

**PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**  
**Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-3265**

**Janay Keys**  
v.  
**Philadelphia Gas Works**

**Public Meeting held February 11, 2016**  
**2428021-ALJ**  
**Docket No. C-2014-2428021**

**MOTION OF CHAIRMAN GLADYS M. BROWN**

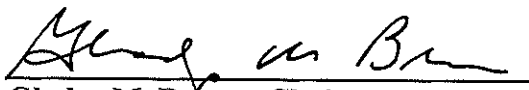
On June 12, 2014, Janay Keys (Complainant) filed a Complaint against the Philadelphia Gas Works (PGW) asking for \$4,799.93 in liens to be removed from her property. The Complaint further alleged that the arrearage on Ms. Keys' deceased great-grandmother's account was improperly transferred to Ms. Keys' new account even though Ms. Keys did not live at the great-grandmother's property during college. PGW filed Preliminary Objections averring that the Commission lacks jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Complaint. The ALJ held that the Complainant must obtain relief through the procedures established by the Municipal Claim and Tax Lien Law. The ALJ granted the Preliminary Objection based on lack of Commission jurisdiction and dismissed the Complaint without hearing.

The Complaint shows that in addition to asking that the liens be removed, which I agree is outside of the Commission's jurisdiction, the Complainant alleged that she was improperly billed by PGW. The Initial Decision seems to imply that there may be amounts in dispute that were not the subject of a lien.<sup>1</sup> Given this ambiguity, and because the Commission retains jurisdiction over service issues and any outstanding balances that have not been converted to liens, it was not appropriate to dismiss this Complaint in its entirety. As such, I wish to remand this portion of the Complaint to the Office of Administrative Law Judge for such hearings as may be deemed necessary.

**THEREFORE, I MOVE THAT:**

1. The Initial Decision be reversed, in part, consistent with this Motion.
2. The Office of Special Assistants prepare an Opinion and Order consistent with this Motion.

**February 11, 2016**  
**Date**

  
**Gladys M. Brown, Chairman**

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<sup>1</sup> Finding of Fact 4