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From: Quirke, Brian
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 9:26 PM
To: David Tilson
Subject: RE: Smart Meter Safety/Security Position for City of Naperville

David
I am in Iowa now but I will try to call you tomorrow afternoon

Brian _____
From: David Tilson [dtilson@westmonroepartners.com]
Sent: Tuesday, March 29, 2011 9:56 AM
To: Quirke, Brian
Subject: Smart Meter Safety/Security Position for City of Naperville

Good Morning Brian,
I left you a voicemail yesterday and thought I would follow up with an email. My firm, West Monroe Partners, is working with the City of Naperville Department of Utilities to help roll out their Smart Grid infrastructure and customer programs as a part of the ARRA DOE Smart Grid grants.

We have been receiving questions from residents regarding the safety and security of the Smart Meters that we will be deploying. We have provided residents data that was collected as a part of the effort to repudiate these concerns in California (EPRI and CCST Research, etc). We have been following the efforts of PG&E in California closely including their "Opt-Out" provision. Obviously, Naperville would like to avoid being forced into that position due to the reduction in benefits that would occur, as well as the additional costs that would be incurred.

If possible, we'd like to have a position from the DOE on these issues and possibly provide a medium to engage with this group to see if we can calm the fears and address some of the questions they have. This will also educate those making decisions on these investments (City Council) which we have been doing on an ongoing basis, but it would be good to hear it from a government authority on the subject. We have the full support of the City Council but they may be forced to make some decisions for political reasons (providing a "communications option", etc).

I'd like the opportunity to discuss the different options for DOE support that might be available to the City of Naperville. For example, there is a City Council meeting where this group has been airing their grievances during an open forum and we've been working to insert speakers into that forum that support the program.

Let me know if we can speak over the phone this week to discuss our options here.
Thanks,
Dave Tilson

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