

ANGEL DE FAZIO for PUC Watch Dogs

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Annual Consumer Session

1pm Session

Just HOW STUPID is this? Effective October 1, Southern Nevada ratepayers will not have a single member on the PUC from Southern Nevada.

In fact, Clark County ratepayers have not had a SINGLE member on the PUC since 2011, more than five years ago. Currently, its Nye County for the southern area.

In addition, the Commission's Utilities Hearing Officer is also based out of Cartoon City

Despite the fact that the three members of the Commission and the Hearing Officer will be based in Cartoon City starting October 1, the fact is that more than 75 percent of the mill tax revenues to fund the PUC are derived from Clark County ratepayers. So without us, your overinflated, unjustified salaries would not be possible without the EXTORTED VIG we are FORCED to pay for such UNBIAS, HOLIER THAN THOU Commissioners!

The Mill tax from the 2015 Assessable revenue from NVE/SWG for down here is \$6,652,507, coming out to 76.82%! You are NOT VIABLE, without us shelling out for your piss poor performances.

When Hearings on cases that effect Southern Nevada ratepayers are heard in Cartoon City, Southern Nevada residents are denied an opportunity to attend the Hearing in the same location as the Presiding or Hearing Officer and are relegated to second-class status by having to observe the Hearing by video.

For SWG, approximately 80 percent of the mill tax revenues are derived from Southern Nevada. However, not a single Hearing for the gas infrastructure replacement program, which mostly impacts Southern Nevada, has been held in the Las Vegas Hearing Room. Likewise, for the current and two preceding annual gas cost proceedings, all have been held or are scheduled to be held in the Cartoon City Hearing Room with video to Las Vegas.

Nevada Power and Southwest Gas both have to file general rate cases next year. Will the Commission hold the Hearings for these rate cases up in Northern Nevada?

Given this taxation without representation currently being experienced by Southern Nevada ratepayers, maybe it is time to change NRS 704.030 to require at least one, and possibly two, members of the PUC to be based out of the Las Vegas office similar to the requirement in NRS 706.1511 for the Nevada Transportation Authority.

We have enough putz's up in Cartoon City, time to let some of the ones down here, have their 4 year of fame!

Nevada Transportation Authority

NRS 706.1511 Authority: Creation; appointment, terms and qualifications of members; restriction on other employment of members; members serve at pleasure of Governor.

1. The Nevada Transportation Authority is hereby created.
 2. The Authority consists of three members appointed by the Governor. After the initial term, each member shall serve a term of 4 years.
 3. The Governor shall appoint to the Authority members who have at least 2 years of experience in one or more of the following fields:
 - (a) Accounting.
 - (b) Business administration.
 - (c) Economics.
 - (d) Administrative law.
 - (e) Transportation.
 - (f) Professional engineering.
- At least one but not more than two of the members appointed must be residents of Clark County.
4. Not more than two of the members may be:
 - (a) Members of the same political party.
 - (b) From the same field of experience.
 5. All of the members must be persons who are independent of the industries regulated by the Authority. No elected officer of this State or any political subdivision is eligible for appointment.
 6. The members of the Authority shall give their entire time to the business of the Authority and shall not pursue any other business or vocation or hold any other office of profit.
 7. Each member of the Authority serves at the pleasure of the Governor.

Public Utilities Commission

NRS 703.030 Commissioners: Appointment; terms; qualifications.

1. The Commission consists of three Commissioners appointed by the Governor for terms of 4 years.
2. The Governor shall appoint as members of the Commission persons who have at least 2 years of experience in one or more of the following fields:
 - (a) Accounting.

- (b) Business administration.
 - (c) Finance or economics.
 - (d) Administrative law.
 - (e) Professional engineering.
3. Not more than two of the Commissioners may be:
- (a) Members of the same political party.
 - (b) From the same field of experience.

You have NO CONCEPT of our needs down here. To you, 90 degrees is hell on earth, to us it's a warm day! BEFORE YOU CAN RULE ON OUR NEEDS, YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND OUR NEEDS!

Final comment, are you going to interact today with the ratepayers, or are you going to run and hide behind the infamous locked door?