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BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Susan Walton

v.

The Peoples Natural Gas Company d/b/a
Dominion Peoples

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PREHEARING ORDER

An Initial Hearing in this case is scheduled for Tuesday, November 29, 2005 at 1:30 p.m. in an available Hearing Room on the 11th Floor of the Pittsburgh State Office Building. This case is one of several cases that have been scheduled at this time. You should arrive no later than 12:45 p.m. and report to Room 1103 where you will be directed to the appropriate hearing room until the Administrative Law Judge calls your case. **You must be available in the hearing room when your case is called by the presiding Administrative Law Judge.** Your case might not be the first one to be called and you should be prepared to stay in the hearing room all afternoon, if necessary. **If the complainant is not present and prepared to go forward with the case when it is called, the case will be dismissed by the Administrative Law Judge.**

The parties are hereby directed to comply with the following requirements:

1. A request for a change of the scheduled hearing date must state the agreement or opposition of other parties, and must be submitted in writing no later than five (5) business days prior to the hearing. 52 Pa. Code §1.15(b). Requests for changes of hearing dates must be sent to me and all parties of record. The correct address is:

Pittsburgh State Office Building
300 Liberty Avenue, Suite 1103
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
Telephone: 412-565-3550
Fax: 412-565-5692

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2. **Commission policy promotes settlements. 52 Pa. Code §5.231(a).** The utility will contact the customer at least one week before the scheduled hearing to talk over a possible settlement of this case. Even if you are unable to settle this case, you may still resolve many questions or issues during your talks. If an agreement is reached, a formal hearing will not be necessary and the scheduled hearing will be cancelled.

3. If you intend to present any documents or exhibits for my consideration, you must bring four (4) copies to the hearing. This includes a copy of a Protection from Abuse (PFA) Order if you marked the “yes” response on the Complaint form that asks if you are a victim under a PFA.

4. This hearing is a formal proceeding and will be conducted in accordance with the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure.

5. Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §§1.21 & 1.22, you may represent yourself, if you are an individual, or you may have an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or admitted *Pro Hac Vice*, represent you. However, if you are a partnership, corporation, trust, association, or governmental agency or subdivision, you must have an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or admitted *Pro Hac Vice*, represent you in this proceeding. Unless you are an attorney, you may not represent someone else. Attorneys shall insure that their appearance is entered in accordance with the provisions of 52 Pa. Code §1.24(b).

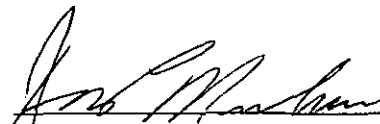
6. If you intend to subpoena witnesses for the hearing, you should review the procedures established in 52 Pa. Code §5.421. You must submit your written application to the Administrative Law Judge sufficiently in advance of the hearing date so that the other parties will have the required ten (10) days’ notice to answer or object, and so that you will have enough time to receive the subpoena and serve it.

7. The Complainant is responsible for payment of current undisputed bills for service pending the resolution of this complaint. 52 Pa. Code §56.181. Failure to make payments may result in the termination of utility service.

8. THE COMPLAINT WILL BE DISMISSED IF THE CUSTOMER FAILS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING AND PRESENT EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF THE COMPLAINT.

9. The Complainant bears the burden of proof and must demonstrate by a preponderance of the evidence that he/she is entitled to the relief requested in the Complaint.

Date: October 3, 2005



Robert P. Meehan
Administrative Law Judge

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