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Dear Mr. Curl:

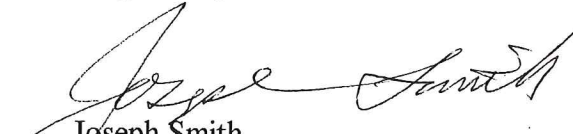
Regarding the Nov. 8 hearing with the commission, I failed to appear because I had been led to believe, by Assistant Attorney General Shannon Smith at the Nov. 1 hearing, that the commission didn't require my presence. During my discussion with her, I was given the impression that this would merely be a general, public hearing, and one at which I wouldn't be given the opportunity to speak.

I have since realized that I should have been there, and I regret that this error was made. I'm new to the WUTC process and because of this, it is my hope that the commission will consider my request to reschedule this hearing so that I might have the opportunity to address any issues relating to the Nov. 8 hearing.

Primarily, I want the commission to know that it wasn't my intention to offend or to disrespect the hearing process in any way. At that time, I simply didn't know enough about the proper procedures. I take responsibility for this and will make it a priority from now on to follow up so that this won't happen again.

Provided it's possible, I look forward to hearing from you regarding a reschedule of the Nov. 8 hearing.

Respectfully,

  
Joseph Smith  
Owner