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October 2, 2012

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, Second Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: William R. Widdemer v. PECO Energy Company
PUC Docket No.: C-2012-2326728

Dear Ms. Chiavetta:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission are the following documents in the matter referenced above.

—	Answer
—	Answer & New Matter
—	Motion to Dismiss
—	Motion for Judgment on the Pleadings
<u>X</u>	Preliminary Objection
—	Exceptions
—	Reply Exceptions
—	Main Brief
—	Reply Petition

I have enclosed a Certificate of Service showing that a copy of the above document was served on the interested parties. Thank you for your time and attention on this matter.

Very truly yours,



Shawane Lee
Counsel for PECO Energy Company

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Scheduling Recommendation: Call of the docket ___ Non Call of the docket ___

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NOTICE TO PLEAD

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.101 and 5.62(c), you are hereby notified that, if you do not file a written response denying or correcting the enclosed Preliminary Objection within 10 days from service of this notice, a ruling may be entered against you. Your response must be filed with the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, with a copy served to counsel for PECO Energy Company, Shawane L. Lee, and where applicable, the Administrative Law Judge presiding over the issue.

File with:
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With a copy to:
Shawane L. Lee
PECO Energy Company
2301 Market Street, S-23
Philadelphia, PA 19103

Dated at Philadelphia, PA, October 2, 2012



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**PRELIMINARY OBJECTION OF RESPONDENT,
PECO ENERGY COMPANY**

Respondent, PECO Energy Company (“PECO Energy”), pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 5.101(a)(4) respectfully petitions this Honorable Commission to dismiss the instant Complaint as legally insufficient.

1. On October 1, 2012, PECO Energy was served with a formal complaint filed by William R. Widdemer (hereafter “Complainant”).

2. In the Complainant’s formal complaint, he stated the reason for his complaint as:

I wish to enter my objection to the \$1.75 monthly fee for having two meters starting January 2012. My reason is this we paid to have a second meter installed in order to take advantage of the discount off peak rate offered by PECO at that time. While I have no objection with the discount now being phased out I do object to now being charged a monthly penalty for the second meter. They made the decision to go with one overall rate. I am 83 years old and have never encountered a business deal such as this where one party can walk away from a mutual agreement and have the second party assume all the associated higher costs.

See the Complainant’s formal complaint, attached hereto as Exhibit “1”.

3. In his formal complaint, the Complainant disputes the \$1.75 off-peak meter charge he will incur as a result of the eventual elimination of PECO’s discounted OP rate.

4. Additionally, he disputes the fact that he must bear the \$1.75 monthly cost of the off-peak meter or split the cost with him.

5. PECO Energy simultaneously filed an Answer and the instant Preliminary Objection.

6. Commission procedure regarding the disposition of preliminary objections is similar to that utilized in Pennsylvania civil procedure.¹

7. In deciding preliminary objections, the Public Utility Commission must determine, based on the factual pleadings of the petitioner, if relief or recovery is possible.²

8. A complaint must be able to recover under the law to survive a preliminary objection.³

9. All of the non-moving party's averments must be taken as true for the sake of deciding the preliminary objection.⁴

10. The court does not, however, need to accept, "unwarranted inferences from facts, argumentative allegations, or expressions of opinions."⁵

11. Section 703 of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S.A. § 703(b) provides that the Commission may dismiss any complaint without a hearing if, in its opinion, a hearing is not necessary in the public interest.

12. A hearing is required only when there is a disputed question of fact, and is not required to resolve questions of law. *Dee-Dee Cab, Inc. v. Pa.Pub. Util. Comm'n*, 817 A.2nd 593 (Pa.Comm. Ct. 2003), petition for allowance of appeal denied, 836 A.2d 123 (Pa. 2003).

13. Here, there are no genuine issues of fact and PECO Energy is entitled to judgment as a matter of law. Therefore, the complaint is legally insufficient and should be dismissed.

14. The Complainant disputes the \$1.75 meter charge he will incur as a result of the phase out of PECO Energy's OP rate. The elimination of PECO Energy's OP rate was

¹ *Equitable Small Transportation Interveners v. Equitable Gas Co.*, 1994 Pa.PUC LEXIS 69, Docket No. C-00935435 (July 18, 1994)

² 2006 Pa. PUC Lexis 111, *7.

