



# CITY OF ORMOND BEACH

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## **CITY MANAGER MEMORANDUM**

**To:** The Honorable Mayor Kelley and City Commissioners  
**Through:** Joyce A. Shanahan, City Manager  
**From:** City Clerk,  
**Date:** September 18, 2012  
**Subject:** FPL Smartmeter "Opt In" Program

### **Introduction**

This is a request to consider a resolution to encourage the Florida Public Service Commission to support the right of Ormond Beach residents to decide whether to "opt in" to the smart meter installation program.

### **Background**

At the Ormond Beach City Commission meeting on September 4, 2012, public comments were made concerning the new smart meter installation program now proposed by electric utility providers, including Florida Power and Light (FPL). These public comments raised health, safety, and privacy concerns of residents regarding the smart meter installation program. Residents have requested the City Commission require utilities to provide an "opt in" program, whereby those participating in the smart meter program would do so voluntarily, as opposed to requiring customers to request to "opt out" of the program.

### **Discussion**

The Florida Public Service Commission staff will conduct a technical workshop for on smart meters on Thursday, September 20, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. in Tallahassee. The workshop is being held to gather additional information on smart meters in order to address many of the concerns raised by consumers. During the workshop, subject matter experts will provide technical information on smart meters. Following formal presentations, there will be a technical roundtable discussion with subject matter experts on the concerns surrounding radio frequency emissions, privacy, and data security of smart meters. Time will be provided prior to the end of the workshop for public comment.

The attached resolution would encourage the Florida Public Service Commission to support the right of Ormond Beach residents to "opt in" to the smart meter program.

**Budget Impact**

There is no impact upon the City budget.

**Conclusion**

If the Commission wishes to support an “opt-in” provision for the implementation of smart meters in Ormond Beach, this Resolution would facilitate those efforts.

**Attachments:**

- 12-138 Smart Meter \_P12-0176G\_ (PDF)

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