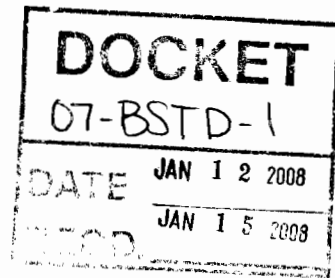


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I write to oppose the required installation and/or use of "smart thermostats." I believe that government is needed and can be beneficial. I am not reflexively anti-government. Quite the opposite. But the notion of requiring every household to install a thermostat in its home that can be controlled by an energy company smacks of Orwell and of "1984."

Making the subjugation of one's thermostat to this outside control voluntary is also unacceptable. It is inevitable that if the technology is there, it will be utilized involuntarily at some future date.

The ONLY acceptable option is to make the installation itself voluntary and to not require that all new thermostats include this pernicious technology. This is just one step short of the Bush wire tapping and spying on US citizens without court order. It smacks of a similar mind set; i.e., "we must violate your rights and invade your privacy in order to protect you."

Just don't do it. If folks want to install these meters, fine. If they don't, there should be no compulsion they do so.

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