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**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Robert Strydio

v.

PPL Electric Utilities Corporation

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C-2017-2633043

Petition for Appeal from Final Decision

Before
David A. Salapa
Administrative Law Judge

INTRODUCTION

The complainant is a Type II diabetic who uses subcutaneous 70/30 (70% aspart protamine slow acting and 30% aspart regular rapid acting) insulin instead of pills to control his blood sugar.

It is the habit of the complainant to take the last of his three (3) daily injections at bed time after having a snack allowing the insulin work overnight so the desired morning blood sugar target is at or near 140 mg/dl.

On the night before the hearing in question the complaint took too much insulin, or did not eat enough for his snack for the amount of insulin administered, however one choses to look at it the outcome regardless is the same; a hypoglycemic (low blood sugar) incident. The effects of hypoglycemia are profound and can be life threatening leading to comma and death. Hypoglycemia results in system-wide oxygen deprivation to all the body tissues (ischemia) with all the associated symptoms.

In the case of the complainant the first symptoms effects vision leading to temporary blindness as the sugar level declines. The next symptoms are associated with oxygen deprivation to the brain –

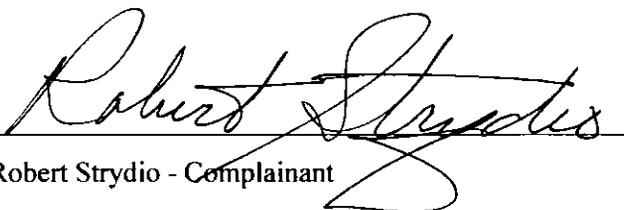
lightheadedness, dizziness, confusion, disorientation, in ability to concentrate or focus, high internal temperature and profound perspiration which cause him to awaken if asleep.

With the onset of Complainant's symptoms the complainant consumes canned pineapple chunks and pineapple juice to counteract the low blood sugar. In the time it takes for the pineapple to digest the sugar continues to decline leading to unconsciousness which was the complaint's state when the Judge Salapa called.

As a high-risk cardiac patient the effects of a hypoglycemic incident are profound leaving the complainant in a state of exhaustion when the incident subsides and the complainant awakens. This condition of exhaustion can persist for some period depending entirely on how low the sugar level goes.

The complainant apologizes to the court for failing to keep the hearing time and prays the court will grant his appeal for a new hearing.

Date: February 20, 2018


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