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2008 Energy Efficiency Building Standards Docket
Attention: C. Gekas
California Energy Commission
1516 Ninth St.
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Dear M. Gekas:

I cannot believe that any government entity in our democratic republic would even consider granting a utility, (or any other company,) the right to mandate remote control thermostats in any building! This would enable a business to control the heat and/or cooling in our own private homes! And WE should never be put in the position of being the ones to have to opt out.

Doesn't anyone remember the rolling blackouts of 2001 when a few hotshots controlled California's energy supply and laughed about uncomfortable Grannies?

WHO WOULD BE THE "DECIDER" as to whether or not there was an emergency? Who would decide whose thermostat would be turned up or down and at whose whim?

WE DID NOT ELECT ANYONE TO HAVE THAT MUCH POWER!

Most of us are already restricting our use of gas, electricity and water, not only from a sense of responsibility but also because we simply cannot afford to waste. This is the most "Orwellian" idea to date in an era when we are rapidly losing all of our freedoms.

Please reconsider.

Sincerely,



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