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Matthew H. Nelson, Chair
Department of Public Utilities
One South Station, 5th Floor
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RE: D.P.U. 21-80, Petition of NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy for approval of its Grid Modernization Plan for calendar years 2022-2025

Chairman Nelson:

I write today to offer comments concerning the Department of Public Utilities approval of the Grid Modernization Plan, specifically the advancement of smart meter technology.

Under the proposed Plan, NSTAR Electric Company and Eversource Energy aim to replace all existing meters with versions that use wireless systems to track and transmit readings. Many of my constituents suffer from various health conditions which require them to reduce their exposure to wireless devices and electronics. However, the proposed opt out would require significant cost associated with both the installation of an analog meter, and the monthly readings.

Allowing customers to opt out without incurring additional costs is critical to the health and finances of these constituents. I believe that customers shall always be provided with a choice of the type of meter that will be installed on their home or business, and that choice should come at no cost when the health of Massachusetts residents is at stake.

Thank you for your attention to my comments and please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael O. Moore".

Senator Michael O. Moore
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