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BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Martha J. Young

v.

Philadelphia Gas Works

Z-01640475

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PREHEARING ORDER

On August 22, 2005, 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 13<sup>th</sup> floor of the Philadelphia State Office Building on Thursday, October 27, 2005, at 10:00 a.m.

On May 26, 2005, Martha J. Young ("Young" or "Complainant") filed a complaint with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission ("Commission") against the Philadelphia Gas Works alleging the following: that she lives on the first floor; that she lives alone and she works at night; that she has an electric range; that her first bill was \$180.00; that her bill is now \$2,400.00, that the Respondent installed a pipeline in her building earlier this year; that she assumes that she received estimated bills before the installation; and that she wants the Respondent to check her meter and make the necessary corrections.

On August 15, 2005, the Respondent, through its counsel, filed an Answer. In its Answer, the Respondent denied that the Complainant's bills are inaccurate. The Respondent averred that a trace meter and piping was completed on May 22, 2004. The Respondent stated that the Complainant's arrearages are due to the Complainant missing and underpaying her monthly bills. The Respondent referred to the Bureau of Consumer Services decision, dated April 25, 2005, requiring the Complainant to pay a budget payment of \$160.00 plus \$103.00 a month on the arrearage beginning in May 2005.

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On August 17, 2005, Chief Administrative Law Judge Veronica A. Smith issued an Interim Payment Order requiring the Complainant to pay her monthly bill until a final Order is issued by the Commission or the case is otherwise resolved.

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). The Complainant is required to make monthly payments on the undisputed portion of the bill pending a final Commission Order in this proceeding.

If the Complainant is requesting a payment arrangement, during the hearing she must be prepared to testify about, or document, the total net monthly household income.

The Respondent must submit the applicable account statement, which includes monthly meter readings, usage, billed amounts, payments and balances 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 October 27, 2005 hearing.

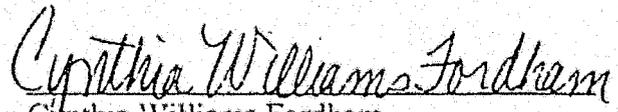
ORDER

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Complainant shall comply with the Interim Payment Order issued by Chief Administrative Law Judge Veronica A. Smith.
2. That the parties shall comply with the procedural rules and regulations discussed herein.

Date: October 12, 2005

  
Cynthia Williams Fordham  
Administrative Law Judge

**Philadelphia Gas Works**

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October 26, 2005

James McNulty, Secretary  
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission  
Room B-20, North Office Building  
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RE: Martha J. Young v. PGW, Docket No. Z - 01640475

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 scheduled in this matter for October 27, 2005 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,

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

Laureto Farinas, Senior Attorney

cc: Martha J. Young  
Administrative Law Judge Cynthia W. Fordham (via FAX)  
Cherie Pyle, Hearing Scheduler (via FAX)  
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FROM: Susan Kirwan, Support Staff  
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On October 26, 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.

The Initial Hearing scheduled for Thursday, October 27, 2005 has been cancelled.

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pc: ALJ Cynthia W. Fordham  
Beth Plantz  
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