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PUC,

I strongly oppose so-called "smart thermostats" which will, just coincidentally, be controlled not by some committee or agency even theoretically dedicated to the public interest but a corporation who's only interest is improving their profitability. Corporations already have way too much control over our energy system because of the stupid and disastrous de-regulation of electricity generation and delivery in California in 1996 and is the main reason we have black-outs in the first place. Giving them even more control over our use of energy will not result in more reliable power system it will result in even more manipulation of the system to benefit the corporate bottom line and inconvenience and even threats to public health (For instance, older people, if you think the corporate utilities will stick to any limits if this statute is passed you are very naive).

This proposed statute, besides not really doing anything to adress the main problems with our energy situation is also truly "Orwellian" and a violation of people's privacy and civil rights and should be rejected. Further more, who ever suggested it should be kicked off the PUC.

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