

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

ORIGINAL

Charles Ghazarian v. :
 Philadelphia Gas Works, :
 Billing dispute. :
 : Docket No.
 : C-20065788
 Initial telephonic hearing :

DOCUMENT FOLDER

Pages 1 through 8

Hearing Room 2
300 Liberty Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Tuesday, May 2nd, 2006

Met, pursuant to notice, at 10:30 a.m.

BEFORE:

JOHN H. CORBETT, JR., Administrative Law Judge

APPEARANCES:

CHARLES GHAZARIAN (via telephone)
2622 Sperry Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19152
(Pro se)

ANDRE C. DASENT, Esquire
(via telephone)
800 West Montgomery Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19125
(For the Respondent)

DOCKETED
MAY 17 2006

Handwritten initials
SECRETARY'S BUREAU
MAY 12 11 54 AM

Commonwealth Reporting Company, Inc.
700 Lisburn Road
Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17011

Handwritten mark

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

WITNESS INDEX

WITNESSES	DIRECT	CROSS	REDIRECT	RECROSS
(None)				

EXHIBIT INDEX

NUMBER	FOR IDENTIFICATION	IN EVIDENCE
(None)		

Any reproduction of this transcript
is prohibited without authorization
by the certifying reporter.

P R O C E E D I N G S

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE JOHN H.

CORBETT, JR.: This is the time and place scheduled for a hearing on the complaint of Charles Ghazarian versus Philadelphia Gas Works.

This complaint was docketed with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission at No. C-20065788.

I'm Administrative Law Judge John Corbett. I have been assigned to hear this case and to render an initial decision.

We have on the telephone this morning Charles Ghazarian, representing himself and Andre Dasent, representing Philadelphia Gas Works. We also have a representative on the line from PGW.

I should note for the benefit of the parties and for the record that I'm sitting in a hearing room in Pittsburgh with a Court Reporter. The Court Reporter is taking down stenographically everything that we say while we are on the record. But she is also running a tape recorder back up. So I would alert the parties to the fact that everything that we say while we are on the record is being tape recorded.

I would ask the parties to get as close to the

1 speaker on the phone as they can. Speak up loudly
2 and clearly and try to let only one party at a time
3 talk. That way we'll get a clear record of what
4 transpires here this morning.

5 If on the other hand you don't hear something
6 that is said, please feel free to interrupt and ask
7 me to have the party repeat whatever was said that
8 you missed.

9 With those preliminary remarks out of the way
10 then we'll turn to the matter at hand. Mr.
11 Ghazarian, I have read your complaint and the
12 answer filed by Philadelphia Gas Works. Usually
13 what I do before we begin to hear a case like this
14 is ask the parties if they would like to take a few
15 minutes to discuss this matter between themselves
16 off the record to see if the two sides can come
17 together to reach some kind of a settlement or a
18 resolution.

19 Would you like to do that at this point, Mr.
20 Ghazarian?

21 MR. GHAZARIAN: Yes.

22 JUDGE CORBETT: What I will do then
23 since you want to discuss this matter between
24 yourselves, what I will do is leave the hearing
25 room. The Court Reporter will remain here in the

1 hearing room to monitor the telephone equipment.

2 The Commission encourages settlements
3 particularly in cases like this. I personally
4 believe it is better for the parties to try to
5 resolve a matter like this among themselves rather
6 than have me hear the case and later write a
7 decision that may be unsatisfactory to everyone.
8 So I encourage the parties to try to resolve this
9 case if at all possible.

10 As I indicated the Court Reporter will remain
11 here in the hearing room. However, she will not be
12 taking down anything that you say while you are
13 discussing your possible settlement or resolution
14 of the case.

15 The Court Reporter's name is Dana Cunningham and
16 when you're ready for me to return to the hearing
17 room, just let her know. That's all at this point.
18 So at this point we'll take a short recess. It is
19 now approximately ten thirty-five.

20 [Whereupon, a brief recess was taken.]

21 JUDGE CORBETT: We're back on the
22 record again. This is Judge Corbett. Have the
23 parties been able to resolve this matter?

24 MR. DASENT: I believe so, Your Honor.
25 We've had a discussion about the trend in gas

1 prices and the line share cost that are passed onto
2 customers from the natural gas providers to our
3 pipe line suppliers. The understanding that we've
4 been able to come to is basically we needed to
5 communicate a little more so that our customer
6 understood why there were dramatic increases in the
7 last year and the year before which were, you know,
8 in leaps and bounds above what we've seen in the
9 past.

10 JUDGE CORBETT: Okay. Mr. Ghazarian,
11 you've heard what Mr. Dasent has to say in this
12 matter. Do you agree that your discussions have
13 lead to a resolution and settlement of this case?

14 MR. GHAZARIAN: I'm satisfied with the
15 explanation, Judge.

16 JUDGE CORBETT: Very good. Based upon
17 the discussions you've had with Mr. Dasent, do you
18 now wish to withdraw your complaint?

19 MR. GHAZARIAN: Yes.

20 JUDGE CORBETT: Mr. Dasent, would you
21 be kind enough, sir, to prepare a letter of
22 satisfaction and fax it to me. You have my fax
23 number I believe.

24 MR. DASENT: Yes.

25 JUDGE CORBETT: Also, send a copy to

1 Mr. Ghazarian. When I receive that letter I will
2 then turn around and send it with a memo to the
3 office administrative law judge in Harrisburg with
4 a notation to have the docket in this case marked
5 as satisfied and closed. You may receive notice
6 from the secretary within a few days indicating
7 that unless either party objects, the docket in
8 this case will be closed. Does either party have
9 any questions with regard to the procedure from
10 this point forward?

11 MR. DASENT: No.

12 JUDGE CORBETT: I thank the parties for
13 their participation and cooperation this morning.
14 The hearing is now adjourned. Thank you very much.

15 (Whereupon, at 10:45 a.m. the hearing
16 was adjourned.)

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

C E R T I F I C A T E

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25

I hereby certify, as the stenographic reporter, that the foregoing proceedings were taken stenographically by, and thereafter reduced to typewriting by me or under my direction; and that this transcript is a true and accurate record to the best of my ability.

COMMONWEALTH REPORTING COMPANY, INC.

By: *Dana May Cunningham*
Dana May Cunningham

2605 N. W. 12th St. Miami, Fla. 33135
SECRETARY'S BUREAU