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Bruce A. Currie

v.

Docket Nos.: C-20039459
C-20029460

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Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.
Dominion Retail Incorporated

INTERIM ORDER
SETTING SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

On or about February 10, 2003, Bruce A. Currie ("Complainant") filed a complaint against Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. & Dominion Retail Incorporated ("Respondent"), at the above-captioned Docket Numbers. On or about March 3, 2003, Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. filed an Answer and Preliminary Motion to Dismiss the Complaint. To the best of my knowledge, Dominion Retail, Inc. /a Dominion Peoples Plus has not 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 Complainant, on or before April 7, 2003, concerning a time, date and place for Respondent and Complainant to hold a conference. The conference shall take place on or before April 21, 2003, unless this is not possible.

Within ten (10) days following the conference, Respondent shall file a short report with Bruce Bigelow, Mediator ("Mediator"), 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 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 Mediator, 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 Mediator by the applicable due date set forth above.

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

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Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265
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Date: March 24, 2003

Robert A. Christianson

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Chief Administrative Law Judge