

CAPTION SHEET

CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

1. REPORT DATE: 00/00/00
 2. BUREAU: ALJ
 3. SECTION(S):
 5. APPROVED BY:
 DIRECTOR:
 SUPERVISOR:
 6. PERSON IN CHARGE:
 8. DOCKET NO: Z-01714985

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 4. PUBLIC MEETING DATE:
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 7. DATE FILED: 05/06/05
 9. EFFECTIVE DATE: 00/00/00

PARTY/COMPLAINANT: WITZER, JANICE

RESPONDENT/APPLICANT: PHILADELPHIA GAS WORKS

COMP/APP COUNTY: PHILADELPHIA

UTILITY CODE: 125042

ALLEGATION OR SUBJECT

COMPLAINANT STATES SHE WANTS A MONTHLY ARRANGEMENT SET UP THAT SHE CAN AFFORD

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Must be returned by MAY 17, 2005

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Formal Complaint Form

Please print or type.

1. CUSTOMER NAME (COMPLAINANT)

Your name, mailing address, county, telephone number, utility account number and service address:

Name Janice Witzer

Street/P.O. Box 6379 DITMAN ST Apt#

City Phila. State Pa. Zip 19135

County

Area Code/HOME Phone 215-543-9842

Area Code/WORK Phone

Utility Account Number
(from your bill)

If your complaint involves utility service provided to a different address than your mailing address, please list this information below.

Name

Street/P.O. Box

City State Zip

2. UTILITY NAME (RESPONDENT)

Name of utility company your complaint concerns: Phila. Gas Works

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3. TYPE OF UTILITY (check one)

ELECTRIC

STEAM HEAT

GAS

WASTE WATER

WATER

MOTOR CARRIER

(taxi, moving company, limousine)

TELEPHONE

(local, long distance)

4. COMPLAINT (check one)

A. In general, what is your complaint?

I want to oppose the company's proposed rate increase.

There are incorrect charges on my bill.

There is a reliability, safety or quality problem with my utility service.

I received a notice that my utility service is being terminated.

I would like a payment agreement.

Other. *I need a better payment arrangement*
(explain)

B. State the facts of your complaint.

Include any specific dates, times or places that are important. If the complaint is about a bill, tell us about any charges that you believe are not correct. Use additional paper if you need more space. Provide copies of all relevant documents you believe will support your complaint

*All we want is an arrangement
for which we can afford to pay
monthly. We only make \$1030.00 a
month on S.S.I. and they want us
to pay \$144.00 a month. The only thing
we might be able to pay is \$80.00 a month,
or there will be nothing left over
for us to survive.*

5. RELIEF

What do you want the Public Utility Commission to do about your complaint? Use additional paper if you need more space.

I just need someone to be fair on an agreement so we will be able to live.

6. PROTECTION FROM ABUSE

Answer the following question if your complaint is against a natural gas distribution company, an electric distribution company or a water company AND your complaint is about a billing problem, an application for service problem, a termination of service problem or a request for a payment agreement.

Has a court granted a "Protection from Abuse" order for your personal safety?

YES

NO

7. PRIOR UTILITY CONTACT

Answer the following question only if you are a residential customer and your complaint is against an electric distribution utility, natural gas distribution utility or a water distribution utility.

Have you spoken to a utility company representative about this complaint?

YES
(includes appeals of BCS determinations)

NO

If you tried to, but could not speak to a utility company representative about your complaint, please explain why.

8. VERIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

You must print or type your name below on the line provided for the verification paragraph, and you must sign and date (in ink) this form on the lines provided.

Verification:

I Janice WITZER, hereby state that the facts above set forth are true and correct (or are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief) and that I expect to be able to prove the same at a hearing held in this matter. I understand that the statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

Janice Witzer (Signature) April 30, 2005 (Date)

9. LEGAL REPRESENTATION (IF ANY)

If you are represented by a lawyer in this matter you must provide your lawyer's name, address and telephone number.

Lawyer's Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Area Code/Phone Number _____

10. FILING

Please return the completed form to one of the addresses listed below:

If using U.S. Postal Service:

If using overnight delivery service:

Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission P.O. Box 3265 Harrisburg, PA 17105	Secretary Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission 400 North Street Commonwealth Keystone Building, 2 nd Floor Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120
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Facsimiles and/or electronic filings of the complaint form will not be accepted.

If you have any questions about filling out this form, please contact the Secretary's Bureau at 717-772-7777.

Keep a copy of your complaint for your records.

NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO APPEAL
(Request For Formal Complaint Forms)

Timely

Notice to Customer:

If you sign and return this form, you are notifying the Public Utility Commission that you intend to appeal this informal complaint decision. Do not return this form unless you want to appeal this decision.

If you want to appeal this decision, you must return this Notification of Intent to Appeal form within 20 days of 2/12/2005. The Commission will send you formal complaint forms.

