

Honorable Elizabeth Liebschutz

URAC is an active party but has not been very active in the settlement negotiations. We do not believe that the consumer protection issues we represent belong behind closed doors. However, we did call in for a short session last week and during that session were not able to provide any feedback. I got the impression that PSC staff was rushing the process and had little concerns for the parties positions. Or, at least my consumer protection issues. It is my understanding that Staff is supposed to put forth our positions to the utility but its first and second recommended proposals contained little about the consumer protection issues we represent.

I am going to be calling in today to see if Staff will include our issues in the next proposal. However, if not we would support a settlement judge to oversee this process.

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