³ *Milliner v. Enck*, 709 A.2d 417, 418 (Pa. Super. Ct. 1998) ("preliminary objection should be sustained only where it appears with certainty that, upon the facts averred, the law will not allow the plaintiff to recover").

⁴ *Id.* at 7-8.

⁵ *Feingold v. McNulty*, 2009 Phila. Ct. Com. Pl LEXIS 167, *3.

approved by the Commission as part of PECO's Default Service Program and Rate Mitigation Plan on June 9, 2009, docket number P-2008-2062739. The plan was previously approved by the Commission and is just, reasonable and lawful.

15. By way of background, in 1996 the Pennsylvania General Assembly enacted the Electricity Generation Customer Choice and Competition Act (Act), 66 Pa.C.S. §§2801-15. The Act allows Pennsylvanians to buy electric generation supply from licensed alternative suppliers by unbundling the generation portion of electric rates from the transmission and distribution portions.

16. The Act capped the generation portion of electric rates to ease the transition to competitive markets at 1996 levels. The rate cap was initially established under Section 2804 of the Act, and, after much litigation, settlements were reached in which the rate cap would expire for all PECO customers at the end of 2010.⁶

17. On September 10, 2008, PECO Energy filed its Default Service Program and Rate Mitigation Plan (DSP Petition) to establish rates, terms and conditions for the provision of default service for the period of January 1, 2011 through May 31, 2014, for those customers who do not take service from an alternative electric generation supplier (EGS) or whose contracted generation is not delivered.

18. PECO Energy's DSP plan is designed to ensure that PECO's default service customers have access to a reliable supply of generations and to help them manage the transition from capped generation rates to market-priced rates that were to occur on January 1, 2011. PECO's DSP Petition was assigned Commission Docket P-2008-2062739.

19. The phase out of the residential OP was included as part of PECO's DSP Plan.

⁶ The Commission has already ruled that it lacks the authority to extend the expired rate caps. See *Tshundy v. PPL Electric Utilities Cor.*, Docket No. C-2009-2092230 (Order entered August 21, 2009)(citing 66 Pa.C.S. 2804(4)).

20. After extensive discovery, hearings, and the filing of testimony and rebuttal testimony in this matter, on March 10, 2009, a Joint Petition for Settlement was filed to request approval of PECO's DSP Plan as modified by the settlement.

21. By Order entered June 2, 2009 the Commission approved the Settlement and PECO's DSP Plan, as modified by the settlement.

22. The Commission has only those duties, powers, responsibilities and jurisdiction that were expressly or by necessary implication given to it by the Legislature. *Rogoff v. The Buncher Company*, 395 Pa. 477, 151 A.2d 83 (1959).

23. As the Commission recognized in *Tshundy v. PPL Electric Utilities Corp.*, Docket No. C-2009-2092230 (Order entered August 21, 2009), the Commission may not extend the rate caps, which expired in 2010, in order to prevent a generation rate increase.

24. Additionally, the Competition Act provides that default service rates must be based on prevailing market prices, not promotional discounts or subsidies; offering reduced rates for winter heating customers would require other default service customers to subsidize the Rate OP customers to cover the difference, and therefore would violate the Public Utility Code.

25. Commission precedent is clear and unambiguous on this issue. In *Dunham v. PPL Electric Utilities Corporation*, Docket No. C-2010-2155056, the Commission stated:

In *Diehl v. PPL Electric Utilities Corporation*, Docket No. C-2009-2149261 (Order entered April 1, 2011) (*Diehl*), we discussed the circumstances surrounding PPL's phase out of the RTS rate schedule:

In 2004, at Docket No. R-00049255, PPL filed a distribution rate case with the Commission. The Commission's decision in that case on rate allocation among customer classes was appealed to the Commonwealth Court. As part of its review, the Commonwealth Court interpreted the Competition Act as requiring that rates for transmission, distribution and generation each be set separately, based on the cost of

serving each separate class of customers. 66 Pa. C.S. § 2804(3). The Court ruled that subsidized rates (*e.g.*, the RTS rate) which do not cover their costs of service must be transitioned to cost-based rates. *See, Lloyd v. Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, et al.*, 904 A.2d 1010 (Pa. Cmwlth. 2006). Thus, the RTS rate as it existed in the 1980s, at the time the Complainant constructed his home, could no longer continue to be offered.

