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To enact sections 4933.26 and 4933.27 of the Revised 1
Code to establish rights for public utility 2
customers regarding smart meters installed on 3
their premises. 4

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That sections 4933.26 and 4933.27 of the Revised 5
Code be enacted to read as follows: 6

Sec. 4933.26. As used in this section and section 4933.27 of 7
the Revised Code: 8

(A) "Smart meter" means an advanced metering infrastructure 9
device with the capability for two-way communication between the 10
device and a utility. 11

(B) "Utility" means an electric light company, a gas company, 12
a natural gas company, or a water-works company as defined in 13
section 4905.03 of the Revised Code that is a public utility as 14
defined in section 4905.02 of the Revised Code. 15

Sec. 4933.27. (A) A utility may install a smart meter on a 16
customer's premises, provided that the company does the following: 17

(1) Gives written notice to the customer, prior to 18

<u>installation, that includes the following:</u>	19
<u>(a) A statement that the meter will be used for two-way communication between itself and the utility;</u>	20 21
<u>(b) A description in plain language of the type of data the meter will collect from the customer and send to the utility;</u>	22 23
<u>(c) The customer's rights under divisions (A)(2) and (3) of this section, and what steps the customer must take to exercise those rights.</u>	24 25 26
<u>(2) Allows a residential customer to choose not to have a smart meter installed, without incurring an additional monthly or other charge for this decision;</u>	27 28 29
<u>(3) Allows a residential customer to require removal of a previously installed smart meter for any reason at an agreed-upon time, without incurring any charge for such removal.</u>	30 31 32
<u>(B) Division (A) of this section does not apply to meters whose communication capabilities will be used only for remote meter reading.</u>	33 34 35