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What has come to light, is that NVE, with the approval of the NV PUC, is charging \$10.00 a month for meter reading services for both those with the 'smart meter' and those with their original analog meter. By looking at any NV Energy electric bill, on the front side there will be an entry or charge designated as a Service Charge. On the reverse side the definition of a Service Charge, references meter reading, postage, admin. fees, etc.

The problem is that the smart meter doesn't require a meter reader. Therefore, 99% of NVE's ratepayers (those who have smart meters) should be getting a \$10 credit each month. Those who still have the analog meters (which do require a meter reader) don't need to pay an additional service charge. They are already paying for the meter reading service and will be double charged if the NV PUC decides that there will be an opt out fee associated with not having a smart meter.

The numbers just don't add up; or do they? NVE has stated numerous times that they are replacing 1.4 million service panel meters statewide. The spreadsheet depicts the revenue generation stream for NVE in both the north and south over a 5 year period, which is the total time frame we are talking about until NVE is eligible again for cost recovery of the smart meters. [1]

The total revenue generated from the \$10.00 monthly fee in the south and the \$9.25 fee in the north is \$504.7 million spanning the initial installation process in 2010 to the next rate case hearing in 2015. This is

