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BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Wanda Jackson

v.

PECO Energy Company

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PREHEARING ORDER

An initial telephonic hearing is scheduled for Friday, December 19, 2003 at 1:00 pm.  
The parties are directed to comply with the following requirements:

1. If you intend to present any documents for my consideration, you must send one copy to the other party and THREE copies to me one week before the hearing.

2. 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 one week before the hearing.

3. If you are an individual, you may either represent yourself or have an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania represent you. However, if you are a partnership, corporation, trust, association, or governmental agency or subdivision, you must have an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania represent you in this proceeding. Unless you are an attorney, you may not represent someone else.

Attorneys shall comply with the Commission's appearance requirements. 52 Pa. Code § 1.24(b).

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4. A request for a change of the scheduled hearing date must be submitted in writing no later than five (5) days prior to the hearing. 52 Pa. Code § 1.15(b). Requests for changes of initial hearings must be sent to me with copies all parties of record. The correct address is: Office of Administrative Law Judge, P.O. Box 3265, Harrisburg PA 17105-3265. Changes are granted only in rare situations where sufficient cause exists.

**5. YOU MAY LOSE THIS CASE IF YOU DO NOT TAKE PART IN THIS HEARING AND PRESENT EVIDENCE ON THE ISSUES RAISED.**

6. This hearing is a formal proceeding and will be conducted in accordance with the commission's rules of practice and procedure. 52 Pa. Code Chapters 1, 3 and 5.

7. Commission policy is to encourage settlements. 52 Pa. Code § 5.231(a). Therefore, you are urged to discuss informally between yourselves the possible settlement of this case at least one week before the hearing. If you are unable to settle this case, you may still resolve as many questions or issues as possible during your informal discussion.

**The customer is directed to comply with the following:**

8. If the Commission's Bureau of Consumer Services ("BCS") has directed the customer to make payments and those payments have not been made, the customer must be prepared to explain at the hearing why those payments have not been made. FAILURE TO MAKE REGULAR PAYMENTS AS DIRECTED BY THE BCS MAY RESULT IN AN ORDER REQUIRING A LUMP SUM PAYMENT EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT OF THE PAYMENTS THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN MADE.

9. At the hearing, the customer must be prepared to testify about, or otherwise document, the total net monthly income of the household. A household includes all individuals regularly residing there and receiving the benefit of the utility service. The "total net monthly income of the household" includes, but is not limited to, the following payments received by every person residing in the customer's home:

- (a) the "after taxes take-home-pay" from salaries, wages, tips or other compensation;
- (b) pension, retirement or social security benefits;
- (c) Supplemental Security Income ("SSI");
- (d) unemployment compensation benefits;
- (e) workers' compensation benefits;
- (f) alimony;
- (g) support;
- (h) public assistance; and
- (i) any other source(s) of income.

10. If the customer or any member of the customer's household is receiving food stamps and/or medical assistance, the customer must be prepared to testify or document the amount of food stamps or the nature of the medical assistance received.

11. At the hearing, the customer must be prepared to testify about or document the total monthly expenses of the household, which shall include, but are not limited to, the following items:

- (a) rent or mortgage payments;
- (b) utility bills (including electric, gas, telephone, water, sewer, cable, etc.);
- (c) food, in addition to any food stamp benefits;
- (d) clothing;
- (e) automobile (loan payments, gasoline, maintenance, etc.);
- (f) transportation (bus, taxicabs, jitneys, etc.);
- (g) insurance premiums (homeowners' or renters' insurance, automobile, life, medical, etc.);
- (h) medical bills (doctors, dentists, hospitals, prescriptions, etc.);
- (i) credit card and charge account payments;

- (j) loan payments; and
- (k) miscellaneous expenses.

12. TO ASSIST THE CUSTOMER IN PROVIDING THE INCOME AND EXPENSE INFORMATION REQUIRED BY THIS ORDER, THREE (3) COPIES OF A BUDGET INFORMATION SHEET ARE ENCLOSED WITH THIS ORDER. THE CUSTOMER MUST FILL OUT THIS BUDGET SHEET, RETURN ONE COPY TO ME AND SEND ONE COPY TO COUNSEL FOR THE UTILITY AT LEAST ONE WEEK BEFORE THE HEARING. You may keep one copy of the budget sheet and the order for your use and reference during the hearing.

**The utility must comply with the following:**

13. The utility must prepare and submit the following documents at least one week before the hearing: (a) an account history for a minimum of 24 months, or from its inception, whichever is longer, and (b) a brief summary of any payment arrangements made between the parties other than BCS decisions. The utility must be prepared to discuss available options for the customer at the hearing, including a less expensive service which will still meet the essential needs of the customer.

Dated: September 26, 2003



SUSAN D. COLWELL  
Administrative Law Judge