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Buyer Beware, RF Appliance Warning

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Dear Friends,

This is a personal story. We just purchased a new Bosch washer and dryer – for delivery next week.

Sam Milham [author, MD,MPH, "Dirty Electricity"] happened to call this morning and said the

following:

"I've just tested a home with an oven and dishwasher that had continuously radiating RF from internal power transmitters". He could verify the RF signal was continuous, and only stopped when he threw the circuit breakers for those appliances (turned off the electricity to them). He could say with certainty the RF signal came from the appliances, because the signal was strongest at the appliance and attenuated with distance.

We have been told that these power transmitters will – in the future – be placed on appliances to monitor and report their energy usage to a wireless smart meter. Further, they should only be giving off RF pulses (the signal) very infrequently.

According to Richard Tell, an electrical engineer formerly with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) — in a 2008 report on Smart Grids for Hydro One Networks, Inc./Toronto — antennas on appliances may transmit at a density of .18watts, each at ballpark 4.5 seconds per hour.

Well, these appliance power transmitters are, in at least some cases, transmitting CONTINUOUSLY. This puts them into a category more like wireless routers and WI-FI. No one is going to tolerate 12-15 such power transmitters inside their homes that radiate

full time. These are appliances you come into close contact with while you cook and move around your kitchen. Multiple, continuously transmitting RF sources are absolutely unacceptable to people with EHS and some ADA people with medical implants.

Bosch customer service confirmed that both the washer and dryer we have on order contain power transmitters. They cannot be 'deactivated'. We cancelled our order this morning.

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