

C-2018-3005582  
C-2018-3005612

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**Subject:** C-2018-3005612 and C-2018-3005582 Lawton v City of Lancaster and Lawton v PPL  
**Attachments:** 201901171241.pdf

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I am the assigned Administrative Law Judge in the matters of *Chris Lawton v. City of Lancaster* at Docket No. C-2018-3005612 – (hearing scheduled for March 14, 2019) and *Chris Lawton v. PPL Electric Utilities Corporation* at Docket No. C-2018-3005582 (hearing scheduled for May 23, 2019). Mr. Lawton sent me the attached letter. It is not clear to me you received a copy; therefore, I am forwarding it to you to cure any *ex parte* conversation.

Mr. Lawton requests a continuance of both hearings until September, 2019. Additionally, he requests in person hearings instead of telephonic hearings. Is there any objection to his request? If not, I will likely schedule both hearings for the same day with the City of Lancaster hearing first at 10:00 a.m. I do not have an e-mail address for Mr. Lawton, but if either of you do, please advise. Thank you.

Regards,

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Judge Barnes: For your consideration

Regarding Case Numbers:

C-2018-3005582 (PPL)

C-2018-3005612 (City of Lancaster)

I kindly request that the above two telephone hearings be changed to on site, face-to-face hearings.

Our reasons for this is are firstly, I have the right to face my accuser(s), and secondly, I also have a some what strong New Zealand accent; I find that I am not always understood here in the USA, particularly on the telephone. A face-to-face meeting is appropriate to honor the more complex technical issues that these two cases warrant.

Our second issue for writing is that we have a new baby arriving end of March/early April. The birth will be a mandatory C-section, and will require extensive recovery. We have no extended family in the area, so I am my wife's sole support outside a babysitter. Having a hearing in the vicinity of the birth makes it very stressful for us, and potentially quite unlikely that I could even make the first hearing which is in March with City of Lancaster. (The PPL hearing is later in May).

We ask here if you could kindly re-schedule both hearings until at a minimum of four or more months *after our child's expected birth-date?* For example end of September or early October would give us both some time to adjust to the sleeplessness associated with recovery from surgery, a new child, and settling our older daughter into kindergarten. Legal issues of this sort are rare to us, and bring with them much stress. We'd be blessed and appreciate this reprieve.

With thanks for your service and your consideration,



Chris Lawton

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