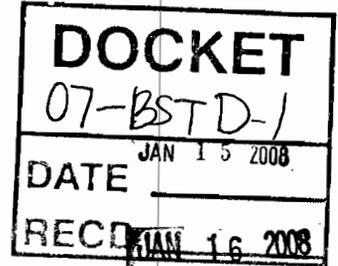


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I am adamantly opposed to giving others the ability to control the thermostat of my HVAC system.

We are older, and need the house a little warmer in the winter and a little cooler in the summer.

We have a very high-efficiency furnace and air conditioner with a programmable set-back thermostat in our home (commercial grade condenser). We voluntarily restrict the use of our electric oven, dishwasher, clothes washer, and close dryer to off-peak hours during hot weather. We have a gas cook top.

Most of our non-dimming incandescent lamps have been replaced with compact fluorescents (don't forget about the mercury disposal problem). The lighting industry has a ways to go on providing fluorescent or LED lamps that replace the full line of incandescent.

Why not try an **economic incentive** to have people reduce their energy usage during peak/hot weather? Last time I checked, PG&E would not give me a time-of-day meter with accompanying pricing. Give me a significant financial incentive to move my usage off-peak as much as possible (this means lower the off-peak rates - not raise the on-peak rates. My last bill indicates that I paid 11 1/2 cents (average) per kwh - too high).

Thanks for listening.

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