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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE MARK A. HOYER: Let's go on
3 the record. Today's date is August 8th, 2007. The time is
4 now 10:00. My name is Mark Hoyer. I'm an administrative
5 law judge with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission in
6 the Pittsburgh office.

7 We are here this morning concerning the formal
8 complaint of Mitchell Freed versus The Peoples Natural Gas
9 Company doing business as Dominion Peoples. The docket
10 number for this proceeding is C-20077792. This is an
11 in-person hearing.

12 In addition to myself and the court reporter, there
13 are three individuals in the room. I recognize the
14 complainant. You are Mitchell Freed?

15 MR. FREED: Yes.

16 JUDGE HOYER: You're representing yourself here today,
17 Mr. Freed. Is that correct?

18 MR. FREED: That is correct.

19 JUDGE HOYER: Perhaps, Counsel, you could introduce
20 yourself and your witness to your left.

21 MR. ROBERTS: Yes, Your Honor. I'm William Roberts,
22 not Horace Payne, appearing for the Peoples Natural Gas
23 Company, and I'd like to tender a notice of appearance. I
24 did file it with the secretary's office by mail, provided a
25 copy to Mr. Freed. But appearing with me today is Deborah

1 Gardner, customer service representative.

2 JUDGE HOYER: For the record, when I entered the
3 hearing room the parties were discussing the dispute and
4 they've jointly requested that they wish to continue those
5 discussions.

6 So at this time I'm not going to explain the hearing
7 procedure. After your discussions, if there's a need for a
8 hearing, we'll come back on the record and I'll explain the
9 hearing procedure. If there are any questions on how we're
10 going to go on from there you can ask me at that time.

11 Just for the record, we're going to take a recess.
12 During the recess you can speak candidly. We will not be
13 taking a stenographic record or recording what's being said.
14 Hopefully you'll be able to resolve your dispute.

15 If there is a need for a hearing, we will do that. I
16 know that you had submitted a packet of information, Mr.
17 Freed, and you provided me with a copy.

18 MR. FREED: These are two copies for the court
19 reporter.

20 JUDGE HOYER: Before you hand them up to the court
21 reporter, I noticed there were several documents in there.
22 Maybe we can use this time, if you do intend to introduce
23 exhibits at the hearing, to separately mark them. I noticed
24 you had several pieces of correspondence. Some were
25 stapled, some were not. But you would mark yours beginning

1 with C-1 -- that would be your first exhibit -- and then C-2
2 and so forth.

3 If you intend to offer any exhibits, Counsel, I'd urge
4 you to exchange those during your discussions as well. That
5 might help things, as each party could refer to the exhibits
6 and look at things. Okay?

7 We're going to go off the record now, and good luck
8 with your discussions. When you're finished please let the
9 court reporter know.

10 (Discussion held off the record.)

11 JUDGE HOYER: We'll go back on the record. The time
12 is now 10:38. We took a recess so that the parties would
13 have an opportunity to discuss the dispute. I'll ask you,
14 Attorney Roberts, what was the outcome of your discussions
15 with Mr. Freed here this morning?

16 MR. ROBERTS: Your Honor, we reached a compromised
17 settlement on the past due bill that's been charged to Mr.
18 Freed. Mr. Freed can speak for himself, but he's indicated
19 to us that he's satisfied with the compromise of the
20 outstanding bill.

21 JUDGE HOYER: What amount, the entire amount or a
22 portion of it?

23 MR. ROBERTS: Mr. Freed has agreed to pay Peoples
24 \$800.

25 MS. GARDNER: If I may speak, the original amount was

1 1,850.46. Mr. Freed is going to forward \$800, and we will
2 waive and satisfy the balance.

3 JUDGE HOYER: Okay. Is that your understanding of
4 your agreement here today, Mr. Freed?

5 MR. FREED: Yes, it is, Your Honor.

6 JUDGE HOYER: You're satisfied with that? You know by
7 entering into this agreement it will effectively end the
8 dispute?

9 MR. FREED: I understand.

10 JUDGE HOYER: Well, I'm glad that the parties were
11 able to resolve the dispute. Counsel, if you could submit a
12 written certificate of satisfaction to me and please copy
13 Mr. Freed as well indicating that you've satisfied the
14 complaint.

15 MR. ROBERTS: Yes, I will take care of that, Your
16 Honor.

17 JUDGE HOYER: If you could do that, well, I'll be out
18 the next two days. So if I get it by Monday that would be
19 great. Any questions before we go off the record from
20 either party?

21 (No response.)

22 JUDGE HOYER: Then we are adjourned. I'll look for
23 that certificate of satisfaction from you, Attorney Roberts.
24 Have a good day.

25 (Whereupon, at 10:41 a.m., the hearing adjourned.)

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