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Subject: Comment concerning Programmable Communication Thermostat proposal

I am writing concerning the Programmable Communication Thermostat proposal (PCT).

The idea of the state directly controlling thermostats and appliances in our homes is ludicrous. Not only is the idea technically unfeasible, but it is an unnecessary **Orwellian** invasion of the state into our daily lives.

The 2008 Building Efficiency Standards
<<http://www.energy.ca.gov/2007publications/CEC-400-2007-017/CEC-400-2007-017-45DAY.PDF>>
(Page 64), known as Title 24, specifically states: "The PCT shall not allow customer changes to thermostat settings during emergency events.". This rule makes the whole idea of government control of our daily lives a reality. The rule is overly broad, does not define what an emergency is, and pretty much hands control of our lives to the government. An "emergency" could be declared every day of the summer, or throughout the winter, and the "state" may decide to set our thermostat to any temperature they desire. There are no exceptions for people with health problems, or people with small children or infants.

It would be far more effective to give homeowners the **OPTION** of controlling thermostats and appliances remotely over the internet. Giving people their own option of saving money is far more motivating than having the state take away their right to personal comfort.

Claudia Chandler the assistant executive director of the California Energy Commission is an advocate of this ridiculous proposal. This shows a complete lack of judgment and gross incompetence on her part, and I am strongly urging the governor dismiss her from the Commission.

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cc: Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger