

Merilee Livingston - Ratepayer Participation in Commission Meetings

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Subject: Ratepayer Participation in Commission Meetings

For some time I have been VERY concerned with how easily utility companies are able to get rate increases through the commission. I understand you are now considering limiting the access ratepayers have to your meetings. You are there to protect the ratepayers NOT to assist the utility companies.

It is CRITICAL that ratepayers voices be heard in utility rate reviews. Participation of ratepayers in these meetings will HELP to keep a balance in these meetings since the Division of Public Utilities and Committee on Consumer Services apparently are NOT representing consumers' interests effectively.

I understand you are considering changing the rules for your meetings. These changes SHOULD facilitate the participation of individual customers and groups, not impede them. If you decide that each participating individual or group must be represented by an attorney, either the Commission or the utility should pay those legal expenses.

Sincerely,

Paul Scown

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