

## Walter Clemence

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**Sent:** Saturday, September 22, 2012 7:31 AM  
**To:** Walter Clemence  
**Subject:** Public concern

Good morning Mr. Clemence,

I would like to express an opinion also, but due to physical disability was unable to make the workshop meeting.

I won't burden you with health statistics, or conspiracy theories, or examples of others having drama.

My goal is is to simply, and without being too wordy, share with you my experience.

I called FPL to advise that I didn't want the smart meter installed. I have 2 people in my home, myself being one, who have suffered catastrophic injury in the line of public service. Myself as a police officer who is partially paralyzed because of the actions of a felon, (intentional act of violence clause has applied.) and a veteran Marine who sacrificed one of his limbs to the US cause in Iraq.

Because of the health concerns (God knows we have enough already) I requested to opt out of FPL's program. I spoke to them by phone 4 times. Once initiated by me, 3 more time of them calling. After I felt I'd made it crystal clear that I wouldn't allow the meter until further studies regarding the degradation of the titanium in my body (spinal reconstruction) and nerve issues in the other household member, the communication stopped.

The last call was on Thursday, September 20. On Friday, September 21, at 9:25 am, an FPL contractor truck (marked Honeywell) parked 3 doors down from my home. I stayed on my porch to read the paper. Because of the type of home I have, he could not see me on the porch. He went into my neighbors drive and began making is way toward the house. (mind you, my neighbors meter is on the opposite side of his home.) As he slipped past our boat and headed between the houses (box in hand) I startled him (understatement). He hadn't expected anyone to be home. Well, certainly not! Most folks are at work on Friday morning at 9:20 am!

He slipped and said so "oh! I'm sorry, I thought no one was home. I'm here to install your smart meter" Now you cannot blame this contractor. He is being paid to do a job, and was just doing exactly that.

It would appear that regardless of 4 phone calls totaling about 2.5 hours of my time, FPL decided that I would be getting the smart meter anyway, and sent an electrician to install without notice, or appointment, and clearly without my wishes in mind.

I know my input will not mean a hill of beans in the end. It is just my sincerest and hopeful wish that you took the time to read this and will re-consider what this company is being allowed to do to your constituents.

Respectfully,

Melanie Atkins