

BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

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Richard Caroto

v.

Philadelphia Gas Works

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C-20066256

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PREHEARING ORDER

An Initial Hearing in this case is scheduled for Monday, June 5, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. in Hearing Room 1 in the Philadelphia State Office Building. This case is one of several cases that have been scheduled at this time in Hearing Room 1. **You must be available in the hearing room when your case is called by the presiding Administrative Law Judge.** You should arrive at the Hearing Room no later than 9:15 a.m. and wait in the Hearing Room until the Administrative Law Judge calls your case. Your case might not be the first one to be called and you should be prepared to stay in the hearing room all morning, if necessary. **If the customer 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:

1302 Philadelphia State Office Building
1400 West Spring Garden Street
Philadelphia, PA 19130
Telephone: 215-560-2105
Fax: 215-560-3133

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Changes are granted only in rare situations where good cause exists.

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 the Commission's Bureau of Consumer Services (BCS) has directed the customer to make payments and those payments have not been made, the customer must be prepared to explain at the hearing why those payments have not been made.

4. The customer must pay his/her current monthly bills for utility service while waiting for a hearing on the complaint. **FAILURE TO MAKE PAYMENTS FOR CURRENT SERVICE BY THE DUE DATE EACH MONTH MAY RESULT IN THE TERMINATION OF THE CUSTOMER'S SERVICE PRIOR TO THE HEARING. FAILURE TO MAKE THESE PAYMENTS WILL RESULT IN AN ORDER REQUIRING A LUMP SUM PAYMENT EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF ALL MISSED PAYMENTS FOR SERVICE.**

5. If you intend to present any documents or exhibits for my consideration, you must bring four (4) copies to the hearing.

6. This hearing is a formal proceeding and will be conducted in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedures.

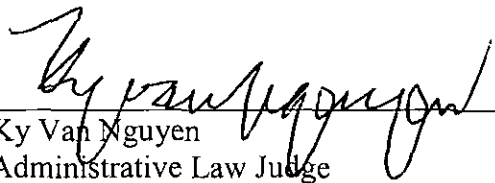
7. Under 52 Pa. Code §§1.21 & 1.22, you may represent yourself, if you are an individual, or you may have an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or admitted *Pro Hac Vice*, represent you. However, if you are a partnership, corporation, trust, association, or governmental 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).

8. 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.

9. **THIS CASE WILL BE DISMISSED IF THE CUSTOMER FAILS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING AND PRESENT EVIDENCE IN SUPPORT OF THE COMPLAINT.**

Date: May 23, 2006


Ky Van Nguyen
Administrative Law Judge