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Peter D. Richter, Candidate for Florida State Rep. District #106 (Naples/Marco) slams "Smart Meters" at the SWFL Public Service Commission hearing

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Naples, FL – Peter D. Richter is taking a stand for liberty so that our children do not have to bow in slavery. A "smart meter" is an electric meter that records the consumption of energy at hourly intervals and then subsequently reports that information back to the utility company for monitoring purposes. These smart meters are now being installed by Florida Power & Light without prior consent of our citizens. Yesterday, the SWFL Public Service Commission held a hearing in Fort Myers regarding rate increases and other matters of concern for local citizens.

As a candidate for the Florida House of Representatives, District 106, Peter D. Richter continues to be the only candidate who has the courage to Stand for Liberty. As the only declared candidate in attendance at the hearing, Richter was in a unique position to speak on behalf of all of Collier County's concerned citizens against the proposed 10% rate increase as well as continued and expanded use of the "smart meters."

"With respect to Smart Meters, FP&L's Director of Media Relations stated that there will be no additional cost to customers. According to the Palm Beach Post, FP&L has spent 600 Million on Smart Meters and now they're asking for an additional 690 Million from all of us," stated Richter. "State sponsored monopolies ought to be a lot more careful with how they treat their customers. They are trampling on both our property rights and our privacy by installing these Smart Meters and now they're asking for us to foot the bill when they initially said there would be no additional cost. They've given us no choice in the matter except to go without power if we don't like it, and I find that reprehensible and irresponsible. This is a perfect illustration of why we don't want state sponsored monopolies – even with direct oversight; there is too much opportunity for abuse and not enough accountability."

Richter was very warmly received by the attendees of the meeting and many people came up and thanked him for his comments and said how much they loved and appreciated what he had to say. "It's a shame that our elected officials thought it more important to take the night off rather than represent their constituents at this hearing. We shouldn't be surprised when this happens since my opponent and many other politicians are far more concerned about their donations and handing out favors rather than making a Stand for Liberty. Whether it's in Tallahassee or here in southwest Florida if I'm elected my district can count on me to fight against big government boondoggles."

Peter D. Richter is a Libertarian candidate for Florida State Representative, district #106 (Formerly #76). Peter and his wife and two children are full time residents of Naples. In addition to his run for office, he is also the owner of an Information Technology consulting business.

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