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To Whom It May Concern,

I just learned that you are prepared to adopt a regulation that would allow the utility companies remote access to our thermostats to regulate temperature. If you have not finalized your decision, I would like to comment. As a senior citizen, who finds that PG&E already regulates my use of their product by pricing it much higher than necessary, I would ask that you abandon the idea of giving them access to my thermostat. This is the United States, not Russia. If they regulate the temperature in the homes of senior citizens, then there will be additional health cost to the system from diseases that will be increased in homes with temperatures too low. The increased health costs could well out weigh any savings by letting the utilities invade our homes. Since the utilities have a monopoly, you should direct your efforts to getting them to operate more efficiently and allowing our energy companies to drill for oil and gas within the United States to provide lower costs for energy products. Let supply and demand in a free economy work, not government regulation.

The utilities should give more incentives to people to lower temperatures when they are able without jeopardizing their health, not regulate thermostats indiscriminately. Please reconsider your thoughts on this subject and act accordingly.

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