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RE: Building Standards Revision; Programmable Communicating Thermostats

Mandatory installation of Programmable Communicating Thermostats is to much governmental control within a person's domain to start with but it brings up other concerns.

Obviously not all persons have the same "comfort level" or are in the same physical shape. Even if "Health and Safety" issues are addressed at future discussions, there are often transient medical conditions and medication reactions that would not qualify as a significant health issue in true medical terms but do cause body temperature changes. (Hot flashes, drugs for cancer, blood pressure, common cold). Most persons aren't going to spend \$125.00 + for a doctor's office call---if they can get an appointment at the proper time---to get an exclusionary note for their energy supplier.

Who has the burden of replacement and maintenance of this mandatory device? In my experience programmable thermostats have a limited life and are expensive to replace. Can these thermostats be user replaced or must it be installed by an energy representative which of course adds to the cost and delay in replacement?

There are a variety of PCT's, some work wirelessly others are hard wired. Wireless ones are susceptible to outside interference, interception, and other ills related to wireless gadgets. (My stereo remote at times turns on/off my wireless electric blanket. Our neighbors wireless door bell rings mine, etc.).

Should a glitch occur at the energy supplier's end, will that render all thermostats on that grid useless until a fix is rendered?

The concept that an outside entity has 'mandatory control' over anything with in my home I find invasive and almost socialistic in nature. I am aware that cable TV, Satellite TV, and the like all have their programming devices within our homes. They are problematic and have had to be replaced several times, however they were invited in, and I have the choice to not use these instruments and neither effects my families physical comfort.

Please reconsider the mandatory implementation of PCT's in future homes. Discount those that choose to install one when building if you like, but make it optional and with the ability to be over ridden. Also consider the potential "abuse factor" of mandatory PCT's overall.

Respectfully submitted,

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