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## P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE ROBERT P. MEEHAN: We  
3 will go on the Record. This is the date set by the  
4 Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission for a hearing on the  
5 Complaint of Ricardo Evans against National Fuel Gas  
6 Distribution Corporation at Docket No. C-20066029. As  
7 provided by the Commission, the hearing is being held by  
8 telephone and I'm now going to attempt to contact Mr. Evans  
9 at the telephone number he provided on the formal complaint  
10 form as his home phone number, 724-981-1458, which is also  
11 the phone number that was given to me on the Commission's  
12 April 26 notice of today's hearing as the number to call to  
13 connect him for the hearing.

14 MR. EVANS: Hello.

15 JUDGE MEEHAN: Good morning. Ricardo Evans,  
16 please.

17 MR. EVANS: Yes, sir.

18 JUDGE MEEHAN: This is Judge Meehan with the  
19 Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission calling.

20 MR. EVANS: Yes, sir.

21 JUDGE MEEHAN: This is the time set for the  
22 hearing on the complaint you filed against National Fuel  
23 Gas.

24 MR. EVANS: Yes.

25 JUDGE MEEHAN: I'm going to put you on hold

1 while I call Mr. Hartz, the attorney for National Fuel Gas,  
2 and then we will be back with you.

3 MR. EVANS: Okay.

4 MR. HARTZ: Hello. Lee Hartz.

5 JUDGE MEEHAN: Good morning. Judge Meehan  
6 calling.

7 MR. HARTZ: Hi, Judge, how are you?

8 JUDGE MEEHAN: Pretty good. I have Mr. Evans  
9 on the other line, so hopefully we will be connected. Do  
10 you need to connect your witness or are they there?

11 MR. HARTZ: He's here.

12 JUDGE MEEHAN: Okay. This is Judge Meehan  
13 again. Let me make sure I didn't lose anybody. Mr. Evans?

14 MR. EVANS: Yes.

15 JUDGE MEEHAN: Mr. Hartz?

16 MR. HARTZ: Yes, we're here.

17 JUDGE MEEHAN: All right. For everyone's  
18 benefit, you are all on a speaker phone here and I have a  
19 Court Reporter with me who will make a transcript of today's  
20 hearing if we have to go that way. Before we start, though,  
21 let me ask now that everyone is connected if you all want to  
22 take a few moments informally to discuss this to see if  
23 there's a way you can reach your own resolution of the  
24 dispute before we go forward with the hearing.

25 Mr. Evans, do you want to take some time to discuss

1 this informally with Mr. Hartz?

2 MR. EVANS: What, some kind of like dispute --  
3 what do you mean?

4 JUDGE MEEHAN: No. Do you want to take the  
5 time -- what we do is we'll go off the Record, because if  
6 you're going to have this discussion it shouldn't be public.

7 MR. EVANS: Yeah.

8 JUDGE MEEHAN: To see if you can reach your  
9 own agreement as to how to resolve your complaint rather  
10 than having me impose a decision on both of you that maybe  
11 somebody's not going to like.

12 MR. EVANS: Right. Okay.

13 JUDGE MEEHAN: Mr. Hartz?

14 MR. HARTZ: That's fine with me, Your Honor.

15 JUDGE MEEHAN: Okay. Then what we'll do is we  
16 will go off the Record, I will leave the room. When you  
17 finish your discussions, please stay on the line. The Court  
18 Reporter will let me know you have concluded your  
19 discussions and I'll come back and at that point find out if  
20 you have been able to resolve this yourself or if we're  
21 going to go and do the complete hearing.

22 So with that explanation then, we're off the Record.

23 MR. EVANS: All right.

24 MR. HARTZ: Thank you.

25 (Discussion off the Record).

1 JUDGE MEEHAN: This is Judge Meehan. I'm back  
2 and we're going to go back on the Record and let me ask Mr.  
3 Evans, were you able to reach any kind of an agreement with  
4 National Fuel?

5 MR. EVANS: Yes.

6 JUDGE MEEHAN: All right. Let me ask Mr.  
7 Hartz, how will this be disposed of at this time?

8 MR. HARTZ: Your Honor, we have reached an  
9 agreement with respect to the account. I don't know if you  
10 want me to have those terms read onto the Record or not. If  
11 not, Mr. Evans has agreed to withdraw his complaint and we  
12 have I guess satisfied the complaint.

13 JUDGE MEEHAN: All right. Mr. Evans, is that  
14 your understanding of the agreement?

15 MR. EVANS: Yes, sir.

16 JUDGE MEEHAN: And you do wish to withdraw  
17 your complaint?

18 MR. EVANS: I guess, if that's what's best. I  
19 don't want the gas turned off, we have got four kids here.

20 JUDGE MEEHAN: Okay. I take it, Mr. Hartz,  
21 National Fuel has no objections to the request to withdraw  
22 the complaint?

23 MR. HARTZ: No, Your Honor.

24 JUDGE MEEHAN: All right. For everyone's  
25 benefit let me explain, it will probably be a month or two,

1 but eventually you will each get a letter from the  
2 Commission's Secretary which will inform you that this case  
3 has been marked closed and whatever the terms of the  
4 agreement you have reached between you, each party should  
5 then provide for the bills and payments and everything in  
6 accordance with your own agreement.

7 MR. EVANS: Okay. Can we like --

8 JUDGE MEEHAN: Pardon me?

9 MR. EVANS: Okay. Now, during the month we  
10 can gradually put some on and work up to the 300 and so;  
11 right?

12 MR. HARTZ: That's fine, yes. If you want to  
13 make two payments of whatever, that 150, 250, that's fine.

14 MR. EVANS: Okay. Okay. Thank you.

15 JUDGE MEEHAN: I'm glad you were able to work  
16 it out and thank everyone for being available here this  
17 morning.

18 MR. EVANS: Okay. Yeah, I had a doctor's  
19 appointment, but I cancelled it.

20 JUDGE MEEHAN: Okay.

21 MR. EVANS: But I can go now.

22 JUDGE MEEHAN: All right.

23 MR. EVANS: Thank you.

24 JUDGE MEEHAN: Good-bye.

25 MR. EVANS: Good-bye.

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(Thereupon, at 9:30 o'clock a.m., the Hearing was adjourned).

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