



## Virginia Is 4th State To Reject Smart Metering Plans

In a serious blow to the establishment of Technocracy, four states rejected Smart Metering plans in 2018. Smart meters control energy distribution and consumption, which is a key requirement for Technocracy. People and legislators are pushing back across the nation. □ TN Editor

On January 17, **Virginia** utility regulators [rejected](#) Dominion Energy's bid to deploy 'smart' electricity meters across the state.

In doing so, Virginia joins state regulators in [Kentucky](#) (Aug 2018), [Massachusetts](#) (May 2018), and [New Mexico](#) (April 2018) in rejecting 'smart' meters. In Canada, [New Brunswick](#) (July 2018) also rejected 'smart' electricity meters.

**UPDATE 29 Jan 2019:** *We received word that parts of Kentucky do have 'smart' meters, and KU seems to be still deploying even though the PSC ruled against their proposal. There's also a similar situation in New Mexico, where the regulatory ruling there seems to not apply to all utilities. We'd like your help to get to the bottom of such situations*

*where regulatory rulings seem to be only partially applicable. If you have further info on these details, please comment below!!*

The official reasons for energy regulators' decisions in all of these regions has been a) exorbitant costs; and b) lack of customer benefit. Though in my view, it is very likely that the liability associated with other aspects about this dangerous technology also played motivational factors, such as [privacy violations](#), documented [biological harm](#) from radiation and voltage transients, [home fires](#)(including fatalities), and [hacking / security](#)issues.

Dominion Energy's plans included spending a whopping \$5.07 billion just for 'smart' / AMI (advanced metering infrastructure) meters. The denial by the State Corporation Commission is "without prejudice," however, allowing Dominion to refile a revised proposal in the future.

UtilityDrive.com [identified](#) this this latest rejection in Virginia as

*"part of a trend that has seen AMI deployment flatline at roughly 50% of electric customers [in the USA]."*

In response, Marjorie Leach-Parker, Chair of **Sierra Club's Virginia Chapter**, [stated](#):

*Today's decision by the SCC was a victory for all of Dominion's customers who have grown tired of watching the corporation's pockets get fatter at their expense. We would have loved to support a true "grid modernization" proposal by Dominion, if the company had proposed measures to increase renewable energy penetration, reduce energy waste, and facilitate electric vehicle integration. Instead, Dominion's self-serving proposal was met with a firestorm of opposition, and the SCC rightly rejected it.*

I envision that since the trends strongly indicate that 'smart' meter technology is being widely recognized as useless if not harmful, the "50% deployed" number will diminish as 'smart' AMI meters start to be replaced with safe, proven electromechanical technology which does not waste money, lasts 6-8 times longer, is far more accurate, does not

surveil utility customers, and does not cause either physical harm or damage to property.

However, whether the trend of 'smart' meter proposal rejection (by PUCs) leads to the widespread replacement of 'smart' meters (with safe technology) is entirely dependent on the actions of utility customers.

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