You must comply with the terms of this decision until the Public Utility Commission completes the formal complaint process. You must make all of the required payments or the utility company may pursue the termination of your service.

Thank You
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission

Yes, I want to appeal the decision of the Bureau of Consumer Services. Please send formal complaint forms to me at the following address:

Customer name and address:
(Please correct any mistakes.)

JANICE WITZER
6379 DITMAN STREET
PHILADELPHIA PA 19135

215-543-9842
(Area Code) Telephone Number

Janice Witzer
Signature

Mail this completed form to:

Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
P. O. Box 3265
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

ST Number:	1714985	Date of mailing:	2/12/2005
Company:	PHILADELPHIA GAS WORKS		

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PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
P.O. BOX 3265, HARRISBURG, PA 17105-3265

IN REPLY PLEASE
REFER TO OUR FILE

APRIL 27, 2005

ST1714985

JANICE WITZER
6379 DITMAN STREET
PHILADELPHIA PA 19135

Dear Sir/Madam:

We have received your request to appeal the decision of the Bureau of Consumer Services.

We have enclosed one complaint form for you to complete. Please read carefully the instructions to help you complete the form.

**** Please make sure you sign the form. We must receive your original signature in order for us to process your complaint. Your form will be returned to you if an original signature is not received.**

Return the form to us on or before May 17, 2005 to the address listed below:

James J. McNulty, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
P.O. Box 3265
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

While you wait for us to reach a decision on your complaint, you must pay all undisputed bills (ones that are not a part of your complaint). As long as you pay all undisputed bills and return these formal complaint forms to us on time, the company is not permitted to terminate your service.

Commission Procedures for Formal Complaints

- We send a copy of this letter to the company so they know you are appealing the Bureau of Consumer Services' decision;
- We also send the company a copy of your completed formal complaint forms. Once they receive it, they have 20 days to send us an answer to your complaint. The company will send you a copy of their answer.

- Once we receive all the paperwork, we usually will schedule your hearing before an Administrative Law Judge.
- We will notify both you and the company by mail when the hearing date is set.
- If you cannot travel to your hearing, you can request that the hearing be held by phone. This is called a telephonic hearing. If we can, we will schedule a telephonic hearing for you.
- We will most likely schedule your hearing sometime within three months after you file your complaint forms. If you know of certain dates when you will not be available for a hearing, let us know when you file your forms. We will try to work around your schedule.
- **If you cannot attend the hearing on the scheduled date, you must request a different time or date. You should request the change at least 5 days before your hearing by writing to:**

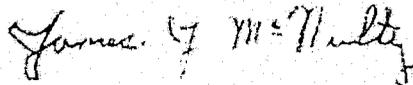
Office of Administrative Law Judge
Public Utility Commission
P.O. Box 3265
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

YOU SHOULD INCLUDE YOUR DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER IN YOUR LETTER. DEPENDING ON YOUR REASON FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO ATTEND THE SCHEDULED HEARING, YOUR REQUEST TO CHANGE THE HEARING MAY OR MAY NOT BE APPROVED. WE WILL LET YOU KNOW OUR DECISION ON YOUR REQUEST FOR CHANGING THE HEARING DATE BEFORE THE DATE OF THE HEARING.

YOU MUST ATTEND SCHEDULED HEARINGS IN PERSON OR BY PHONE. IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND, YOUR COMPLAINT MAY BE DISMISSED (THROWN OUT).

If you have any questions about the complaint process, please call the Bureau of Consumer Services, toll free, at 1-800-782-1110.

Very truly yours,



James J. McNulty
Secretary

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cc: Philadelphia Gas Works

BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

DATE SERVED: JULY 9, 2005

JANICE WITZER
Complainant

VS.

PHILADELPHIA GAS WORKS
Respondent

Complaint Docket
No: Z-01714985

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FORMAL COMPLAINT NOTICE TO RESPONDENT TO ANSWER OR SATISFY

TO: PHILADELPHIA GAS WORKS

TAKE NOTICE:

That a complaint in the above entitled matter, of which the attached is a true and correct copy, has been presented and filed of record with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. Section 702 of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S. Section 702, requires the Commission to serve on each party named in a complaint a copy of the complaint and notice calling upon each party to satisfy the complaint, or to answer the same in writing within a specified time; THEREFORE,

1. You have twenty (20) days from the date on which this complaint is served to either satisfy this complaint or to file with the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, P. O. Box 3265, Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265, an answer (original and three copies), in writing, under oath, which, as required by Section 5.61 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 52 Pa. Code Section 5.61, either affirms or specifically denies the allegations in this complaint. You must also serve a copy of the answer upon the complainant. The date of service is the mailing date as indicated by the date at the top of this Notice. Section 1.56(a) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 52 Pa. Code Section 1.56(a).

