

BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Charlotte Vulakovich

v.

Equitable Gas Company

C-20066237

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PREHEARING ORDER

The Commission has scheduled this case for an initial telephonic hearing on Thursday, August 31, 2006, at 10:00 a.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 (5) business days prior to the hearing. 52 Pa. Code §1.15(b). Requests for changes of hearing dates must be sent to me and all parties of record. My address is:

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

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

2. Commission policy promotes settlements. 52 Pa. Code §5.231(a). The utility will contact 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 discussions. If the parties reach an agreement, a formal hearing will not be necessary and the scheduled hearing will be cancelled.

3. If you intend to present any documents or exhibits for my consideration, you must send one copy to the other party and three (3) copies to me at least five (5) business days before the hearing. You should properly pre-mark exhibits for identification purposes.

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

5. 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, 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).

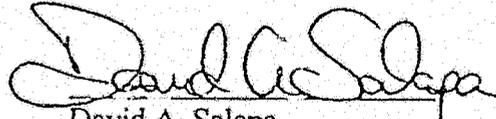
6. If you intend to subpoena witnesses for the hearing, you should review the procedures established in 52 Pa. Code §5.421. You must submit your written application to me sufficiently in advance of the hearing date so that the other parties will have the required ten (10) days' notice to answer or object, and so that you will have enough time to receive the subpoena and serve it.

7. The Complainant is responsible for payment of current bills pending the resolution of this complaint. Failure to make payments may result in the termination of utility service.

8. THIS CASE WILL BE DISMISSED IF THE CUSTOMER FAILS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING AND PRESENT EVIDENCE ON THE ISSUES RAISED IN THE COMPLAINT.

9. The Complainant bears the burden of proof and must demonstrate by a preponderance of the evidence that he is entitled to the relief requested in the Complaint.

Date: July 12, 2006


David A. Salapa
Administrative Law Judge