1. *Diehl* at 4-5.

Dunham Opinion and Order, entered July 1, 2011, at 4.

26. Similar conclusions were reached in several complaints before the Commission. See also, *Kupchinskis v. PECO Energy Company*, Docket No. C-2011-2253896; *Herting v PPL Electric Utilities Corporation*, Docket No. C-2010-2153688, Commission Final Order entered October 6, 2011; *Brickner v PPL Electric Utilities Corporation*, Docket No. C-2009-2105583, Commission Opinion and Order entered May 21, 2010; *Laudenslager v. Duquesne Light Company*, Docket No. C-2010-2156300, Commission Final Order entered June 29, 2011; *Sowatskey v Duquesne Light Company*, Docket No. C-2009-2144804, Commission Final Order entered January 11, 2011.

27. As the instant case involves the same legal question, the outcome should be the same. The complaint should be dismissed as legally insufficient under 52 Pa.Code §5.101(a)(4).

28. The Complainant requests that PECO Energy reimburse him for the monthly \$1.75 off-peak meter charge he will incur when the off-peak rate is phased out.

29. In effect, Complainant is requesting that the Commission award him damages.

30. Assuming all of the Complainant's allegations are true, the Complainant is not entitled to relief under the law.

31. The Commission lacks jurisdiction to award damages pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 5.101(a)(1).

32. The only purported infraction in the Complainant's formal complaint relates to PECO Energy's responsibility to pay the Complainant for the \$1.75 monthly cost he will incur for the off-peak meter once the phase out takes place.

33. Because the sole basis of Complainant's Complaint is to seek compensation for the costs he will incur for the off-peak meter, his request should be denied pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 5.101(a)(1) and his complaint dismissed in its entirety.

REQUEST FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, for all of the reasons stated herein, PECO respectfully requests that your Honorable Commission dismiss the instant complaint with prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERIFICATION

I, Shawane L. Lee, hereby declare that I am counsel for PECO Energy Company; that as such I am authorized to make this verification on its behalf; that the facts set forth in the foregoing Pleading are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, and that I make this verification subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 pertaining to false statements to authorities.



Date: October 2, 2012

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Shawane L. Lee, hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of PECO Energy Company's Answer in the above matter upon all interested parties by mailing a copy, properly addressed and postage prepaid to:

William R. Widdemer
250 Stratford Drive
Churchville, PA 18966

Dated at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 2, 2012



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Dear Mr. Widdemer:

Enclosed is a copy of PECO Energy Company's response to the formal complaint filed in the above-referenced docket. The law requires PECO Energy to file an answer to your Public Utility Commission complaint. Keep these papers for your records. This is not a decision on your complaint. PECO's response may include a New Matter, Motion or Preliminary Objection. Please note that if you do not respond to a New Matter, Motion, or Preliminary Objection an unfavorable decision may be rendered against you. Responses to New Matters and Motions must be filed within 20 days. Responses to Preliminary Objections must be filed within 10 days. If there is no New Matter, Motion or Preliminary Objection included, no response is required.

Soon, the Public Utility Commission will schedule either a settlement conference or a hearing on your complaint. The Commission will let you know by mail whether there will be a conference or a hearing and will include instructions on what to do next. If the matter is set for hearing, the notice will provide you with information about the date, time and place of the hearing. If we are unable to resolve your complaint and have to proceed with a hearing, a judge will be at the hearing and will decide your complaint. You must call the Public Utility Commission if you have any questions about the hearing or if you cannot attend the hearing.

Thank you for your time and attention on this matter.

Very truly yours,



Shawane Lee
Counsel for PECO Energy Company
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EXHIBIT “1”

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

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Formal Complaint Form

Please print in ink or type.

1. CUSTOMER (COMPLAINANT) INFORMATION

Your name, mailing address, county, telephone number, utility account number and service address:

Name WILLIAM R. WIDDEMER

Street/P.O. Box 250 STRATFORD DR. Apt # _____

City CHURCHVILLE State PA Zip 18966-1346

County BUCKS

Daytime Telephone Number Where We Can Contact You: (215) 355 2430

E-mail Address (optional): NONE

Utility Account Number 82975-00508
(from your bill)

If your complaint involves utility service provided to a different address than your mailing address, please list this information below.

