

# Meters: 'I was appalled when I learned what they were charging'

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After hearing complaints from several friends about the issue, Paddon circulated a petition that garnered about 100 signatures. The petition asks the county commission to issue a moratorium against Pacific Power levying any kind of opt-out fee until the matter can be re-evaluated by the state Public Utility Commission, which regulates the power company.

"I was appalled when I learned what they were charging," Paddon said.

In a letter shared with the county commission, state Rep. Tiffany Mitchell, D-Astoria, also echoed these concerns, writing that she found the program overall to be a benefit but noted the loss of local jobs and the cost burden.

The concern over opt-out fees is not unique to the North Coast. In October, Josephine County commissioners adopted an ordinance prohibiting utilities from charging opt-out fees for customers. The Public Utility Commission sued the county, saying it does not have the authority to set rates.

Pacific Power has submitted an alternative opt-out plan to the Public Utility Commission, where customers would pay \$9 a month for



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**Commissioner Kathleen Sullivan, left, expresses the concerns of constituents about Pacific Power's new smart meters.**

less-frequent meter reads.

It is not within Clatsop County's power to stop the rollout of smart meters or change the rates, according to county counsel. But commissioners felt it was important to communicate constituent concerns to the Public Utility Commission.

"The pricing makes it really unavailable, so that's my concern," Commissioner Lianne Thompson said. "I think it's an upgrade. I'm going to have one at my house ... I respect that other people have a different idea, and I don't want to price people out of a choice."

Commissioner Mark Kujala disagreed, and said

while he appreciated the community input, smart meters are a benefit to the county — especially for major public works operations in Warrenton, a city he represents.

"I feel strongly that we do not intervene in this," Kujala said.

The county commission will consider sending a letter to the Public Utility Commission.

"I know a lot of people that are very fine with smart meters," Thompson said. "But in respect to people who are not, I want to raise their concerns with the body that has the authority to deal with them. And that's not us."



**Pacific Power representative Alisa Dunlap, far right, gives a presentation about smart meters.**

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# Hospital: Rural hospitals across the state face increasing challenges

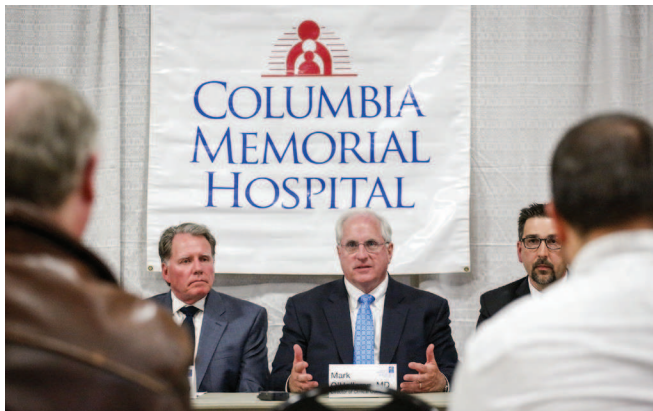
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institution will help with corporate issues such as reimbursements and insurance coverage.

"Scale does matter, and it helps us combat all the changes that are happening in the industry to have a partner," he said.

Rural hospitals across the state face increasing challenges of being profitable and retaining and recruiting physicians, said Mark O'Hollaren, director of clinical outreach at OHSU. The university has myriad partnerships providing specialty physicians, services, telemedicine support and education at hospitals around Oregon and southwest Washington.

"OHSU has a statewide mission," he said. "We find ourselves situated in Portland, but we have 96,000 square miles of the state to try and do the best we can to help with the resources we have. It's become very clear we need community partners more than ever



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**Mark O'Hollaren, center, director of clinical outreach at Oregon Health & Science University, and Erik Thorsen, right, CEO at Columbia Memorial Hospital, have extolled the virtues of the two entities deepening their partnership.**

before to succeed at all of our missions. Clinical care and research will not be fulfilled from the top of a hill in Portland."

Rural hospitals provide a proving ground to teach potential physicians what operating in environments with more limited resources is like, O'Hollaren said. "It allows them to be exposed, (to) see if that's the kind of medical practice they'd like to do," he said.

Since 2015, Columbia Memorial's emergency department has been staffed by OHSU physicians, including Dr. Shannon Lee, one of the first physicians to rotate through the hospital as a medical student.

"When we started rotating residents to Astoria, I wondered how successful it would be," O'Hollaren said. "I'm now told it's one of the most popular rotations for medical students."

