

Rochdale Principles of a Cooperative

* Voluntary and Open Membership

Cooperative membership is voluntary to any qualifying persons, open to all regardless of race, gender, class, or religious beliefs.

* Democratic Member Control

Cooperatives are democratically operated by their members based on the "one person, one vote" mentality. Each member actively participates in the democratic process, voting on co-op policies and operation. Since the size of cooperatives vary, larger co-ops often elect member representatives that serve on advisory boards. These representatives are accountable to the members they represent.

* Member Economic Participation

As outlined by the [International Cooperative Alliance](#), "Members contribute equitably to, and democratically control, the capital of their co-operative." Members have a say in allocating their surplus funds, as well as any large scale financial decisions proposed by the cooperative.

* Autonomy and Independence

Cooperatives maintain independence from outside influences. Any agreements made with entities outside of the co-op, come with the condition that control of the organization remains with the members. This keeps power and decision making internal, maintaining the collective power of its members.

* Education Training and Information

Cooperatives provide training and guidance for all members, as well as educating the public on the benefits of the cooperative model. This principle is an essential part of the cooperative community, not only by furthering the knowledge of its members, but by generating enthusiasm for the model and thus growing the cooperative community as a whole.

* Cooperation Amongst Cooperatives

Cooperatives practice solidarity, both within the organization, and within the larger community. By working together, co-ops strengthen their effectiveness and expand their influence in society.

* Concern for Community

Sustainability for the community is a primary focus of cooperative organizations. Through supportive policies and collective action, co-ops help unify local communities by prioritizing people over profits.

CARROLL COUNTY NEWS

Opponents in lawsuit directed to respond

Friday, September 16, 2011

By Kathryn Lucariello Carroll County News

CARROLL COUNTY -- The Arkansas Public Service Commission on Sept. 2 delivered an order to both sides to file briefs and replies in the complaint against Carroll Electric Cooperative Corporation by Dane Schumacher and Gordon Watkins as a class action on behalf of all Carroll Electric members.

The complaint was filed July 19 and names Carroll Electric and its board members and administration, along with the Public Service Commission itself as offending parties.

The core components of the complaint request declaratory and injunctive relief, seeking "increased transparency, more democratic governance, repayment of capital credits, a halt to the use of herbicides without the landowners' permission and more." ←

The complaint lists a number of specifics against Carroll Electric's practices, including its refusal of "free and unfettered access to the cooperative's financial, operational and managerial information" and its "unjust enrichment" of board members. ←

In its response to the complaint, Carroll Electric officials said the company intends to "vigorously defend" itself before the Arkansas Public Service Commission and is "confident the issues will be resolved in favor of the Cooperative."

It said more than 10,000 surveys returned before the annual board meeting rated Carroll Electric as "excellent in all categories surveyed."

Schumacher and Watkins retained the services of attorney Bill Ikard, assisted by Jordan Haedicke, of Ikard Wynne of Austin, Texas, as lead counsel and Randall Bynum of Little Rock as local counsel.

Carroll Electric announced recently it will install Smart meters on every electric account. Customers will not have a choice if they wish to continue to receive electric service. ←

The installation of Smart meters by electric companies has been a controversial issue, with opponents claiming deleterious health effects from wireless transmission and objections to the loss of privacy and consent.

Carroll Electric says on its website that its Smart meters do not use radio frequencies to take readings.

"The cooperative's computers communicate with equipment installed at the substation, which sends a signal over existing power lines to the smart meter. The meter responds by sending the meter reading back to the cooperative via the same path. The smart meters being installed by Carroll Electric do not use radio frequencies to communicate. All communication to and from the smart meter is transmitted on existing power lines by using a secure embedded digital signal."

David Smith of Carroll Electric confirmed that the meters measure the amount of electricity going into the main breaker of a house.

"It can't tell where or what parts of the house it's being used," he said in phone message. "It knows the peak demand, but where it's being used, it can't really tell."

Ikard said Monday that Smart meters, while not a specific point in the complaint against Carroll Electric, could be a matter of concern because of the way the program is being implemented, not giving members a voice or a choice.

"We feel that's one of the many different areas where the management has ignored the concerns of member participation," he said.

Both sides have until Sept. 30 to file opening briefs and until Oct. 21 to file replies to those briefs.

