

BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

Dianna Schleicher

v.

Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.

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C-20066939

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PREHEARING ORDER

The Commission has scheduled an initial telephonic hearing in this case for Tuesday, January 9, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. Your case is one of several cases scheduled for this day. **You must be available when I contact you or I will dismiss your case. 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 five (5) business days before the hearing.**

The parties shall comply with the following requirements:

1. A request for a change of the scheduled hearing date must state the agreement or opposition of other parties, and must be submitted in writing no later than five business days prior to the hearing. 52 Pa. Code §1.15(b). Requests for changing a hearing date must be sent to me and all parties of record. My address is:

David A. Salapa
P.O. Box 3265
Harrisburg, Pa. 17105-3265
Telephone: (717) 783-5452
Fax: (717) 787-0481

Changes are granted only in rare situations where good cause exists.

2. **Commission policy promotes settlements.** The utility shall contact the customer at least one week before the scheduled hearing to discuss possible settlement of this case. If the parties are unable to settle this case, they shall attempt to agree on the issues to be litigated.

If the parties reach an agreement, a formal hearing will not be necessary and the scheduled hearing will be cancelled.

3. **IF A PARTY FAILS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING, THE HEARING WILL PROCEED WITHOUT THAT PARTY AND A DECISION MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST THAT PARTY.**

4. The Responsible Utility Customer Protection Act, 66 Pa. C.S. §§1401-1418 applies to this case. This law provides strict requirements that the Commission must follow in handling customer complaints. The application of this law may result in the issuance of less favorable payment terms than a customer's current payment arrangement.

5. The customer must make monthly payments for current consumption on or before the billing due date while this complaint is pending. **FAILURE TO MAKE PAYMENTS MAY RESULT IN THE UTILITY TERMINATING YOUR SERVICE.**

6. As the party seeking affirmative relief from the Commission, the Complainant bears the burden of proof. 66 Pa. C.S. 332(a).

7. If you intend to present any documents or exhibits for my consideration, you must send one copy to the other party and three copies to me at least five business days before the hearing. Proposed exhibits should be properly pre-marked for identification purposes.

8. At the hearing, the customer must be prepared to testify about the total gross monthly income of the household. A household includes all adults living at the service address and benefiting from the utility service. The "total gross monthly household income" includes but is not limited to the following:

- (a) 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) child support;
- (h) public assistance; and
- (i) any other source(s) of income.

9. The utility must prepare and submit the following documents at least five business days before the hearing:

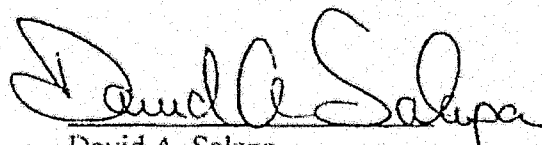
- (a) an account statement, showing the history of the account for a minimum of 24 months or the entire history of the account, whichever is less;
- (b) a copy of the most recent BCS decision, if any;
- (c) a brief summary of any payment arrangement(s) made between the utility and the customer.

10. Pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §§1.21 & 1.22, if you are an individual, you may represent yourself or you may have an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, or admitted *Pro Hac Vice*, 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, or admitted *Pro Hac Vice*, represent you in this proceeding. Unless you are an attorney, you may not represent someone else. Attorneys shall enter their appearance in accordance with the provisions of 52 Pa. Code §1.24(b).

11. If you intend to subpoena witnesses for the hearing, you should review the procedures established in 52 Pa. Code §5.421. You must submit your written application to me sufficiently in advance of the hearing date so that the other parties will have the required ten days notice to answer or object, and so that you will have enough time to receive the subpoena and serve it.

12. Although the hearing is being conducted telephonically for the convenience of the parties, it is still a formal hearing and will be conducted in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Date: November 7, 2006



David A. Salapa
Administrative Law Judge

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PA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Re: **Dianna Schleicher v. Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.**
Complaint Docket No. C-20066939

Dear Judge Salapa:

Enclosed please find three copies of Exhibits 1 through 3, which Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. (Columbia Gas) intends to present into evidence during the hearing scheduled to take place in this case on January 9, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

Columbia Gas will be offering the testimony of Ms. Leesa Swartz, Compliance Specialist, at the hearing of this matter. The telephone contact number for Ms. Swartz is 717-849-0139. My telephone contact number is 412-831-5462.

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Sincerely,



Larry R. Crayne

cc: Dianna Schleicher
1902 Waite Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15210

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Chapter 56 Hearing Report

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		REMARKS:	<i>Complaint did not appear for the hearing</i>	

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