

BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Robert and Mary Popella :
 :
 v. : Docket No. C-20027609 ✓
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 Pennsylvania Electric :
 Company, a First Energy Company :

INTERIM ORDER
SETTING SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

On or about May 10, 2002, Robert and Mary Popella ("Complainants") filed a complaint against Pennsylvania Electric Company, a First Energy Company ("Respondent"), at the above-captioned docket number. On or about June 3, 2002, Respondent filed an answer to the complaint.

Based upon a review of the pleadings, the parties are hereby directed to attempt to settle this matter. Respondent shall contact Complainants, on or before June 27, 2002, concerning a time, date and place for Respondent and Complainants to hold a conference. The conference shall take place on or before July 11, 2002, unless this is not possible.

Within ten (10) days following the conference, Respondent shall file a short report with Herbert R. Nurick, Mediation Coordinator ("Coordinator"), setting forth:

(a) The time, date and place of the settlement conference;

(b) Who participated for each party;

(c) A statement whether a full settlement, including withdrawal of complaint, was achieved, and, if not, whether the

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parties consent to have this case set for mediation by the mediation staff of the Commission; and

(d) A statement of any issues which have been resolved, if a full settlement was not achieved.

If an agreement has not been reached, and the parties do not consent to mediate, the parties are entitled to have a hearing. A hearing is a formal procedure in which an administrative law judge will make a decision to resolve the case. Mediation is an informal procedure in which the parties themselves attempt to resolve the case through a voluntary agreement. The mediator is a neutral person who helps the parties in their efforts to come to an agreement. The Commission encourages mediation.

If it is not possible to have the conference by the date set for that purpose, Respondent shall file a report with the Coordinator, on or before ten (10) days following the conference due date, giving the reason(s) why the due date could not be met.

In either situation, a report must be filed with the Coordinator by the applicable due date set forth above.

If you have any questions, you should contact the Coordinator. His address and phone number are:

Mediation Coordinator
P. O. Box 3265
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265
(717) 783-5428
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Robert A. Christianson

ROBERT A. CHRISTIANSON
Chief Administrative Law Judge

Date: 6/13/02