

Kragnes v. City of Des Moines

Frequently Asked Questions:

Question: What do I need to do to be a class member in this litigation?

Answer: If you paid for gas and/or electric service for a property within the City of Des Moines at any time from July 27th, 1999 through the conclusion of the litigation you are a member and no further action by you is necessary at this time. If you change your address, please contact us by mail at P.O. Box 93715, Des Moines, IA 50393, or by using the contact us tab on the home page of the website, www.dsmfranchisefeesuit.com.

Question: What do I need to do to obtain a refund?

Answer: A refund has not been ordered at this time. It is anticipated that the Court will address the issue of refunds at or after trial in this matter. If the Court orders refunds, you will receive further notification outlining the process for obtaining refunds. If you change your address, please contact us by mail by writing to us at P.O. Box 93715, Des Moines, IA 50393, or by using the contact us tab on the home page of the website, www.dsmfranchisefeesuit.com.

Question: What if I have moved during the years 1999 to now?

Answer: If refunds are ordered, the City of Des Moines, and their representatives, will be required to account for the franchise fee moneys they received and from whom. If refunds are ordered further notification will be sent to class members and a process will be established to distribute said refunds. You can see updates as to this process, if and when it is ordered, by going to the website at www.dsmfranchisefeesuit.com and looking at the “Updates” tab.

Question: Am I being sued?

Answer: No. The City of Des Moines, a municipal entity, is the only Defendant of the lawsuit.

Question: How much do I need to pay?

Answer: The court has not entered any order requiring class members to make any payments for the litigation. The notice was not a collection letter or request for payment, but rather to inform you of the lawsuit presently pending that was addressing the issue of franchise fees that may have been illegally collected from you.

Question: Do I need to come to court for the trial?

Answer: No. In a class action lawsuit one Plaintiff, in this case Lisa Kragnes, has agreed to handle the responsibilities of representing the class in court, along with her attorneys, Bruce H. Stoltze and Brad P. Schroeder. The courthouse is open to the public and you are free to come to the trial and observe if you so choose but you do not need to come there if you do not want to do so.

Question: What if I want specific information relating to this case?

Answer: All of the significant filings and pleadings have been made available at www.dsmfranchisefeesuit.com. If you require specific additional information, please submit a specific written request through the website or to the P.O. Box. 93715, Des Moines, Iowa 50393.