Name _____

Street/P.O. Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

2. FULL NAME OF UTILITY COMPANY (RESPONDENT):

PECO

3. TYPE OF UTILITY (check one)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ELECTRIC | <input type="checkbox"/> STEAM HEAT |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GAS | <input type="checkbox"/> WASTE WATER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> WATER | <input type="checkbox"/> MOTOR CARRIER |

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- TELEPHONE (e.g., taxi, moving company, limousine)
(local, long distance)

4. COMPLAINT (check one)

A. In general, what is your complaint?

- I want to oppose the company's proposed rate increase.
- There are incorrect charges on my bill.
- There is a reliability, safety or quality problem with my utility service.
- I received a notice that my utility service is being terminated.
- I would like a payment agreement.
- Other (explain).

B. State the facts of your complaint.

Include any specific dates, times or places that may be important. If the complaint is about a bill, tell us about any charges that you believe are not correct. Use additional paper if you need more space. Provide copies of all relevant documents you believe will support your complaint.

I WISH TO ENTER MY OBJECTION TO THE 1.75 MONTHLY FEE FOR HAVING TWO METERS STARTING JANUARY 2013. MY REASON IS THIS WE PAID TO HAVE A SECOND METER INSTALLED IN ORDER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE DISCOUNT OFF PEAK RATE OFFERED BY PECO AT THAT TIME. WHILE I HAVE NO OBJECTION WITH THE DISCOUNT NOW BEING PHASED OUT I DO OBJECT TO NOW BEING CHARGED A MONTHLY PENALTY FOR THE SECOND METER. THEY MADE THE DECISION TO GO WITH ONE OVERALL RATE. I AM 83 YEARS OLD AND HAVE NEVER ENCOUNTERED A BUSINESS DEAL SUCH AS THIS WHERE ONE PARTY CAN WALK AWAY FROM A MUTUAL AGREEMENT AND HAVE THE SECOND PARTY ASSUME ALL THE ASSOCIATED HIGHER COSTS.

5. RELIEF

How do you want your complaint to be resolved? Use additional paper if you need more space.

I FEEL PECO SHOULD COVER THE 1.75 MONTHLY FEE FOR HAVING TWO METERS AFTER JANUARY 1ST 2013 OR AT THE VERY LEAST SPLIT THE COST. THEY NOW WANT ME TO PAY FULL RATE TO HEAT MY WATER AND ON TOP OF THAT PAY FOR HAVING A NOW REDUN-DANT SECOND METER.

6. **PROTECTION FROM ABUSE**

Answer the following question if your complaint is against a natural gas distribution utility, an electric distribution utility or a water distribution utility **AND** your complaint is about a billing problem, a request to receive service, a security deposit request, termination of service or a request for a payment agreement.

Has a court granted a "Protection from Abuse" order for your personal safety or welfare?

YES

NO

7. **PRIOR UTILITY CONTACT**

Answer the following question only if you are a residential customer and your complaint is against an electric distribution utility, natural gas distribution utility or a water distribution utility.

Have you spoken to a utility company representative about this complaint?

YES (includes appeals of BCS determinations)

NO

If you tried to, but could not speak to a utility company representative about your complaint, please explain why.

8. **LEGAL REPRESENTATION (IF ANY)**

If you are represented by a lawyer in this matter you must provide your lawyer's name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address, if known.

Lawyer's Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Area Code/Phone Number _____

E-mail Address (If Known) _____

9. VERIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

You must print or type your name below on the line provided for the verification paragraph, and you must sign and date (in ink) this form on the lines provided.

Verification:

I WILLIAM R. WIDDEMER, hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct (or are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief) and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

William R. Widemer
(Signature)

9-9-12
(Date)

Title of authorized employee or officer

10. FILING

Please return the completed form to one of the addresses listed below:

If using U.S. Postal Service:

If using overnight delivery service:

Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission P.O. Box 3265 Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265	Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission 400 North Street Commonwealth Keystone Building, 2 nd Floor Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120
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Facsimiles and/or electronic filings of the complaint will not be accepted.

If you have any questions about filling out this form, please contact the Secretary's Bureau at 717-772-7777.

Keep a copy of your complaint for your records.

