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**To:** Monica Smith Ashford  
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I am involved in another contested case in Tennessee. In that case, the judge has stated that the law allows a company owned by a single person to represent that company. That person may not cross-examine witnesses or depose someone, i.e. practice law, yet will be allowed to present testimony and represent that company. Is there a reason I cannot represent my company in this matter?

Aqua Green Utility grossed less than \$80,000 last year. The legal cost to proceed in the manner the AG wants is a heavy burden on this small company. We have already spent a considerable amount on legal fees. It should be noted that any attorney I use will not be allowed to make decisions for Aqua Green, that is my job. No one cares more about my customers service or knows better how to provide that service than myself.

It seems counter productive for a utility to not be allowed to talk to the TPUC staff. If I could only have a discussion with the staff, I am confident we could easily find some common ground. I don't think there is even anything we would disagree on. It doesn't make any sense to me that the staff cannot talk to a utility if the AG gets involved. I thought the board was responsible for setting regulations and policies. It seems the AG has been getting involved with many cases as of late. Do they now set regulations and policies?

I budget money for an attorney for the hearings, which is generally is several thousand dollars. The utility cannot afford to allow the AG to waste thousands of dollars in legal fees that is needed to actually run the utility. The AG made her demands clear in the hallway at my last hearing, and those demands can't be more unreasonable in my opinion.

Please consider allowing me to represent the needs of Aqua Green Utility, there is no one else who can better testify what our needs are than me.

Sincerely,

Dart Kendall

President and sole owner of Aqua Green Utility

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