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**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Nanette Meeks

v.

Philadelphia Gas Works

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Docket Number

Z-01113972

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PREHEARING ORDER

On September 9, 2002, I was assigned as the presiding officer in this case. The purpose of this order is to bring to the attention of the parties certain procedural rules that apply to the participants in this proceeding. This case is scheduled to be heard in an available hearing room on the 13th floor of the Philadelphia State Office Building on Tuesday, January 7, 2003 at 10:00 a.m.

The Complainant alleged the following: that she only uses gas for hot water and cooking; that it is outrageous for her gas bill to be \$90-\$100 a month; that in 1999 she only paid \$30-\$35 a month for hot water and cooking; that she wants to know why her bill has increased so much; and that she is filing for bankruptcy because of her bill.

In its Answer, the Respondent denied the allegations in the complaint. The Respondent averred that the Complainant's bill includes \$80.47 from usage at a previous address from July 1998 to August 2001. The Respondent stated that the bills at the Complainant's current address are based on actual meter readings. The Respondent averred that the Complainant was dismissed from the Customer Responsibility Program because she has not made a payment since February 16, 1999. The Respondent referred

to the Bureau of Consumer Services decision dated April 3, 2002 which required the Complainant to pay her budget bill (\$100) plus \$50 on the outstanding balance.

The Complainant has the burden of proving that the allegations in the complaint are true. Section 332(a) of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S. §332(a). In addition, the Complainant should continue to make monthly payments on the undisputed portion of the bill while this proceeding is pending.

If the Complainant has not made the payments that the Bureau of Consumer Services ("BCS") directed her to make, she must explain why the payments were not made. Failure to make regular payments as directed may result in an order requiring a lump sum payment equal to the amount of the payments that should have been made.

During the hearing, the Complainant must be prepared to testify about, or document, the total net monthly household income. In addition, the Complainant must be prepared to testify about, or document, the total monthly expenses of the household, including, but not limited to, the following: rent or mortgage payments; utility bills; food; medical expenses; transportation; and loans.

The Respondent must submit the relevant account statements, which include monthly meter readings, meter changes, usage, billed amounts and payments, and the most recent BCS decision.

If you wish to offer documents into evidence during the hearing (i.e. letters, bills, canceled checks, receipts, account statements, etc.), please bring a copy for the presiding officer, two (2) copies for the Court Reporter and a copy for each party of record. Please keep a copy for yourself. 52 Pa. Code §5.409.

Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §1.15(b), requests for postponements or continuance of hearings must be submitted in writing no later than five (5) days prior to the hearing. Requests for postponement or continuance of hearings are to be sent to the presiding officer with copies to the Scheduling Office and the other party of record. The address for the Scheduling Office is P.O. Box 3265, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105-3265.

All witnesses should be prepared to testify during the January 7, 2003, hearing.

ORDER

THEREFORE,
IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the parties shall comply with the procedural rules and regulations discussed herein.
2. That the Complainant shall pay the undisputed portion of the bill while this proceeding is pending.

November 27, 2002
Date

Cynthia Williams Fordham
CYNTHIA WILLIAMS FORDHAM
Administrative Law Judge

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	Transcript Due: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Location: Philadelphia, PA	Hearing Concluded: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
Date: January 7, 2003	Further Hearing Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
ALJ: Cynthia W. Fordham	Estimated Add'l Days: 1 day
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January 8, 2003

In Re: Z-01113972

(See letter dated 09/09/02)

Nanette Meeks v. Philadelphia Gas Works

Billing dispute.

Hearing Cancellation/Reschedule Notice

This is to inform you that the Initial hearing on the above-captioned case previously scheduled for Tuesday, January 7, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. has been canceled.

The hearing has been rescheduled as follows:

Type: Initial hearing
Date: Friday, April 25, 2003
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: In an available hearing room
Philadelphia State Office Building
Broad and Spring Garden Streets
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Presiding: Administrative Law Judge Cynthia W. Fordham
1302 Philadelphia State Office Building
1400 West Spring Garden Street
Philadelphia, PA 19130
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Except for those individuals representing themselves, the Commission's rules require that all parties have an attorney; therefore, you should have an attorney of your choice file an entry of appearance before the scheduled hearing.

If you are a person with a disability, and you wish to attend the hearing, we may be able to make arrangements for your special needs. Please call the scheduling office at the Public Utility Commission:

- Scheduling Office: (717) 787-1399.
- AT&T Relay Service number for persons who are deaf or hearing-impaired: 1-800-654-5988.

pc: Judge Fordham
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February 21, 2003

In Re: Z-01113972

(See letter dated 01/09/03)

Nanette Meeks v. Philadelphia Gas Works

Billing dispute.

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The hearing has been rescheduled as follows:

Type: Initial hearing
Date: Tuesday, June 3, 2003
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: In an available hearing room
Philadelphia State Office Building
Broad and Spring Garden Streets
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Presiding: Administrative Law Judge Cynthia W. Fordham
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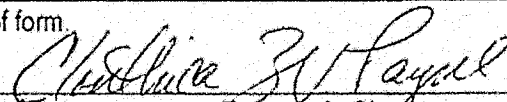
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Nanette Meeks (my +supp re) Telephone: (215) 548-7461	5480 N. Merriwood St Phila PA 19133 E-mail Address:	Phila Gas Works Fax Number:
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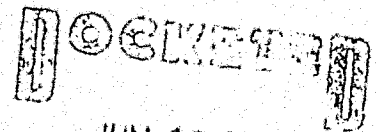
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June 4, 2003

Nannette Meeks
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Laureto A. Farinas, Esquire
Philadelphia Gas Works
800 West Montgomery Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19122

Re: Nannette Meeks v. Philadelphia Gas Works
Docket Number Z-01113972



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Dear Parties:

During the June 3, 2003 hearing, Mr. Farinas advised Ms. Meeks that someone would call her to let her know when her meter would be removed for testing. The parties agreed that the meter needed to be tested before the matter could be resolved.

If the parties are able to resolve the matter without a hearing, the Complainant can withdraw her complaint or a certificate of satisfaction can be filed. If the matter is not resolved after the meter is tested, a hearing will be scheduled.

Please withdraw the complaint, submit a certificate of satisfaction or submit a written status report by July 7, 2003.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Williams Fordham

Cynthia Williams Fordham
Administrative Law Judge

cc: Docket Section