

November 9, 2018

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
PO Box 3265
Harrisburg, PA 17105-3265

Re: Miranda Grace Edwards v. Duquesne Light Company
Docket No. C-2018-3002741

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Attached for filing is my Request for Cancellation of Pre-Hearing Conference in the above referenced proceeding.

A copy of this document has been served upon the Respondent's Counsel, Shane Miller, Esq., in accordance with Commission regulations.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



M. Grace Edwards
Complainant
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Attachment

Cc: Shane Miller, Esquire, Counsel for Duquesne Light Company (via email) (with attachment)

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

MIRANDA GRACE EDWARDS,

Complainant,

vs.

DUQUESNE LIGHT COMPANY,

Respondent.

No. C-2018-3002741

Request for Cancellation of Prehearing Conference

Complainant contends that a genuine dispute does exist, is entitled to submittal of this evidence by means of an evidentiary hearing and this material be formally and individually considered as part of my right to due process.

I set forth the following material facts as evidence that a prehearing conference is inappropriate, and the moving party is not entitled to a decision in its favor.

1. The motion Duquesne Light Company (DLC) counsel has filed to the court without any offer to confer prior to the filing of this motion is a direct interference in due process. Your Honor has previously stated in Interim Orders in other cases that any Party may request a prehearing conference in writing **after conferring with opposing Party requesting consent to the scheduling of such conference**. On July 10, 2018, DLC counsel noted that if a prior request to refer my case to mediation failed, they motioned to have Your Honor send my case to mediation, and if that failed, to order a prehearing conference. DLC counsel did not contact me requesting consent to schedule the prehearing conference at any time before or after filing the July 10 motion.
2. Your Honor's Interim Order of October 24, 2018, was entitled *Interim Order Granting in Part and Denying in Part Respondent's Preliminary Objections and Granting Respondent's Request for a Pre-hearing Conference*. However, the actual Order on page 8 neither mentioned a prehearing conference nor did it describe the process or what is expected of the Parties. As *pro se*, this places me at a distinct disadvantage.
3. DLC counsel asserts that I am preventing them from "complying with the law," operating within or by codes and/or installment procurement plans, when in fact DLC owes far more responsibility than abiding by one aspect of Law or Laws they are using to substantiate their arguments.

Additional governing factors and finer points apply to this circumstance, and these must be considered and allowed to be offered in greater detail as evidence in behalf of. Smart meters

are an infringement on homeowners' property and person and a violation of the mission statement of the Pennsylvania PUC, which states in part that the Pennsylvania PUC "protects the public interest; educates consumers to make independent...utility choices."

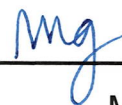
4. A prehearing conference is a reasonable protection offered to the defendants' rights, but this compensation of granting a prehearing conference is commonly practiced because of the enormous powers that can be used and invariably placed at the disposal of a prosecuting party, thereby equalizing the stage. In the case of *pro se* litigants such as myself, I am limited in ability to draw upon any legal advantages.

I am hindered by time constraints and a lack of the human resources available to DLC counsel, as well as a lack of expertise in legal matters resulting from the fact that my career is not in law. These factors and more put me at an automatic disadvantage. I again refer to the Pennsylvania PUC's mission statement: "The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission balances the needs of consumers and utilities."

5. I contend that proceeding with the schedule referenced by DLC in their July 10 motion is more of a waste of time than not. Preparing for these multiple proceedings is a repeated drain on my time, in no way avoids wasteful prehearing activities, and is an undue burden on my limited resources and time. I desire the ability to state my version of the facts and the legal theory under which my case is brought.
6. DLC's ability to facilitate a settlement of the issue of meter placement anywhere on my property through arbitration does not address the collective concerns I (and many others) have about the installation of smart meters. Nor does it address or relieve me of the financial burden in doing so.

WHEREFORE, Complainant Miranda Grace Edwards respectfully requests that my request for cancellation of the Pre-Hearing Conference be granted as has occurred in other similar cases before the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,



Miranda Grace Edwards

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a true copy of the foregoing document upon the participant listed below in accordance with the requirements of 52 PA. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant):

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Dated this 9th day of November, 2018



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