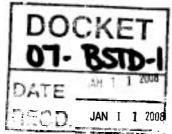
Members of the California Energy Commission,



How could you seriously consider putting remote controlled thermostats in homes and not allow homeowners to override them as a way to save electricity. This is problematic for many reasons starting with the legality of it in the first place. I definitely disagree with the electric companies having that kind of power over individuals for any reason. These are the same companies who have systematicly and intentionally caused the power 'problems' California has faced for years.

As an ex-resident of California with family still there, I know the sun shines a whole lot and there are huge expanses of desert going to waste. The wild fires get pretty bad there because of the wind, too. Wind farms work because we have them out here in Colorado.

Now get back to work considering real options to generate and conserve electricity.

(only with homeowner override abilities should remote access to home thermostats be used)

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