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Subject: Division of Public Utilities and Committee of Consumer Services Rules Changes

Dear Commissioner,

It has come to my attention, that you are considering changing the rules apparently to make it more difficult, if not impossible, for individual ratepayers or groups with limited resources to make their voices heard.

I have always been of the understanding, that the Division of Public Utilities and Committee of Consumer Services are representing consumers' interests. Therefore, the commission MUST allow ratepayers voices must be heard in utility regulation in order to represent consumers' effectively! If the Commission is going to change its rules, the amendments should facilitate the participation of individual customers and groups, not impede them. I am tired of big corporations taking advantage of all of us consumers, and there being less and less protection and or help in stopping their abuse. Gasoline prices are a big example, but Utilities are another, and the little guy needs some help to monitor what they try and put over on us, and the job of the commission is to help that voice be heard.

If what I hear, that the Commission may decide that each participating individual or group must be represented by an attorney, then either the Commission or the utility should pay those costs. An average consumer can not afford the price of an attorney to go up against a high powered corporation and they big dollar attorneys. It's about time we get the government to start remembering that it's supposed to be "we the people, for the people", NOT against the people!!!

Please keep the forum in place for the average citizen to be heard!!!!

Thank you,
Steve Isaac

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