



STATE OF ALABAMA

PEOPLE'S PUBLIC SERVICE ATTORNEY
MONTGOMERY

June 5, 1936

Rep. R. H. Walker,
Athens, Alabama

Dear Sir:

During the summer of 1935, the Legislature passed an Act creating the office of the Peoples' Public Service Attorney. You being a part of that Legislature, causes me to write this letter, as I feel that you are interested in the work of the office created by your body.

Enclosed you will please find a newspaper clipping, as it appeared in the Alabama Journal, on Wednesday, May 27th. There have been other articles on this subject, but the one enclosed is more comprehensive than any other which I have seen. If each customer receives a reduction of \$20.00 per month, one can readily see how much is saved for 120 customers, and you can also readily ascertain how much the saving is per year for 120 customers. This is only one of the numerous matters handled by this office. At the present time, we are working on the matter of reducing the electric rates in a number of towns in middle South Alabama. If we are successful in securing this reduction for these communities, the citizens will be saved more than \$5000.00 per month. We are receiving and satisfactorily disposing of many complaints from various sections of the State.

It is possible that there are rural customers in your County who will be benefited by the above mentioned change. If you care to give this matter publicity in any form, it will be satisfactory with this office.

Our next major undertaking will be an attempt to require all Utilities to give their customers a simple itemized statement of their charges each month. The writer feels that the public is entitled to an itemized statement before being required to pay. If any of your friends or any of your constituents need the assistance of this office at any time, you will please assist them in getting in touch with us, as we are glad to render every possible service to any citizen of the State. Any time you are in Montgomery, we shall be pleased for you to visit this office and acquaint yourself with the work we are doing. We shall also be pleased to discuss with you any complaint against any Utility in your section of the State.

Yours very truly,

W. M. Brunson
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Peoples' Public Service Att'y.,

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spreading south-
complimented Mobile authorities for their
action to curb the menace.

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Duggar Has Inning

J. F. Duggar, Jr., Hope Hull dairyman who has been plugging along for several years trying to get an even break with the utilities through the public service commission, finally had his inning the other day.

Duggar went before the public service commission a year or two ago during a power company hearing in the interest of a more reasonable rate for rural customers. The commission listened patiently to his talk about British Thermal Units and other technical terms but paid no attention to him.

Duggar's electricity bill has been running as high as \$72 per month. When he cut down his operations and discontinued the use of several electric motors he found that it made no difference in his rate. So he went to the public service commission—with negligible results.

Then he climbed the stairs to the office of W. M. Brunson, peoples' attorney before the public service commission. After several sessions he finally got his point over. Brunson took the matter up with the power company. They gave him the cold shoulder.

"Now look here," Judge Brunson told an official of the company. "You may not get the point. I didn't at first. But Duggar is right, and if you don't do something by noon tomorrow I'm going to file a bill to force you to."

The company official looked into the matter, and, Brunson said "when they saw the merits of the argument they readily made a correction."

As a result Duggar got a new "base rate." And, in addition to saving about \$20 per month himself, he will have the satisfaction of knowing he helped about 120 other customers in the state, who are in his classification.

Not a big item to the power company but a considerable saving to the customer

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