

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

ALEXANDER SMITH	:	
Complainant	:	
	:	
v.	:	F-2012-2315538
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PHILADELPHIA GAS WORKS	:	
Respondent	:	

Motion for Continuance of Hearing

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code § 1.15(b), Alexander Smith (hereinafter “Complainant”), through counsel Community Legal Services, Inc., hereby moves for a continuance of the hearing in this matter scheduled for January 30, 2013 and in support states as follows:

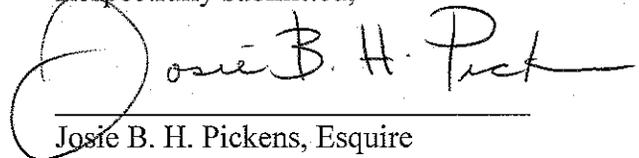
1. On or about July 24, 2012, Complainant, acting *pro se*, filed a Formal Complaint against Philadelphia Gas Works (hereinafter “Respondent”).
2. An initial hearing was scheduled for December 7, 2012.
3. On November 30, 2012, counsel for Complainant filed a notice of appearance and a request for continuance of the hearing date.
4. Complainant’s request for continuance was granted on December 4, 2012 and the hearing was rescheduled for January 30, 2013.
5. On or about January 15, 2013, Complainant was admitted for treatment at the Valley Forge Medical Center. Complainant has a projected discharge date of February 5, 2013. The discharge date may change if it is determined that Complainant requires additional treatment.
6. The Valley Forge Medical Center is located in Norristown, Pennsylvania. Complainant does not have access to a car and is not able to travel to Philadelphia to meet with his

attorney in advance of the hearing. Complainant will also have difficulty obtaining transportation to the hearing from Norristown.

7. Complainant requires additional time to complete his medical treatment.
8. On January 24, 2013, Respondent's counsel stated to Complainant's counsel that Respondent was also experiencing issues related to the availability of witnesses. Respondent's counsel further stated that Respondent does not object to a change of the scheduled hearing date.

WHEREFORE, Complainant moves that the January 30, 2013 hearing be continued for at least 30 days.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Josie B. H. Pickens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

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ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE

Upon review of Complainant's Motion for Continuance of Hearing, and upon good cause shown, the hearing scheduled in this matter for January 30, 2013 is hereby continued to

_____, 20_____.

Date

Administrative Law Judge

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day, served a copy of the foregoing Motion for Continuance of Hearing upon the participants, listed below, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa.Code §1.54 (relating to service by a participant).

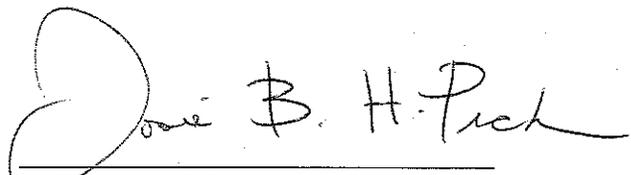
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Dated this 25th day of January, 2013.



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