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# TV SCHEDULE

Evening listings THURSDAY

THURSDAY EVENING												FEBRUARY 28	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	Grey's A. "We Didn't Start the Fire" (N)	Million Little Thing "Goodbye" (SF) (N)	How to Get Away With Murder (N)	News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel			
4	KOMO	KOMO 4 News at 6pm (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Grey's A. "We Didn't Start the Fire" (N)	Million Little Thing "Goodbye" (SF) (N)	How to Get Away With Murder (N)	KOMO4News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel			
5	KING	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	Titan Games "Championship" (SF) (N)	Brooklyn 99 (N)	Will & Grace (N)	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Accredo"	KING 5 News (N)	(35) Tonight Show			
6	KOIN	KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	W's Best "The Battle Round, Part 3" (N)	Big Bang Theory	Fam (N)	S.W.A.T. "S.O.S."	News (N)	(35) Colbert		
7	KIRO	KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	W's Best "The Battle Round, Part 3" (N)	Big Bang Theory	Fam (N)	S.W.A.T. "S.O.S."	KIRO News (N)	(35) Colbert		
8	KGW	KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	Titan Games "Championship" (SF) (N)	Brooklyn 99 (N)	Will & Grace (N)	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Accredo"	News (N)	(35) Tonight Show		
9	KRCW	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Charmed "You're Dead to Me"	Legacies (N)	News (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half		
10	KOPB	Expeditions	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)	Art Beat (N)	Oregon Guide (N)	Midsomer M.	(50) Midsomer "The Oblong Murders"	Masterpiece Mystery!	"Endeavour: Game"			
12	KPTV	6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Gotham "Nothing's Shocking" (N)	The Orville "Identity, Pt. 2" Pt. 2 of 2 (N)	10 O'Clock News (N)	News (N)	Page Six TV			
13	KPDx	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	8pm Prime News (N)	9pm Prime News (N)	Big Bang Theory	Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game		
14	KCPQ	Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Gotham "Nothing's Shocking" (N)	The Orville "Identity, Pt. 2" Pt. 2 of 2 (N)	Q13 NEWS AT 10	News (N)	The Simpsons			
20	TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)	Seinfeld		
22	KZJO	Black-ish	Black-ish	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	
29	ESPN	NCAA Basketball (L)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)			
30	ESPN2	NCAA Basketball (L)		NCAA Basketball	Gonzaga at Pacific (L)			NFL Live	Now or Never (N)	UFC UFC 232			
31	NICK	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Henry Danger 3/3	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	** Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (09)	Voices of Maile Flanagan, Eunice Cho.	Friends	Friends		
32	DISN	Coop & Cami	Coop & Cami	Raven's Home 2/3	Raven's Home 3/3	Sydney to the Max	Coop & Cami	Raven's Home	Sydney to the Max	Coop & Cami	Andi Mack	Friends' Home	
34	FAM	(5:30) ** The 40-Year-Old Virgin (05)	Catherine Keener, Paul Rudd, Steve Carell.	Siren "Distress Call" (N)		** Shrek (2001, Animated)	Voices of Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz, Mike Myers.	The 700 Club					
35	FMC	(35) Movie	(25) Mechanic: Resurrection (16)	Jason Statham.		(20) ** Pompeii (2014, Adventure)	Emily Browning, Jared Harris, Kit Harington.	(15) ** Pompeii (2014, Adventure)	Emily Browning, Jared Harris, Kit Harington.	(15) ** Pompeii (2014, Adventure)	Emily Browning, Jared Harris, Kit Harington.		
36	LIPE	Grey's A. "Good Mourning/Goodbye"		Bring It!		(20) ** Pompeii (2014, Adventure)	Emily Browning, Jared Harris, Kit Harington.	(15) ** Pompeii (2014, Adventure)	Emily Browning, Jared Harris, Kit Harington.	(15) ** Pompeii (2014, Adventure)	Emily Browning, Jared Harris, Kit Harington.		
