

BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Pablita Valdes

v.

Philadelphia Gas Works

C-20055643

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PREHEARING ORDER

An Initial Telephonic Hearing in this case is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. Your case is one of several cases scheduled for this day. You must be available when contacted by the presiding officer 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 are hereby directed to 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). Requests for changing a hearing date must be sent to me and all parties of record. The correct address is:

Louis G. Cocheres
Administrative Law Judge
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission,
P.O. Box 3265,
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265
Telephone: 787-9816
Fax: 787-0481

Changes are granted only in rare situations where good cause exists. For your convenience, a list of the parties and their addresses is enclosed with this order.

2. **Commission policy promotes settlements.** 52 Pa. Code §5.231(a). The utility shall contact you at least one week before the scheduled hearing to talk over a possible settlement of this case. Even if you are unable to settle this case, you may still resolve many questions or issues during your talks. If an agreement is reached, 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.**

4. The recently enacted Responsible Utility Customer Protection Act, 66 Pa. C.S. §§1401, *et seq.*, became effective on December 14, 2004 and 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 YOUR SERVICE.**

6. As the party seeking affirmative relief from the Commission, Complainant bears the burden of proof. 66 Pa. C.S. 332(a).

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. Proposed exhibits should be properly pre-marked for identification purposes. Use the enclosed copy of the parties list.

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.

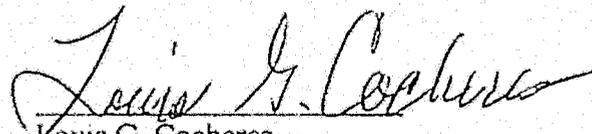
10. Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §§1.21 & 1.22, you may represent yourself, if you are an individual, or you may have an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or admitted *Pro Hac Vice*, represent you. However, if you are a partnership, corporation, trust, association, or governmental agency or subdivision, you must have an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or admitted *Pro Hac Vice*, represent you in this proceeding. Unless you are an attorney, you may not represent someone else. Attorneys shall insure that their appearance is entered 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 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 will be conducted in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

13. TO ASSIST THE CUSTOMER IN PROVIDING THE INCOME 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.

Date: February 21, 2006


Louis G. Cocheres
Administrative Law Judge

MONTHLY BUDGET INFORMATION

Customer's Name: Pablita Valdes

Date: April 19, 2006

Name of Utility: Philadelphia Gas Works

P U.C. Docket No.: C-20055643

Hearing Date: April 19, 2006

Presiding Officer: Louis G. Cocheres

Monthly Household Income

Amount

(Include gross income from all adults living in your home.)

Salaries, wages & tips

\$ _____

Public assistance

Social security or SSI

Alimony

Child support

Pension

Retirement benefits

Unemployment compensation

Workers' compensation

Food stamps

Other income (List source & amount):

Total:

\$ _____

Philadelphia Gas Works



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March 23, 2005

James McNulty, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Room B-20, North Office Building
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

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RE: Pablita Valdes v. PGW, Docket No. C - 20055643

PA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
SECRETARY'S BUREAU

Dear Secretary McNulty:

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §5.24(b), the Philadelphia Gas Works (PGW) certifies that the above referenced Complaint has been satisfied. PGW and the Complainant have discussed the issues raised in the complaint and reached a settlement. With this discussion and settlement, the Complainant has indicated that she is satisfied with the resolution of this complaint.

Therefore, the hearing on remand scheduled for this matter on April 19, 2006 is no longer necessary.

By copy of this letter, I am notifying the Complainant of her right to object to any part of this settlement, in writing to the Public Utility Commission within ten (10) days of the date of this letter.

If additional information is needed about this matter, please contact me at my direct-dial number above. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laureto Farinas", is written over a large, stylized flourish or underline that extends to the left and loops back under the signature.

Laureto Farinas

cc. Pablita Valdes
Administrative Law Judge Louis G. Cocheres (via FAX)
Cherie Pyle, Hearing Scheduler (via FAX)
Jack Frizary
Linda Pereira
Anne Marie Cromley

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

DATE: April 17, 2006
SUBJECT: C-20055643
Pablita Valdes v. Philadelphia Gas Works
TO: Wanda Zeiders
Docket Management
FROM: Cherie Pyle, ALJ Support Staff
Office of Administrative Law Judge

On April 13, 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.

The Initial Telephonic Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, April 19, 2006 has been cancelled.

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pc: ALJ Louis G. Cocheres
Beth Plantz
Case File

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OALJ Hearing Report

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Name and Telephone Number	Address	Who are you representing?			
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Check this box if additional parties or attendees appear on back of form

A/2/1/5/2006

Reporter's Signature

Note: Completion of this form does not constitute an entry of appearance, see 52 Pa. Code §§1.24 and 1.25.