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WILLIAM R WIDDEMER
250 STRATFORD DR
CHURCHVILLE PA 18966-1346

For Service to:
250 STRATFORD DR
CHURCHVILLE, PA 18966



Dear Customer:

As an off-peak customer, you are probably aware that changes occurred this year that affected your electric bill. We want to make sure you understand how these changes, and future changes, could impact you.

With PECO's off-peak rate, you receive a discount on the electricity used by a specific appliance - typically a water heater - during certain times of the day. However all utilities are moving to a single price for generation supply for the electricity used by all residential customers.

Therefore, during 2012 these discounts are being phased out so that all residential customers pay the full generation supply cost for their electricity. This discount will now end on December 31, 2012. Therefore, there will be no discount on the electricity you use beginning with the bill you receive in January 2013.

We know this change will impact you, and we have programs that can help.

Shopping for Electricity - As off-peak rates are phased-out, you may be able to save money by purchasing your electricity from a competitive electric generation supplier. And we expect more suppliers to offer options to our off-peak customers in the future. To find competitive electric generation suppliers or learn more about shopping for electricity visit the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's Website at www.papowerswitch.com or call 1-800-692-7380. And, look for more information on competitive electric generation suppliers and their offers in an upcoming edition of Energy@Home - the monthly newsletter included with your bill.

Sign up for Budget Billing - You can reduce the impact of this change to your monthly bill by enrolling in Budget Billing. Budget Billing makes short-term fluctuations in monthly bills much easier to handle by dividing annual energy costs evenly throughout the year.

Save Energy and Save Money - With PECO Smart Ideas we have programs and information to help you reduce your electricity use - and save money. To learn more visit www.pcco.com/SmartIdeas.

Whether you are purchasing your electricity from a competitive electric generation supplier or from PECO, PECO will continue to safely deliver electricity, provide billing and customer support, and respond to outages and other emergencies for ALL customers. And, ALL customers also can take advantage of our PECO Smart Ideas suite of programs to save energy and money.

We are committed to helping you understand these changes. If you have questions, please contact us at 1-800-494-4000.

Thank you.

CALLER'S COMMENT: CALLED BUT WAS INFORMED THAT THE ONLY WAY I COULD ELIMINATE THE 1.75 MONTHLY CHARGE WAS TO HIRE A QUALIFIED ELECTRICIAN TO REWIRE MY HOME. THEY DID GIVE ME THE PHONE NUMBER FOR CONSUMER SERVICES AA. PUC.

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Still have questions? We have answers.

Here's some additional information you may find helpful about this change

If I purchase the electricity I use from a competitive supplier will this change affect me?

No. If you currently purchase the electricity you use from a competitive supplier you pay their price per kilowatt hour, not PECO's.

Will I have to rewire my home or business when my off-peak rate ends?

No. Because rewiring a property can be costly, to help you avoid this expense you can remain with two meters. PECO will maintain your second meter for a nominal monthly fee of \$1.75.

Will PECO remove my second meter if I chose to rewire my home?

Yes. For customers interested in rewiring their home, PECO will remove their second meter. Customers should contact us at 1-800-494-4000 to schedule an appointment after a qualified electrician has completed the rewiring.

Will my bill change?

Yes. The discount will end on December 31, 2012. Therefore, there will be no discount on the electricity you use beginning with the bill you receive in January 2013. These changes affect only the price you pay for the electricity you use. If you also are a residential heating customer, PECO's residential heating discount on our charges to deliver electricity to you will remain.

If you choose to remain with two meters, your usage will be included on your bill as separate line items for each meter. For example:

- Customer Charge
- Customer Charge Meter 2
- Generation Charges
- Transmission Charges
- Distribution Charges
- State Tax Adjustment

Will service through the second meter still be interrupted?

No. As part of this change PECO is no longer interrupting service for off-peak customers. If you are experiencing any interruptions with your current off-peak meter please call us at 1-800-494-4000.

Is there anything I can do to offset this increased cost?

Yes. As these rates are phased-out, you may be able to save money by purchasing your electricity from a competitive electric generation supplier. And we expect more suppliers to offer options in the future. To find competitive electric generation suppliers or learn more about shopping for electricity visit the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission's Website at www.papowerswitch.com or call 1-800-692-7380. And, look for more information on competitive electric generation suppliers and their offers in an upcoming edition of Energy@Home - the monthly newsletter included with your bill.

