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Before:

Allison K. Turner, Administrative Law Judge

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4 JUDGE TURNER: Now is the time and  
5 place for hearing in the matter of Markedia Johnson  
6 versus Philadelphia Gas Works, docketed at  
7 F-01154558. My name is Allison Turner. I'm the  
8 Administrative Law Judge assigned to hear this case.

9 Mr. Farinas has told me that the parties are  
10 discussing settlement and that they would like to  
11 continue. Is that true, Ms. Johnson?

12 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.

13 JUDGE TURNER: Do you think you're  
14 likely to reach a settlement or that we are likely  
15 to have a hearing?

16 MR. FARINAS: I think it's likely that  
17 we'll reach a settlement, although I've gotten  
18 initial reaction to our first settlement offer.

19 JUDGE TURNER: Why don't I check back  
20 in 15 minutes then. If we are going to have a  
21 hearing, I don't want to defer too long because that  
22 delays everybody in getting about their business,  
23 but certainly I encourage you to settle. So 15  
24 minutes?

1 MR. FARINAS: That would be fine.

2 (Whereupon, a brief recess was taken.)

3 JUDGE TURNER: Mr. Farinas?

4 MR. FARINAS: Your Honor, the parties  
5 have reached a settlement. Ms. Johnson has  
6 graciously agreed to the following terms: Her  
7 current balance, as of today, is \$4,837.30. PGW  
8 will credit her account in the amount of \$2,700.00,  
9 which would leave a remaining balance of \$1,137.30.  
10 Ms. Johnson has agreed to the payment arrangement  
11 consisting of \$70.00 toward a PGW budget plan, plus  
12 \$20.00 towards the outstanding arrears, until paid  
13 in full.

14 JUDGE TURNER: Okay. So that's \$90.00  
15 a month?

16 MR. FARINAS: That's correct.

17 JUDGE TURNER: However, the \$70.00 is  
18 to be calculated as open.

19 MR. FARINAS: Every four months. We  
20 have informed her of that.

21 JUDGE TURNER: So you're familiar that  
22 it will change, or it may change?

23 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.

24 JUDGE TURNER: Just to make sure that

1 everything is dealt with, there were apparently  
2 three different time periods and locations involved  
3 in this case.

4 MR. FARINAS: That's right, Your Honor.

5 MS. JOHNSON: Two.

6 MR. FARINAS: Including your current.

7 MS. JOHNSON: Oh.

8 JUDGE TURNER: 5938 Chestnut Street;  
9 and then 5216 Arch Street; and then the current  
10 address. So -- and the 5938 Chestnut Street, she  
11 had asked to be removed. Did you remove that?

12 MR. FARINAS: Yes, we did.

13 JUDGE TURNER: So that amount and  
14 balance was removed. You're just dealing with the  
15 balance from Arch Street?

16 MR. FARINAS: That's been removed  
17 also.

18 JUDGE TURNER: That's been removed  
19 also?

20 MR. FARINAS: Right. The \$2,700 is  
21 the combination of her two previous addresses.

22 JUDGE TURNER: What two previous  
23 addresses. I'm afraid I misunderstood you.

24 MR. FARINAS: From her balance of

1 \$4,837 and some change, we removed \$2,700.

2 JUDGE TURNER: Okay. And what's  
3 remaining is her balance from her current address,  
4 which is 839 Wynnewood Road, Apartment 2.

5 MS. JOHNSON: Yes, ma'am.

6 JUDGE TURNER: So you're satisfied  
7 with this?

8 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.

9 JUDGE TURNER: And you can make the  
10 payments?

11 MS. JOHNSON: Yes.

12 JUDGE TURNER: You're aware that once  
13 you enter into this agreement and this complaint is  
14 dismissed, you can't raise it again?

15 MS. JOHNSON: Right. I was just  
16 concerned about the two addresses; not the one I'm  
17 currently living at.

18 JUDGE TURNER: So you've agreed to  
19 settle that and you will not be able to complain  
20 about those two addresses again.

21 MS. JOHNSON: That's fine. They're  
22 wiped out now, right?

23 JUDGE TURNER: That's my understanding.

24 MR. FARINAS: That's correct.

1 JUDGE TURNER: You're aware of what  
2 happens if you don't make your payments?

3 MS. JOHNSON: The agreement cancels.

4 JUDGE TURNER: You may end up having  
5 your service terminated.

6 MS. JOHNSON: Right.

7 JUDGE TURNER: Is she a CRP customer?

8 MR. FARINAS: She was at one time, but  
9 she doesn't believe she qualifies income-wise.

10 JUDGE TURNER: So that's not going to  
11 be investigated? You're not going to apply for that?

12 MS. JOHNSON: I received something  
13 from the gas company a couple days ago and they give  
14 you your balance and how much you have to make with  
15 one child; and I'm over that.

16 JUDGE TURNER: Okay. So you have  
17 information and you've made your own decision.  
18 Okay.

19 In that case, we can adjourn. I will receive  
20 Certificate of Satisfaction at what date?

21 MR. FARINAS: This afternoon, Your  
22 Honor.

23 JUDGE TURNER: Great. Okay. Thank  
24 you all for coming. Congratulations on the

1 settlement and we are adjourned.

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3 (Whereupon, the hearing adjourned at  
4 10:15 a.m.)

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