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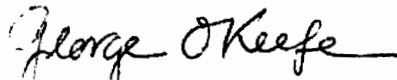
I read with real alarm the article which appeared in the San Francisco Chronicle on Saturday, January 12, 2008 regarding the installation of thermostats in homes and businesses.

The premise is lofty – we would all like to use our energy wisely – but allowing the CEC to install thermostats in our homes without our say so is absolutely appalling. I want the choice. That's the American way. This should be a voluntary proposal and I believe that Commissioner Arthur Rosenberg is correct when he states that 99% of consumers would comply if asked. The case in point is even mentioned in this article. The SmarttAC program in which about 25,000 customers in the hotter parts of our state allowed the PG&E to install these thermostats.

The minute "they" – yeah, who are these guys on the PUC who would control the energy dispersed in an "emergency"? Who appoints them? What credentials do they possess that allows them to tell me – no, CONTROL my usage of power in my own home. What would prevent them from purposefully not buying enough power and then declaring an "emergency"?

No, I strongly urge everyone get back to the table and work out another plan. This is a lousy one.

Sincerely,



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