After that date, a hearing will be set.

The docket of the complaint can be viewed on the Public Service Commission website at www.state.ar.us/psc/. The docket number is 11-077-C.

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What gives anybody the right to file a lawsuit in my behalf?

-- Posted by **Ozark Aggie** on Fri, Sep 16, 2011, at 9:25 AM 

Where Does Dirty Electricity Come From?

As a baseline, let's think of regular old 'clean' electricity as smooth.

Just as electrical wiring and the power grid can conduct electricity from the utility company, so can it conduct other electrical signals and other forms of EMF. Two types of this unwanted EMF include transient voltage and wireless signals.

It is these forces that convert 'smooth' electricity we expect into unpredictable, 'dirty' electricity. And once these forces are created, they spread throughout a building – and even to other buildings – over the electrical wiring and power grid, radiating potentially harmful EMF into our environments.

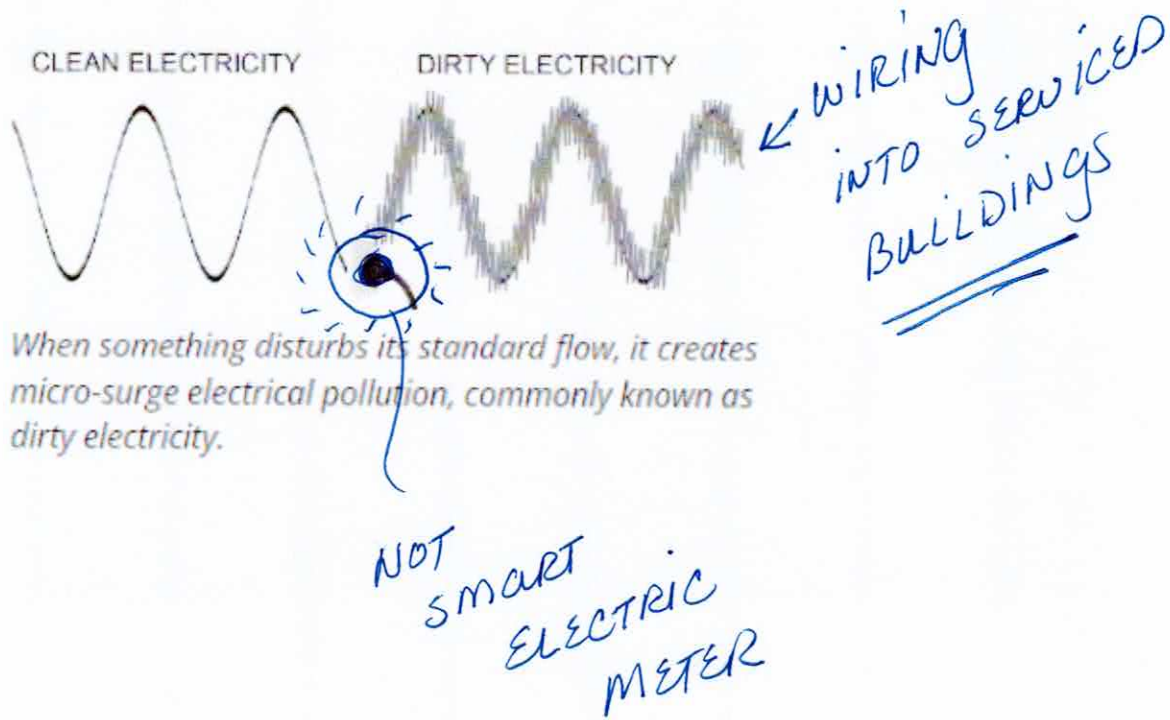
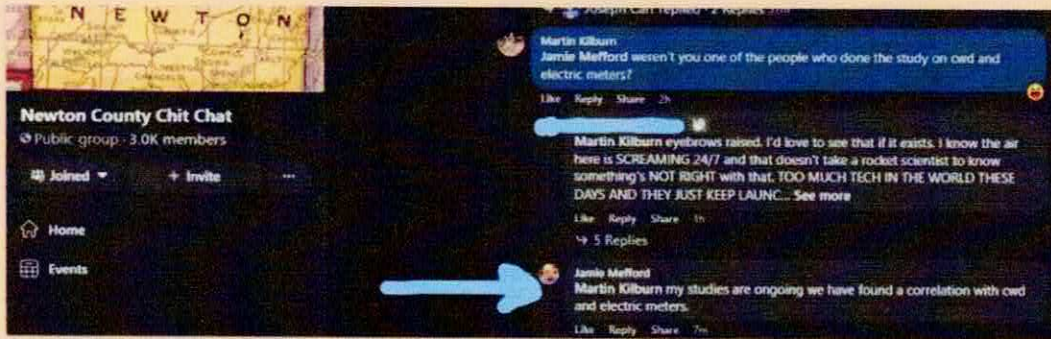


