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This is a request for financial assistance.

I have great concerns that I am at a disadvantage in this case in comparison to the PSC and AmerenUE in regards to support and legal representation. I am not an attorney, or legal professional, and I do not have the financial means to employ legal counsel to represent my interest. I am employed and I do not have the time, or the administrative support to assist me with meeting deadlines and following appropriate procedures in presenting my case. My concern is that since AmerenUE is represented by legal counsel, the case presented by their legal counsel will surely dominate and predetermine the outcome of this case. As for the PSC, the 6 divisions of the commission are represented by legal counsel and administrative support. The PSC repeatedly stresses the fact that the consumer is not represented by the commission's legal counsel or the division's staff.

I realize that as the complainant and consumer I bare the burden of proof in this case. However, since I do not have the financial mean to employ an attorney, or expert witnesses to challenge AmerenUE's equipment, staff, or the kilowatt usage claimed, the determination that will be made will be based on AmerenUE's account of the facts, however inaccurate.

In view of the inequity in this case, a just and impartial decision can only be made when all parties have access to equal representation. By having access to the same individuals who possess the knowledge and expertise to represent my interest can the decision in this case be just and impartial. For this reason I am requesting reimbursement for legal fees and expenses to employ the services of legal counsel, expert witnesses and other services that may be necessary to present my case.

If my request should be directed to some other agency or organization, I would appreciate the name and contact information for that agency and/or organization.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Shirley Henry