2. If you fail to either satisfy this complaint or to file answer or other responsive pleading within twenty (20) days, you will be deemed to have admitted all the allegations in this complaint in accordance with Section 5.61 of the Commission's Rules of Administrative Practice and Procedure, 52 Pa. Code Section 5.61. In that event, the Commission may, without hearing, enter an order which either revokes or suspends any certificate or permit held by you or which imposes a fine or any other appropriate penalty or remedy authorized by the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S. Section 101, et seq.; and, if you are a customer of a utility, an order may be entered which prescribes a payment schedule or which authorizes termination of utility services. The Commission is not limited to the relief sought by the complainant in paragraph 4 of the attached complaint.

3. If you elect to satisfy this complaint you must file, within twenty (20) days from the date on which this complaint is served, affidavits executed by each complainant that this complaint has been satisfied. Such affidavits must describe the basis on which this complaint was satisfied, any settlement agreement between the parties must be reduced to writing and attached to the affidavit. Such affidavits are to be filed with the Secretary of the Commission at the address set forth in paragraph 1. Upon receipt of affidavits of satisfaction from all complainants, this complaint may be dismissed by the Commission in accordance with Section 703(a) of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C.S. Section 703(a), unless the Commission determines that such dismissal would be contrary to the public interest, in which event the Commission may direct that hearings be held upon the complaint.

4. If you file an answer which admits the allegations in this complaint, or which fails to specifically deny the allegations in this complaint, the Commission may, without hearing, enter an order which either revokes or suspends any certificate held by you or which imposes a fine or any other appropriate penalty or remedy authorized by the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C. S. Section 101, et seq.; and, if you are a customer of a utility, an order may be entered which prescribes a payment schedule or which authorizes termination of utility services. The Commission is not limited to the relief sought by the complainant in paragraph 4 of the attached complaint.

5. If you file a timely answer which specifically denies the allegations in this complaint, or which raises material questions of law or fact, this matter shall be referred to the Office of Administrative Law Judge for hearing and decision. If, after hearing on the issues raised by that answer, you are found to have committed any of the violations alleged in the complaint, the Administrative Law Judge may render a decision which either revokes or suspends any certificate or permit held by you or which imposes a fine or any other appropriate penalty or remedy authorized by the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa. C. S. Section 101, et seq.; and, if you are a customer of a utility, an order may be entered which prescribes a payment schedule or which authorizes termination of utility services. In the imposition of a penalty after a hearing the Administrative Law Judge is not bound by the relief sought by the complainant in paragraph 4 of the attached complaint.

James J. McNulty
Secretary

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Certified Mail
Return Receipt Requested

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
P O BOX 3265, HARRISBURG PA 17105-3265

DATE SERVED: JULY 9, 2005

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LAURETO FARINAS ESQUIRE
PHILADELPHIA GAS WORKS
800 W MONTGOMERY AVE
PHILADELPHIA PA 19122-2898

Dear Sir/Madam:

A complaint has been filed against you before the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission by JANICE WITZER. To defend yourself against the claims stated in the following pages, you must act within twenty (20) days by filing in writing with the Commission, either personally or through your attorney, your defenses or objections to the claims stated against you. Or, you may satisfy the complaint by settling the matter with the Complainant and submitting proof of settlement to the Commission within twenty (20) days.

IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS, THE CASE MAY GO FORWARD IN YOUR ABSENCE AND A JUDGEMENT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU BY THE COMMISSION WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE.

CUSTOMER OF A UTILITY

A payment schedule may be prescribed or a termination of utility services may be authorized. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you.

COMPANY/UTILITY

An Administrative Law Judge may revoke or suspend any certificate or permit held by you, or impose a fine, or any other appropriate penalty or remedy authorized by the Public Utility Code. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you.

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Detailed instructions on how to proceed are contained in the attached pages. You are advised to read them carefully.

Unless you are a corporation or other organization, you may proceed without a lawyer. However, if you want a lawyer and do not have one or cannot afford one, the office listed below can tell you where you can get legal help:

Pennsylvania Lawyer Referral Service
Pennsylvania Bar Association
P.O. Box 186
Harrisburg, PA 17108
(800) 692-7375

Very truly yours,

James J. McNulty
Secretary

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July 26, 2005

ORIGINAL

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

RE: Janice Witzer vs. PGW, Docket No.: Z-01714985

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.

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

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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cc: Janice Witzer
Zayda Santiago
Cherie Pyle

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

DATE: July 27, 2005

SUBJECT: Z-01714985
Janice Witzer v. Philadelphia Gas Works

TO: Wanda Zeiders
Docket Management

FROM: Susan Kirwan, Support Staff
Office of Administrative Law Judge

On July 27, 2005, 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.

Attachment

pc: ALJ (None Assigned)
Beth Plantz
Case File

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