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Dear Ms. Livingston -

I understand that the Commission is considering some rule changes that will make it more cumbersome for individuals to participate in rate cases. I want to let you know that I am opposed to such changes. I believe it is very important that ratepayers' voices are heard in issues regarding the regulation of utilities operating monopolies (or near monopolies). I don't believe the Committee of Consumer Services is effectively representing consumers' interests currently. And any changes to Commission rules should help facilitate consumer participation, not hinder it. And I also believe that if the Commission decides that participating individuals should be represented by attorneys, the Commission or the utility should pay those costs. Requiring otherwise would effectively silence many consumers.

Thank you for your time,
 Kimberley Hansen, J.D.

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