

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Orville G. Cooper, Jr.

v.

West Penn Power Company

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C-2015-2461421

PREHEARING ORDER

An initial telephonic hearing is scheduled for Thursday, **December 17, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.** You must be available at this time or you may lose your case. If you will be at a different telephone number than the number provided on your Complaint or Answer, then you **MUST** provide that telephone number at least seven days prior to the hearing. You must be at the telephone number given at the time listed above or you may lose your case. The parties are directed to comply with the following requirements:

1. If you intend to present any documents for my consideration, you must mail one copy to the other party, and mail three copies to me prior to the date of the hearing. Note that attachments to your Complaint are not admitted into the record unless submitted separately in accordance with this paragraph. Exhibits should be pre-marked for identification at the hearing.

2. If you are an individual, you may either represent yourself or have an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania represent you. **However, if you are a partnership, corporation, trust, association, joint venture, other business organization, trust, trustee, legal representative, receiver, agency, governmental entity, municipality or other political subdivision, you must have an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania represent you in**

this proceeding. Unless you are an attorney, you may not represent someone else. Attorneys shall comply with the Commission's appearance requirements. 52 Pa. Code § 1.24(b). References to the Pa. Code may be accessed at www.pacode.com.

3. A request for a change of the scheduled hearing date should be submitted in writing no later than five (5) days prior to the hearing. 52 Pa. Code § 1.15(b). **The requesting party must contact all other parties to determine whether there is agreement to the change prior to contacting the presiding officer.** Requests for changes of initial hearings must be sent to me with copies to all parties of record. *Changes are granted only in rare-situations where sufficient good cause exists.*

4. Copies of anything filed with the Secretary or submitted shall be sent directly to the presiding officer. The correct address is: Administrative Law Judge **Steven K. Haas**, Office of Administrative Law Judge, P.O. Box 3265, Harrisburg PA 17105-3265.

5. **YOU MAY LOSE THIS CASE IF YOU DO NOT TAKE PART IN THIS HEARING AND PRESENT EVIDENCE ON THE ISSUES RAISED.**

6. Although telephonic, this hearing is a formal proceeding and will be conducted in accordance with the Commission's rules of practice and procedure. 52 Pa. Code Chapters 1, 3 and 5.

7. **Commission policy is to encourage settlements. 52 Pa. Code § Respondent is required to contact Complainant prior to the hearing to discuss informally the possible settlement of this case. If you are unable to settle this case, you may still resolve as many questions or issues as possible during your informal discussion.**

8. The Complainant bears the burden of proving the case and should be prepared to prove claims with testimony and documentary evidence.

9. The utility is warned that a finding of a violation of a Commission Order, regulation or statute may result in the imposition of a civil penalty consistent with 66 Pa. C.S. § 3301 or other provision of the Public Utility Code.

Dated: November 13, 2015



Steven K. Haas
Administrative Law Judge

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