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Correlation found between CWD and electric meters
CWD= CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

Electro-sensitivity or EHS

A biologically correct
response to an
environmental pollutant

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June 18 at 11:15 AM · 🌐

"Let's be clear: electro sensitivity often referred to as electromagnetic hypersensitivity or EHS is not a disease, a weakness or a figment of the imagination. It has a biologically correct response to an environmental pollutant.

In one sense those with EHS are fortunate because they are aware of how microwave technology is affecting them. And the rest of us are fortunate to have them around: they are the lamplighters, the Canaries in the coal mine who alert us to the dangers and absolute folly of pervasive microwave radiation in our environment.

Whether or not you think you are being affected; whether or not you feel the effects, you are being affected. Of course you are..."

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It's time to EMF off!

EHS & Electrosmog: A New Deadly Wifry Disease Affecting Millions

How many people have EHS ?

	Population	Severe (3%)	Moderate (35%)
Canada	35 million	1 million	12 million
U.S.	317 million	9 million	110 million
E.U.	500 million	15 million	175 million



Symptoms

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DARKFIELD MICROSCOPY After Exposure to 'Smart' Meter

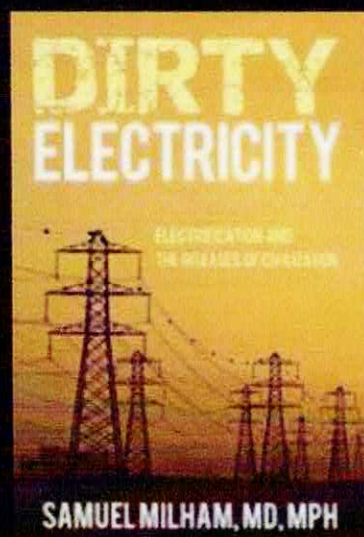
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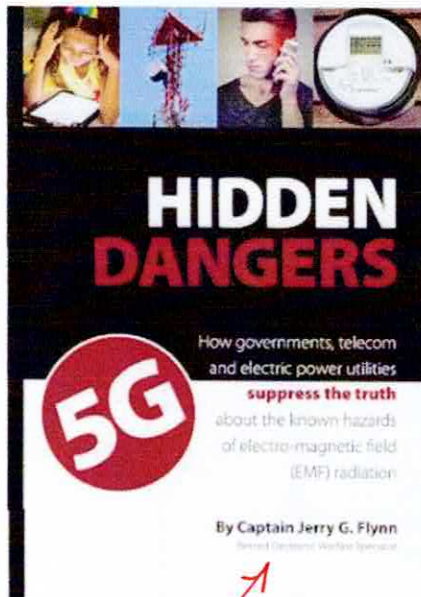
The image displays three vertical panels of darkfield microscopy. The left panel (Subject 1) shows faint, blue-outlined circular structures. The middle panel (Subject 2) shows more prominent, blue-outlined structures. The right panel (Subject 3) shows bright, yellow-green-outlined structures. A small circular inset in the top right of the right panel shows a smart meter. The background is black.

“There is a high likelihood that most of the twentieth century ‘disease of civilization,’ including cardiovascular disease, malignant neoplasms (cancer) diabetes, and suicide, are not caused by lifestyle alone, but by certain physical aspects of electricity itself. The data to prove this has been available since 1930, but no one investigated it. Consequently, the ‘wars’ on cancer and cardiovascular diseases are doomed to failure, because a critical etiologic factor has not been recognized. What’s more, these very disease are now increasing in the population in direct proportion to our increasing exposures to high-technology electrical devices. The electrical part of this story begins with childhood leukemia...”



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