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This is preposterous without a strict outline of what constitutes what an emergency. Even the definition given by Claudia Chandler is up for question. When the utilities need to drop load or implement rolling blackouts to meet their supplies because the integrity of the grid is in jeopardy will they take control of the thermostat. What are their supplies? What causes a rolling blackout? Why would they need to drop load? What are all scenarios that could cause the government to usurp property owners? Could a scenario include, the government needs energy and because the government is for the greater good they are first in line for that energy and to free up energy they will control individuals thermostats? I believe there is a scenario that exists that gives a conflict of interest.

A natural destination for government is to replace free choice and self determination, and put itself in it's place. The thermostat is really interesting because it touches on a fundamental right (not benefit) that I can own property and what I do on this property is my prerogative. For another party (government or non) to tell me what to do on my property requires certain authorization on a per need basis since it is a right and not benefit. And the process to obtain that authorization is quite intense but has been diminished somewhat with the passing of the Patriot Act. You can cite building codes for private homes to be an intrusion on your property rights. What is the difference between a mandate on how to build a dwelling (not meant for commercial use) and a mandate on what the temperature should be in that dwelling? Property rights are the foundation of our freedoms and this must hold against any other ideas that might seem for the greater good but simply undermine the greatest one, my freedom.

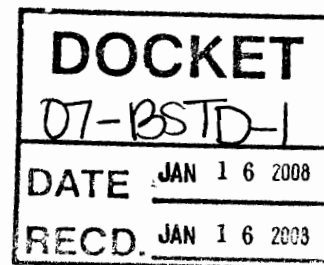
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