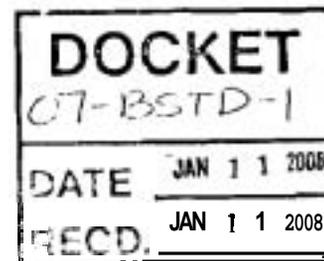


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I am very much against the proposal for mandatory government control of electrical use and thermostat settings in dwellings for two basic reasons.

1) Such a broad imposed application will overlook special circumstances and create a bureaucratic nightmare for people to remedy.

2) While I agree with attempts to manage the utilities in an emergency, this solution is a typical of a highly socialistic, and I am old enough to say communistic, approach which is not what this country should do.

Alternative:

To me, it is reasonable to install devices that will measure instantaneous utility usage and impose cost increases, even fines. I can even see that the device could give the user an option to allow full control during times or days they are away. But the choice should be in the consumer's hand. ANY forced control is contrary to free market.

/Have a great day,
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