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As presently constituted, thanks largely to Governor Huntsman's stacking the deck in favor of utilities in Utah, the Public Service Commission, the Division of Public Utilities, and the Committee of Consumer Services seem bent upon acceding to whatever requests the various utility companies come up with. The regulatory structure in Utah is not at present effectively representing the interests of customers or ratepayers. Inasmuch as ratepayers have a legitimate interest in regulatory matters affecting them and are entitled to an input into regulatory body proceedings, nothing should be done to restrict or inhibit that input. If the Public Service Commission should begin requiring that parties testifying on regulatory matters be represented by an attorney, then either the Commission or the utility should be required to pay the cost of the attorney.

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