

II. SECOND EXCEPTION: The ALJ erred by including Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits as income. Finding of Fact 15.

Finding of Fact 15 of the ALJ's decision erroneously includes my SNAP benefits in calculating her monthly income. I.D. at 4. Federal law provides that SNAP benefits are not to be counted as income "for any purpose under any Federal, State, or local laws, including, but not limited to, laws relating to taxation, welfare, and public assistance programs, and no participating State or political subdivision thereof shall decrease any assistance otherwise provided an individual or individuals because of the receipt of benefits" 7 U.S. Code § 2017(b). In this case, ALJ Guhl's inclusion of SNAP benefits in my income illegally distorts the depiction of how much income I have available to pay PGW bills. The amount of income available to pay my PGW bills is an important part of the analysis the PUC should consider in assessing my right to a payment agreement. ALJ Guhl did not assess my actual income (nor my actual payments) in concluding that I have not made a good faith effort to pay PGW bills.

I am also concerned by the implications of ALJ Guhl's treatment of SNAP benefits as income. If SNAP benefits were permitted by the PUC to be counted as income for purposes of any CAP program, that would violate Federal law. I believe the PUC should investigate this matter and ensure that the PUC and all utilities properly exclude SNAP benefits from customer income.

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III. CONCLUSION

ALJ Guhl made erroneous findings of fact regarding my payment history and impermissibly included SNAP benefits in my income. I respectfully request that the Commission reverse ALJ Guhl's decision and grant me an affordable payment agreement.

Respectfully Submitted,



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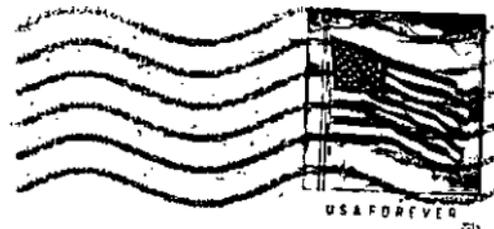
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