
- open the door to [unprecedented hacking vulnerabilities](#); and
- emit [pulsed microwave radiation](#) typically thousands of times stronger than a cell phone, leaving many unsuspecting homeowners feeling ill.

It is difficult to imagine a more blatant failure, or a more harmful deployment of unproven technology.

**If this is true, how can utilities be getting away with it?**

The “smart” meter deployments in your area are actually part of a corporate-government collusion to deploy a mass in-home **data-capturing** (read *surveillance*) and control grid the “internet of things”.

Here are three main takeaway points:

1. As new appliances are being designed to collect detailed activity and [report in real-time](#) through the “smart” meter, it’s



estimated that the combined data they collect on all of us will be **worth more than the entire electricity industry**.

2. Industry wants to pocket trillions in this shift to an *information economy*, with **you** as the resource being packaged and sold without your consent, of course.
3. With industry selling the wireless convenience and glorious modernization of it all, these deployments are being pushed through **under the guise of climate action**. Go Green!

If this sounds like a stretch, **examine the evidence for yourself**.

The “smart” meter agenda, once fully spawned, would facilitate an unprecedented transfer of money, control, information and security *from people to* the corporate-government complex (CGC).

The reason why there has been so much industry and government propaganda around the “smart” meter issue is because the scope of this pillaging is, again, **unprecedented**. This is also why those attempting to change to a sane course of action from within the CGC have not yet been successful.

But as awareness spreads, scandals increase ([like this one in California](#)), and people take inspired action, I see that the “smart” meter agenda will fail and the pseudo-powers behind it will fall.

**So, what are we going to do about it?**

By protecting our individual rights, we are protecting all of life.

Advocate groups worldwide are encouraged to demand **immediate halt and reversal** of all “smart” meter deployments, whether they be for electricity, water, or gas. It does not matter how much money was invested before people became aware of the facts about harm being perpetrated. We’re aware now.



An “**opt-out**” whether paid or free **must categorically be rejected** because asking for an “opt-out” is voting that you generally approve the installation of a surveillance grid, the harming of everyone else, and the practice of corporate extortion.

Individually, here are three things you can do right now.

1. Once you become aware of the facts, **remove your consent in writing** ([see example](#)). This is simple, yet fundamental: your utility has made you an offer. You have the right to (and need to, contractually) either refuse or conditionally accept in writing, any written piece of paper they send your way. Note: everything they send you indeed every communication they have with you is essentially a *contract offer*, which in commerce is deemed accepted if it’s not rebutted.

2. **Spread the word.** Share the facts and solutions, starting with those you know: family and friends, via email and social media. Get together and form a local action group. Subscribe your email via [www.takebackyourpower.net](http://www.takebackyourpower.net) and stay tuned to developments.
3. **Hold the individuals involved liable** for causing or allowing this widespread crime. While this is not legal advice, an effective strategy appears to be treating their offer of a “smart” meter purely as a commercial transaction. You can use the same commercial codes and contract laws on which the for-profit corporate system is based, *against* its agents.

Also, here are couple areas of law which are applicable and being used by some groups:

***ultrahazardous activity:***

*“An activity or process that presents an **unavoidable risk of serious harm** to the other **people** or others’ **property**, for which the actor may be held **strictly liable** for the harm, even if the actor has exercised reasonable care to prevent that harm.” -*

*[https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/ultrahazardous\\_activity](https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/ultrahazardous_activity)*

***strict liability:***

*1. **Civil (tort):** Liability incurred for **causing damage to life, limb, or property** by a hazardous activity or a **defective product**, without having to prove that the defendant was negligent or directly at fault. It arises not from any wrongdoing but from the fact of the **activity or product** being **inherently hazardous or defective**.*

*2. **Criminal:** Liability imposed by a statute **without the necessity of proving criminal intent** (see *mens rea*), and intended to absolutely forbid certain acts such as preparation and sale of adulterated or contaminated food. -<http://www.businessdictionary.com/definition/strict-liability.html>*

We will continue to release news and developments on our website, [www.takebackyourpower.net](http://www.takebackyourpower.net), where you can watch our award-winning feature film which covers the shocking true story about “smart” meters.

