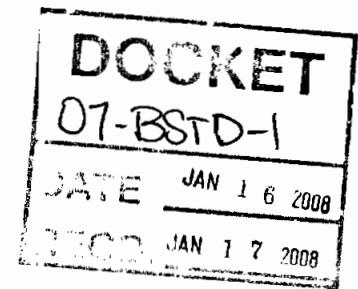


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There is no way I would let a utility install a remote control thermostat in my house. It is an unconsonable invasion and, as an older person, I know the minimums I need to maintain my health. The proposal is outrageous. For one thing we all know how such a system would be prone to malfunction and failure. This MUST NOT be invaded into private residences.

I feel pretty sure is not even a good idea for large businesses and industrial installations. Just imagine what could go wrong during a major storm or a terrorist attack, or even from just a software or hardware failure. I think more effort and incentives toward voluntary reductions is the way to go.

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