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Hi,

If the January 12, 2008 SF Chronicle report on this topic is accurate, these thermostats aren't any smarter than the people who want to put them in all the new buildings or buildings with refurbished systems in California. I live in Pacifica. We have no air conditioner. Most of my neighbors, and many lots of other state residents, of others, have no AC and don't plan to. At its warmest, my home goes to the low 80's and cools at night, and I can keep my home cooler in the day by simply closing it up. All this is true, too, for people buying newly constructed homes. Also, what will trigger my having to buy one? Replacing my heating furnace when it gives out? This would be unfair.

My PGE bill in the summer is much lower than my bill in the winter. The simple solution is to identify regions of the state which have a high amount of air conditioner usage, and apply the new regulation to them. People who opt to live in the hotter areas should bear the brunt of the costs. If this is not obvious, then the people making these decisions are not any smarter than these thermostats.

Unless, of course, the SF Chron article is wrong. Please make it so.

Best Regards,
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