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I was at the legislature when

The PUC's decisions regarding solar, reported on television and in the newspaper, triggered my curiosity to learn more about how many people work at the PUC.

When I was looking at the PUC's organization chart and list of employees on its web site, it was surprising to see that the three Commissioners have their own personal attorneys, called Administrative Attorneys, even though two of the three Commissioners are attorneys themselves. ~~Most judges I have known are lucky to have a paralegal as an assistant, and usually must make do with a legal secretary/clerk.~~

<sup>BPE</sup> Another function, called Policy Advisors, has six people, who also provide support to the three Commissioners. Then there is the 56-person Regulatory Operations staff of the PUC, which exists to perform 'independent' analyses of matters before the PUC. *Couldnt find out how much all these people make*

<sup>Why is</sup> ~~It is very strange that~~ there are so many people doing much the same work. Someone in state government needs to look at whether all these positions are really necessary, or if they have just grown over time without anyone giving much thought to whether they really help make better utility rate decisions for the average Nevadan. *Citizens -*

*of taxes* All I know is that my bill keeps going up and up, year after year, with the long list of surcharges for natural gas and electric even though my usage has ~~increased~~ <sup>decreased</sup>. *PUC @ doing their job?*

I testified against the Ethics Commission at the beginning of the Commission. I warned that the Ethics Commission would grow costing the taxpayers a lot of \$ over the years - I was right - PUC is similar in that it cost taxpayers a lot of money when they in fact don't listen to our concerns + also cost us ~~so much~~. *Not doing much for the public good*

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