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BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

James Gebhardt

v.

PPI Electric Utilities Corporation

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Docket Number

Z-01541969

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PREHEARING ORDER

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An initial telephonic hearing in this case is scheduled for Tuesday, July 27, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. Accordingly, the parties are hereby directed to comply with the following requirements:

1. If you intend to present any documents or exhibits for my consideration, you must send one copy to the other party and three copies to me one week before the hearing. For your convenience, a copy of the Commission's current service list of the parties to this proceeding is enclosed with this Order.

2. If you or any proposed witness will be at a telephone number that is different than the number on the hearing notice, you must notify me of that telephone number at least one week before the hearing.

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. **FAILURE TO MAKE REGULAR PAYMENTS AS DIRECTED BY THE BCS MAY RESULT IN AN ORDER REQUIRING A LUMP SUM PAYMENT EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF THE PAYMENTS THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN MADE.** The utility must submit a copy of the latest BCS decision as a hearing exhibit.

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4. At the hearing, the customer must be prepared to testify about, or otherwise document, the total net monthly income of the household. A household includes all individuals regularly residing there and receiving the benefit of the utility service. The "total net monthly income of the household" includes, but is not limited to, the following payments received by every person residing in the customer's home: (a) the "after taxes take-home-pay" from salaries, wages, tips or other compensation; (b) pension, retirement or social security benefits; (c) Supplemental Security Income (SSI); (d) unemployment compensation benefits; (e) workers' compensation benefits; (f) alimony; (g) support; (h) public assistance; and (i) any other source(s) of income.

5. If the customer or any member of the customer's household is receiving food stamps and/or medical assistance, the customer must be prepared to testify or document the amount of food stamps or the nature of the medical assistance received.

6. At the hearing, the customer must be prepared to testify about or document the total monthly expenses of the household, which shall include, but are not limited to, the following items: (a) rent or mortgage payments; (b) utility bills (including electric, gas, telephone, water, sewer, cable television, etc.); (c) food, in addition to any food stamp benefits; (d) clothing; (e) automobile (loan payments, gasoline, maintenance, etc.); (f) transportation (bus, taxicabs, jitneys, etc.); (g) insurance premiums (homeowners' or renters' insurance, automobile insurance, life insurance, medical insurance, etc.); (h) medical bills, (doctors, dentists, hospitals, prescriptions, etc.); (i) credit card and charge account payments; (j) loan payments; and (k) miscellaneous expenses. When testifying to these expenses, the customer should be prepared to give balances due or missed payments for each item.

7. TO ASSIST THE CUSTOMER IN PROVIDING THE INCOME AND EXPENSE INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THIS ORDER, THREE (3) COPIES OF A BUDGET INFORMATION SHEET ARE ENCLOSED WITH THIS ORDER. THE CUSTOMER

MUST FILL OUT THIS BUDGET SHEET, RETURN ONE COPY TO ME AND SEND ONE COPY TO COUNSEL FOR THE UTILITY AT LEAST ONE WEEK BEFORE THE HEARING. YOU MAY KEEP ONE COPY OF THE BUDGET SHEET AND THE ORDER FOR YOUR USE.

8 The utility must prepare and submit the following documents at least one week before the hearing: (a) an account statement, showing the history of the account for a minimum of 24 months or the entire history of the account, whichever is less; (b) a service usage comparison report for the same period as the account statement; (c) a copy of the most recent BCS decision, if any, and (d) a brief summary of any payment arrangement(s) made between the utility and the customer other than determinations of the BCS or the Commission.

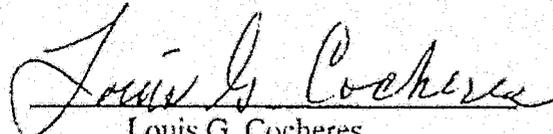
9 A request for a change of the scheduled hearing date must be submitted in writing no later than five (5) days prior to the hearing. 52 Pa. Code §1.15(b). Requests for changes must be sent to me and all parties of record. Continuances will only be granted for good cause. My correct address is: Louis G. Cocheres, Administrative Law Judge, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, P.O. Box 3265, Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265.

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

11. ALTHOUGH THIS HEARING IS BEING CONDUCTED TELEPHONICALLY FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PARTIES, IT IS STILL A FORMAL HEARING AND WILL BE CONDUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMMISSION'S RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE.

12. Commission policy is to encourage settlements. 52 Pa. Code §5.231(a). Therefore, you are urged to discuss informally between yourselves the possible settlement of this case at least one week before the hearing. If you are unable to settle this case, you may still resolve as many questions or issues as possible during your informal discussion.

