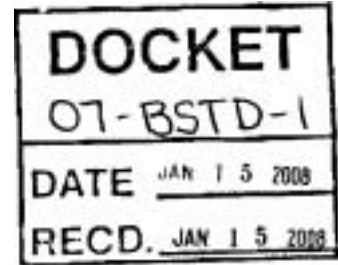


**From:** kate duvall <kduvall805@charter.net>  
**To:** <Docket@energy.state.ca.us>  
**Date:** 1/15/2008 9:54 AM  
**Subject:** FM control of thermostats



There has to be a better way to manage the electricity grid than trying to implement or enforce thermostat controls in the home.

I have Lupus, and to keep symptoms in abeyance, I have to live within a very narrow temperature band. This has meant costs to us as a family, but these costs are considered part of our budget, and we consider them less than the cost of having me ill.

We have installed a time programable thermostat, which helps, and when we really have trouble keeping me cool in the summer, I leave the house and go to some overly cooled public building, such as the local city government center or movie theater. We have found the public sector is less careful of their energy appetite that we are as an individual family unit. I have no faith that a centralized system would provide the services claimed, and certainly would not provide individual satisfaction. With any system, the more moving parts, the more likely one is to go wrong, leading to a cascade of complaints all down the line. Past rolling blackout are not unfamiliar, and we understand how important simplicity is when trouble is at hand.

Our preferred solution would be to install additional electrical generating capacity on our rooftop, as in solar panels. A greater effort to make solar affordable for private homes would reduce the strain on the electricity grid, which as we all know is most affected by hot weather in California draining electricity for private home cooling. Making our homes energy efficient, or better yet, energy self sufficient, is a preferable use of resources all around.

Kate Duvall