

The proposed 2015 AMI Additional Meter Read Fee Application

With reference to the above proposed charges application, for an additional charge for manual meter reading, the distributors have made submissions regarding the alleged added cost for meter reading, but have not stated the savings of the same system.

They have failed to mention that those customers who have retained their manually read accumulative meters or manually read interval meters, have been charged; since January 2010 for a system they do not want, have; or use. There does not appear to be any mention of refunding the revenue collected from these customers.

They have failed to mention that 'manual' customers are already paying toward meter reading.

They have failed to mention the savings they will make by not having to supplying one of these very controversial so called 'smart meters'.

They have not mentioned the saving of not having to replace the old meter.

They have not mentioned the saving they will make by 'downsizing' the manual system.

The claim for the manual meter read fee can easily be avoided; by customers reading and submitting their own meter reads or even photographing and submitting the required information, I believe this procedure is already in use, this being the case, it would appear, if the additional fees are granted, that 'manual' customers are being discriminated against. While AMI customers only pay for the system they use, 'manual' customers, who are also paying for the AMI they do not use, will be required to pay questionable additional fees for a system that they already pay for.

As a 'manual' customer, I strongly oppose the granting of this
additional fee