

BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Marsha Pataski

v.

Equitable Gas Company

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C-20066047

PREHEARING ORDER

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The Commission has scheduled this case for an Initial Telephonic Hearing for Tuesday, May 2, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. You must be available when I contact you or your case will be dismissed. If you 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 five (5) business days before the hearing.

The parties shall 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 business days prior to the hearing. 52 Pa. Code §1.15(b). Any request to change a hearing date must be sent to me and all parties of record. My address is:

David A. Salapa  
P.O. Box 3265  
Harrisburg, Pa. 17105-3265  
Telephone: (717) 783-5452  
Fax: (717) 787-0481

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

2. Commission policy promotes settlements. 52 Pa. Code §5.231(a). The utility shall the customer at least one week before the scheduled hearing to discuss possible settlement of this case. Even if you are unable to settle this case, you may still resolve many

questions or issues during your discussion. If the parties reach an agreement, a formal hearing will not be necessary and the scheduled hearing will be cancelled.

**3. THIS CASE WILL BE DISMISSED IF YOU DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING AND PRESENT EVIDENCE ON THE ISSUES RAISED IN YOUR COMPLAINT.**

4. The Responsible Utility Customer Protection Act, 66 Pa. C.S. §§1401, et seq., applies to this case. This law provides strict requirements that the Commission must follow in handling customer complaints. The application of this law may result in the issuance of less favorable payment terms than a customer's current payment arrangement.

5. The customer must make monthly payments for current consumption on or before the billing due date while this complaint is pending. **FAILURE TO MAKE PAYMENTS MAY RESULT IN THE UTILITY TERMINATING THE CUSTOMER'S SERVICE.**

6. As the party seeking affirmative relief from the Commission, Complainant bears the burden of proof.

7. 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 at least five business days before the hearing. You should pre-mark exhibits for identification purposes.

8. At the hearing, the customer must be prepared to testify about the total gross monthly income of the household. A household includes all adults living at the service address and benefiting from the utility service. The total gross monthly household income includes but is not limited to the following:

- (a) 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) child support;
- (h) public assistance; and
- (i) any other source(s) of income.

9. The utility must prepare and submit the following documents at least five business days before the hearing:

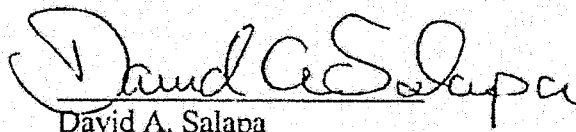
- (a) an account statement, showing the history of the account for a minimum of 24 months or the entire history of the account, whichever is less;
- (b) a copy of the most recent BCS decision, if any;
- (c) a brief summary of any payment arrangement(s) made between the utility and the customer.

10. Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §§1.21 & 1.22, you may represent yourself if you are an individual, or an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or admitted *Pro Hac Vice*, may represent you. However, if you are a partnership, corporation, trust, association, or governmental agency or subdivision, an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or admitted *Pro Hac Vice*, must represent you in this proceeding. Unless you are an attorney, you may not represent someone else. Attorneys shall enter their appearance in accordance with the provisions of 52 Pa. Code §1.24(b).

11. 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 me 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.

12. Although the hearing is being conducted telephonically for the convenience of the parties, it is still a formal hearing and I will conduct it in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Date: April 12, 2006

  
David A. Salapa  
Administrative Law Judge

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April 17, 2006

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Re: Marsha Pataski v. Equitable Gas  
Docket No. C-20066047-SATISFACTION OF COMPLAINT

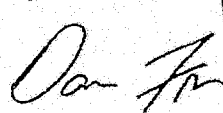
Dear Sir:

The above captioned case has been settled, and the Complainant has agreed to withdraw the Formal Complaint. All issues addressed in the Complaint have been resolved

Given the settlement of this case, Equitable requests that the instant case be withdrawn pursuant to 52 Pa.C.S.A. Section 5.24 (b). Please find attached a Certification that the matters complained of in the formal complaint have been satisfied. Thank you.

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Yours very truly,  
EQUITABLE GAS COMPANY



Daniel L. Frutchey  
Senior Vice President and General Counsel  
Pa. State Bar ID # 69074

cc: Marsha Pataski  
P. O. Box 475  
Clarksville PA 15322

Scheduling Office

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CERTIFICATION RE: SATISFACTION OF COMPLAINT

Marsha Pataski

Docket No. C-20066047

I, Therese Nolfi, LIURP Administrator for Equitable Gas, certify that I have spoken with the Complainant in the above-captioned case. We have settled and resolved all matters in the above-captioned case, and the Formal Complaint has been satisfied. The Complainant has acknowledged said satisfaction to Equitable Gas Company. Unless the Complainant objects to the above certification within 10 days of its filing, the Complaint may be withdrawn pursuant to 52 Pa.C.S.A. Section 5.24.

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*Therese Nolfi*  
Therese Nolfi  
LIURP Administrator

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Certificate of Service

A copy of the above Certification of Satisfaction was served upon the Complainant on the 17th day of April, 2006 via first class, U.S. Mail, postage prepaid at the following address:

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P. O. Box 475  
Clarksville PA 15322

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DATE: April 18, 2006  
SUBJECT: C-20066047  
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TO: Wanda Zeiders  
Docket Management  
FROM: Cherie Pyle, ALJ Support Staff  
Office of Administrative Law Judge

On April 17, 2006, a Certificate of Satisfaction was filed in the above-captioned proceeding. If no objection is filed to this certificate within 10 days of service, this proceeding will be closed.

All parties should be notified that the case is closed and a copy of that notification placed in the document folder.

Attachment

pc: ALJ David Salapa  
Beth Plantz  
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April 18, 2006

IN REPLY PLEASE  
REFER TO OUR FILE

In Re: C-20066047

(SEE LETTER DATED 4/10/06)

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Cancellation Notice

This is to inform you of the following cancellation:

Type: Initial Telephonic Hearing  
Date: Tuesday, May 2, 2006  
Time: 2:00 p.m.  
Presiding: Administrative Law Judge David A. Salapa

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Please mark your records accordingly.

pc: Judge Salapa  
Cherie Pyle, Scheduling Officer  
Beth Plantz  
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