

Toulouse. The “smart” meter can be refused for medical reasons, a first in France

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Tuesday, March 12, 2019, a judge of the tribunal de Grande Instance of Toulouse, has permitted the refusal of the “smart” meter [Linky] for medical reasons. A first in France. Details.

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The installation of the “smart” meter may be refused for medical reasons.



The installation of the meter Linky may be refused for any medical reason. (©ERDF)

This is a first in France, and it took place in Toulouse, France. Tuesday, March 12, 2019, a judge of the tribunal de Grande Instance of Toulouse has permitted the refusal of the installation of “smart” meters for medical reasons.

Medical certificates as supporting documents

These counters, which are produced by Enedis, are installed to deliver electricity with a system of "carrier current" line (“courant porteur de ligne” CPL). In other words, the electrical signal at high frequency directly helps the distributor to collect the data of consumption, through the electrical cables. However, studies show that the electromagnetic waves that are transmitted may be carcinogenic. So there it is, one of the controversies around the “smart” meter.

By filing an injunction with the TGI of Toulouse, several people have wanted to show the dangers that would be the installation of the meter on their health. Thus, "we have produced medical certificates establishing the hypersensitivity of some people" explain to M. Christopher Légevasques to Actu Toulouse, who defends very many anti-Linky cases all over France.

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"An important signal for the sick"

Of the documents that led a judge in chambers of Toulouse to allow the refusal of the installation of the "smart" meter. This measure, taken as precautionary, thus relates to electro-sensitive individuals." They must be protected (Editor's note: the plaintiffs). This was achieved by a double action : you can't force the installation of the "smart" meter and it is necessary that the electricity that is distributed around these people be clean, " adds the lawyer of the plaintiffs, that means conventional electricity, without the "carrier current" line.

If such a decision was taken in the pink city, it will not necessarily be similar in other courts. However, M. Légevasques speaks of an "important signal for sick people who may have the hope of being heard", a fight against such meters having been waged by opponents for several years.

Contacted by Actu Toulouse, Enedis has, for the time being, not respond to our solicitations.

More than 240 000 meters in Toulouse

In Toulouse and in the surroundings, the deployment of the meters has started for 2016. The pink city already has 242 648 meters of this type, 2 229 in Colomiers, 7 487 in Blagnac or 8 270 to Balma. The number of facilities is updated in real time on the website of Enedis.

If the plaintiffs have managed temporarily to win the case, this is not the case for all. Other opponents, who had also initiated a proceeding to refuse the installation of the "smart" meter on the grounds of the protection of private life, had been rejected by the Tribunal de Grande Instance of Toulouse.