38	ROOT	(5:00) MLB Baseball Spring Training Chicago White Sox vs. Seattle Mariners		NCAA Basketball	Portland at St. Mary's College (L)			NCAA Basketball	Santa Clara at Loyola Marymount				
39	FS1	NCAA Basketball	Arizona at Oregon State (L)					NCAA Basketball	Santa Clara at Loyola Marymount				
43	SPIKE	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Lip Sync (SF) (N)	Lip Sync Battle	** Ace Ventura: Pet Detective (94)	Courtney Cox, Sean Young, Jim Carrey.		
44	COM	(5:45) Parks and Recreation "The Stakeout"		The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Broad City (N)	The Other Two (N)	The Daily Show (N)	(35) Broad City		
45	HIST	Swamp People "Click Click"		Swamp People "Leviathans"		Swamp People "No Man's Land"		Swamp People "Cow Killers" (N)	(05) Truck Night "Chill Out" (N)	(05) Swamp People "Leviathans"			
46	A&E	The First 48 "Love Hate/ A Soldier's Life"		The First 48 "Runner Runner"		The First 48 "Family First" (N)		The First 48 (N)	60 Days In "Loose Lips Sink Ships" (N)	(05) The First 48 "Bad Lick/ Red Dawn"			
47	TLC	Yes Dress "Don't Show the Goggles"		Say Yes to the Dress		Dr. Pimple Popper "A Lipoma Is Born"		Dr. Pimple Popper "Mic Drop Pop!" (N)	(15) Untold Stories "Plastered!"	(05) Untold Stories "Deep Trouble"			
48	DISC	Building Off the Grid "Edge of Maine"		Build Off Grid "Montana Mountainop"		Off Grid "Appalachian Underground"		Build Off Grid "Big Sur Modern Retreat"	Building Off Grid "Mushroom House"	Building Off the Grid "Alaska"			
49	NGEO	Access 360 World Heritage "Prague"		South Africa		State Troop. "Armed and Bootlegging"		Alaska Troopers "Madman Manhunt"	State Troop. "Deep Woods Standoff"	State Troop. "Armed and Bootlegging"			
50	TNT	(5:00) NBA Basketball Philadelphia vs Oklahoma (L)		NBA Basketball	Utah Jazz at Denver Nuggets Site: Pepsi Center -- Denver, Colo. (L)			Inside the NBA		NBA Basketball Phi./OKL.			
51	AMC	(5:25) ** Twister (1996, Action)	Bill Paxton, Jami Gertz, Helen Hunt.	** Cast Away (2000, Drama)	Helen Hunt, Nick Searcy, Tom Hanks.			NCIS "Prime Suspect"		NCIS "Seek"			
52	USA	(52) NCIS "Hit and Run"		NCIS "Canary"		NCIS "Hereafter"		NCIS "Detour"		NCIS "Seek"			
53	FOOD	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Chopped "Count Your Chickens"		Chopped "Lamb Slam"		Chopped "Chicken Challenge"	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay
54	HGTV	Desert Flippers	Desert Flippers	Desert Flippers	Desert Flippers	Flip or Flop	Flip/Flop Nashville	Flip or Flop (N)	Flip/Flop Nashville	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters
56	FX	(56) ** Daddy's Home (2015, Comedy)	Mark Wahlberg, Linda Cardellini, Will Ferrell.	** Bad Moms (2016, Comedy)	Kristen Bell, Kathryn Hahn, Mila Kunis.	Anderson Cooper 360		Better (SP) (N)	Better Things	Better Things	Bad Moms (16)		
57	CNN	Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Fox News @ Night		Tucker Carlson Tonight	Hannity	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon			
58	FNC	Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Ingraham Angle			
61	CNBC	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Top Chef "Holy Macau!" (N)		Million Listing "Hell or High Water" (N)	YardEnfy "Thriller, Filler and Spiller" (N)	Watch What (N)	Million Dollar List		
63	BRAV	Million Dollar List "Failure to Launch"		Million Dollar List "Brother Dearest"		** 47 Ronin (2013, Action)	Hiroyuki Sanada, Tadanobu Asano, Keanu Reeves.	(15) ** Forever Amber (1947, Drama)	Cornel Wilde, Richard Greene, Linda Darnell.	Movie			
64	TCM	(5:00) The Great White Hope		** Somebody Up There Likes Me (56)	Pier Angeli, Paul Newman.			(15) ** Forever Amber (1947, Drama)	Cornel Wilde, Richard Greene, Linda Darnell.	Movie			
65	SYFY	(65) Movie	(35) ** Priest (2011, Action)	Cam Gigandet, Maggie Q, Paul Bettany.						Deadly Class "Rise Above"			
162	RFD	SF Machinery	Small Town	Rural America "Live" (P) (N)		Steve Lantvit	Rural Eve. News	Grown	Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town	Time Life Library	