Dated: May 25, 2004

  
Louis G. Cocheres  
Administrative Law Judge

**MONTHLY BUDGET INFORMATION**

Customer's Name: James Gebhardt Date: 7/27/2004

Name of Utility: PPL Electric Utilities Corporation

P.U.C. Docket No.: Z-01541969

Hearing Date & Time: July 27, 2004 -- 10:00 AM

Administrative Law Judge: Louis G. Cocheres

<u>Monthly Household Income</u> <i>(Include net income from all persons living in your home.)</i>	<u>Amount</u>
Salaries, wages & tips	\$ _____
Public Assistance	_____
Social Security or SSI	_____
Alimony	_____
Child support	_____
Pension	_____
Retirement benefits	_____
Unemployment compensation	_____
Worker's compensation	_____
Food stamps	_____
Other income (List source and amount):	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
Total:	\$ _____

**(IMPORTANT: COMPLETE EXPENSE INFORMATION ON NEXT PAGE.)**

Monthly Household Expenses

Amount

Balance Owed

Rent/mortgage	\$ _____	\$ _____
Electric	_____	_____
Gas	_____	_____
Telephone	_____	_____
Water	_____	_____
Sewage	_____	_____
Trash pickup	_____	_____
Cable television	_____	_____
Food (other than food stamps)	_____	_____
Clothing	_____	_____
Automobile:		
Loan Payment	_____	_____
Gasoline	_____	_____
Repairs & maintenance	_____	_____
Car insurance	_____	_____
Other transportation:		
Bus	_____	_____
Taxicabs	_____	_____
Jitneys	_____	_____
Insurance premiums:		
Renters'/homeowners' insurance	_____	_____
Life insurance	_____	_____
Medical insurance	_____	_____
Medical bills:		
Doctors	_____	_____
Dentists	_____	_____
Hospitals	_____	_____
Prescriptions	_____	_____
List Credit cards & charge accounts:		
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
List loan payments:		
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
List other expenses:		
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
Total:	\$ _____	\$ _____

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

DATE: July 27, 2004  
SUBJECT: Gebhardt v. PPL  
Docket No. Z-01541969  
TO: Wanda Zeiders  
Supervisor, Docket Management  
FROM: Louis G. Cocheres, Administrative Law Judge  
Office of Administrative Law Judge

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*Louis G. Cocheres*

I have attached two copies of exhibit (Gebhardt Exhibit 1) which was accepted into evidence in the above-referenced case for a Special Agent hearing held on July 27, 2004.

Please have this exhibit docketed and placed in the yellow document folder.

If you have any questions about the exhibits, or this Memo, please contact me at (717) 787-9816.

Attachments

cc: Chief Administrative Law Judge Veronica A. Smith w/o enclosures

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<u>Monthly Household Income</u> <i>(Include net income from all persons living in your home.)</i>	<u>Amount</u>
Salaries, wages & tips	\$ <u>1,040.00</u> MONTHLY
Public Assistance	<u>- 0 -</u>
Social Security or SSI	<u>- 0 -</u>
Alimony	<u>- 0 -</u>
Child support	<u>- 0 -</u>
Pension	<u>- 0 -</u>
Retirement benefits	<u>- 0 -</u>
Unemployment compensation	<u>- 0 -</u>
Worker's compensation	<u>- 0 -</u>
Food stamps	<u>- 0 -</u>
Other income (List source and amount):	
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
Total:	\$ <u>1,040.00</u>

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(IMPORTANT: COMPLETE EXPENSE INFORMATION ON NEXT PAGE.)

Gebhardt Exh. 1  
Admitted  
7/27/04

Monthly Household Expenses

Amount

Balance Owed

Rent mortgage

\$ 528.83

\$ - 0 -

Electric

66.23

168.11

Gas

29.09

167.49

Telephone

72.30

- 0 -

Water

25.33

- 0 -

Sewage

18.45

- 0 -

Trash pickup

58.54 3 month

- 0 -

Cable television

60.00

- 0 -

Food (other than food stamps)

145.00 MONTHLY

- 0 -

Clothing

- 0 -

- 0 -

Automobile:

Loan Payment

- 0 -

- 0 -

Gasoline

16.00 week cash

- 0 -

Repairs & maintenance

- 0 -

Car insurance

92.22 MONTHLY

- 0 -

Other transportation:

Bus

- 0 -

- 0 -

Taxicabs

- 0 -

- 0 -

Jitneys

- 0 -

- 0 -

Insurance premiums:

Renters (homeowners' insurance)

233.00 YEAR

- 0 -

Life insurance

41.22 MONTHLY

- 0 -

Medical insurance

- 0 -

- 0 -

Medical bills:

Doctors when I go

15.00 COPAY

- 0 -

Dentists

- 0 -

- 0 -

Hospitals

- 0 -

- 0 -

Prescriptions

- 0 -

- 0 -

List Credit cards & charge accounts:

WAL MART

15.00

96.39

~~MASTER~~ HOUSEHOLD BANK CARD

15.00

41.00

CAPITAL ONE VISA

15.00

67.89

List loan payments:

CITI financial

147.23 MONTHLY

8,539.34

List other expenses:

RENT-A-CENTER

114.48 3 Month

- 0 -

ATT cell phone

74.38

- 0 -

Total:

\$ 1,782.30

\$ 9,080.22

**Chapter 56 Hearing Report**

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Location:	Harrisburg	Further Hearing Needed:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Date:	July 27, 2004	Estimated Add'l Days:		
Special Agent:	ALJ Louis G. Cocheres	RECORD CLOSED:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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		Briefs to be Filed:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		DATE:		
		Bench Decision:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		REMARKS:	Mr. Gebhardt withdrew his complaint on the record.	

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John F. Gross Telephone: 610-820-5458	33 South Seventh Street City: Allentown State: PA Zip: 18101 E-mail Address:	PPL Electric Utilities Corporation Fax Number:
	City: State: Zip:	Fax Number: R 10

Check this box if additional parties or attendees appear on back of form

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