

## **Abstract**

Legal status is related to the legal rights holder. In Thai legal system, only person and juristic person are recognized as the rights holder who has legal rights and duties. However, it has been found that there is some legal entity which is not acknowledged as the rights holder even though it has been recognized by law; that is community. Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand, BE 2550 (2007) affirms the right of the community to claim under the judicial system. The result of this research, however, found that community has the right to claim only in administrative justice system but not in civil and criminal justice system. It leads to affect on the right to compensate of community when there has been disputed between community and private agency. Consequently, in order to recognize legal status of community, it is necessary to promulgate the law to comply with the Constitution by consider the principle of people participation.