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HOUSE BILL 1455

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"AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT WHEN ANY ISSUE WHICH AFFECTS OR MAY AFFECT MORE THAN ONE CLASS OF PUBLIC UTILITY USER IS BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL REPRESENTS ANY CLASS OF USERS HE SHALL LIKEWISE PROVIDE SEPARATE LEGAL REPRESENTATION FOR EACH OF THE OTHER CLASSES OF USERS WHICH WILL OR MAY BE AFFECTED BY THE DECISION OR RULING OF THE COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. When any proposed public utility rate increase or other public utility issue which affects or may affect more than one class of public utility user is filed with or otherwise comes before the Arkansas Public Service Commission and the Attorney General or any member of his staff or any independent legal counsel selected by the Attorney General appears as representative of any one class of public utility users which will or may be affected by a decision or ruling rendered thereon by the Commission, the Attorney General or another member of his staff or independent legal counsel selected by the Attorney General shall also represent any other class of users which will or may be affected by the decision or ruling on the issue or issues before the Commission.

SECTION 2. If the Attorney General or any member of his staff or any independent legal counsel selected by him proposes to represent any one or more classes of users in any matter pending before the Public Service Commission but does not propose to provide representation by himself or a member of his staff or independent legal counsel selected by him for any other class of user which will or may be affected differently by or have a different interest in the decision or ruling of the Commission in the matter before it,

the Commission shall not permit the Attorney General or any member of his staff or any independent legal counsel selected by him to present testimony or evidence or to otherwise represent any class of users which may be affected by the decision or ruling of the Commission in the matter before it.

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

