

BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

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Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

v.

PECO Energy Company

Docket No. R-00973953

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR SUSPENSION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SCHEDULE

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On August 13, 1997, a Motion for Suspension of the Administrative Schedule was filed by Senator Vincent J. Fumo. The Motion explains that pursuant to Orders dated July 31, 1997 and August 12, 1997, the proceeding had previously been stayed to allow the parties an opportunity to attempt to resolve the issues in this case, and requests that the hearing and briefing schedule be suspended as the parties have made "meaningful and substantial progress in arriving at a mutually agreeable settlement." Specifically, according to the Motion, suspending the administrative schedule will allow (1) the parties "to discuss the settlement with all other intervenors . . . which to date have not been directly involved in settlement discussions"; (2) "an opportunity to address the concerns of the intervenors in this proceeding and to clarify and remaining issues of contention"; and (3) "the parties time to finalize the settlement and prepare for filing supporting documents, including a Joint Petition for Settlement."

The Motion is reasonable and will be granted. It should be clarified that the effect of this Order is to completely suspend the schedule that has been established in this case. On or before August 29, 1997, the parties are directed to inform the presiding officers as to whether a settlement has been achieved. This includes the provision of a specific list of issues which have

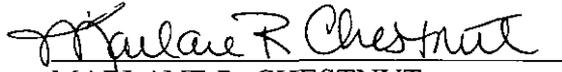
been resolved and issues that remain in contention. If necessary, an additional prehearing conference can be scheduled shortly thereafter.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Motion for Suspension of Administrative Schedule filed by Senator Vincent J. Fumo is granted.
2. That the hearings scheduled to be held August 18, 1997 through August 22, 1997, as well as the public input hearings scheduled for August 18 and 19, 1997 and September 8, 9 and 10, 1997, are canceled.
3. That PECO Energy Company is directed to publish a notice in a newspaper of general circulation explaining that the public input hearings will be rescheduled.
4. That in the event a joint settlement document is not filed on or before August 29, 1997, the parties are to notify the presiding officers so that a prehearing conference can promptly be held to establish a new schedule.

DATE: August 14, 1997


MARLANE R. CHESTNUT
Administrative Law Judge

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