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On January 9, 2013, the NV Public Utilities Commission (PUC) supposedly finalized the smart meter opt out docket.

Since October of 2011, they have heard hours of consumers concerns, thousands of pages of written submissions, with no consideration of the analog meters.

On November 27, 2012, during their initial discussion, the PUC cited that the digital meter would alleviate the main concerns of the public by being non-transmitting and covering the privacy issue. [1] After public comments and their final discussion prior to voting, Commissioner Wagner brought up the analog meters as an option that hadn't been fully explored. [2] The PUC waited until the very last statutory date to make their ruling on the draft order. [3]

Commissioner Noble in prior hearings had always sided with NVE. November 27th, he remained silent regarding any objections to accepting the draft order.

On December 17, 2012, NV Energy (NVE) and the Bureau of Consumer Protection (BCP), filed a Stipulation agreeing that the analog meters would be the opt out meter option. [4] It appeared that finally this debate would be resolved

