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August 12, 2019

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TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD:

RE: Michele and Francis Hriadil, Complainants
v.
Duquesne Light Company, Respondents
Docket Number C-2016-2571726

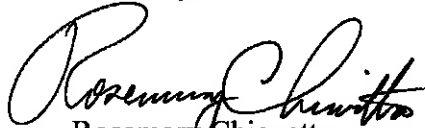
This Secretarial Letter will inform all Parties to this Formal Complaint at the above docket number of an ex-parte faxed communication sent to the Chairman Gladys Brown Dutrieuille of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission by the Complainants on August 9, 2019.

Since the evidentiary record of this matter is still pending before Administrative Law Judge Jeffrey Watson, the Commission is prohibited from responding to the Complainants' fax entitled "Emergency Appeal" due to the statutory prohibition on ex-parte communications at 66 Pa. C.S. Section 334(c). Since the matter is still awaiting an Initial Decision from Judge Watson, any appeal is premature.

Please be advised that the Complainants' faxed communication to the members of the Commission and this Secretarial Letter curing the ex parte communication will be placed upon the record at the above docket number, and a copy of the entire communication is being served upon all Parties.

The Complainants are hereby advised that faxed and emailed communications are not acceptable as official filings with the Commission, and to cease from submitting any further ex parte communications to the members of the Commission during the litigation of their formal complaint case.

Sincerely,


Rosemary Chiavetta
Secretary of the Commission

Enclosures

CC: All Parties of Record
ALJ Jeffrey Watson

FAX

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Re: Emergency Request for Assistance

Pages: (3 pages Including Cover Page)

Urgent For Review Please Comment Please Reply

Comments:

Concerning Docket No. C-2016-2571726.

Dear Chairman Brown,

We are filing this emergency appeal for assistance and intercession with regard to our requested continuance of our scheduled Aug 19 - 20, 2019 Hearing.

We are elderly, and I have serious chronic medical conditions.

Respectfully, we have appealed to ALJ Watson for consideration as his rulings have inundated us with too many tasks to be completed in the same short period of time, and we are not receiving any consideration or accommodation for our circumstances.

Our specific request follows.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Judge Jeffrey Watson, Presiding PA PUC Pittsburgh Administrative Law Judge
Jeremy V Farrell, Esquire, Counsel for Duquesne Light Company

RE: **Michele Hriadil and Francis Hriadil v. Duquesne Light Company**
Docket No. C-2016-2571726

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing this letter to appeal for your assistance and intercession. We have been pursuing a Formal Complaint to seek relief from the installation of a Smart Meter on our residence. We are both elderly and are acting as ourselves. And, I have a number of chronic medical conditions. My doctor, Dr. Martin Gallagher MD, has advised that I "not be exposed to the RF/EMF generated by a "Smart Meter" based on my current clinical condition, as well as from a preventative standpoint." My sister, Michele Hriadil, who I live with because of my condition, has full time work commitments and responsibilities, so the burden of preparing the various filings and paperwork falls predominantly on me.

The situation is that Presiding ALJ Watson has orchestrated an Evidentiary Hearing for August 19 - 20, 2019. We were in the process of preparing for that Hearing, when ALJ Watson imposed additional major tasks, exceeding the norms followed in other Formal Complainants, which imposed an undue burden upon us. This occurred at a critical time during our Hearing preparations. We had no choice but to comply otherwise no expert witnesses would be permitted to participate in our Hearing on our behalf. This required a major effort on our part, which brought our Hearing preparations to a complete halt. We finished that task by the imposed deadline of July 10.

Upon returning to our Hearing preparations, with ALJ Watson's deadline for exhibits of July 26 and a Hearing on August 19 - 20, we determined that, in light of his additional imposed tasks, those dates simply became untenable. We simply could not, and still cannot, complete everything that is required to meet those dates, and I am at the point of exhaustion. ALJ Watson and Duquesne Light Company (our EDC, the Respondent) were informed of this on July 18. At that time, we requested an extension of at least 60 days, which is minimal considering the circumstances.

ALJ Watson simply denied our request. No consideration is being given to my serious clinical condition, which has been exacerbated by the grueling nature and stress of this proceeding. ALJ Watson has been disposed to grant Duquesne Light Company relief when it cries undue burden about some interrogatory, or motion, etc.

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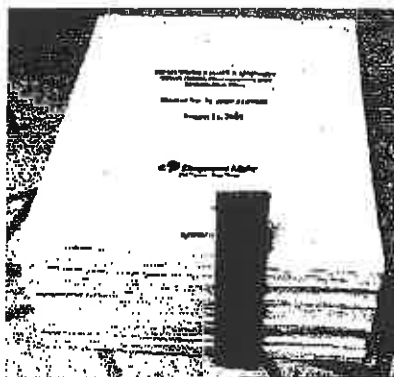
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But, he has been ill-disposed to consider or grant our legitimate minimal request for a short continuance at this time, which is well within our rights and PA PUC policy. Justice cannot be served under the conditions created by ALJ Watson, and, as I stated earlier, I am at the point of exhaustion. I am not well. Some days I am too sick to do anything, and all days are shortened. I simply cannot do everything that ALJ Watson says must be done in the time he has allotted. It is a physical impossibility for me.

I have copied Secretary Chiavetta on our filings related to this and other issues. As background, you may refer to our April 30 Status Report After the April 24, 2019 Prehearing Conference Call with ALJ Watson, our July 18 Amended Request for a Continuance of the Hearing for at least 60 days, and our August 5 Objection to ALJ Watson July 29, 2019 Interim Order Denying Request for a Continuance. I am making my state representatives aware of this situation, and am considering contacting the press about this.

Respectfully, ALJ Watson's rulings do not change the reality and untenable nature of the circumstances, the limitations of and physical condition of the Complainants, and the harm that is being done to the Complainants and our case, as we simply try to safeguard our health and well-being, and preserve our rights.

In addition to having to complete our exhibits and preparations, we were hand delivered a more than 4" thick pile of loose unbound papers and documents comprising Duquesne Light Company's exhibits. These need to be reviewed and assessed in detail for the Hearing.



So, we are sending you this appeal to ask for your assistance, and intercession in this matter, concerning what can be done, what procedure exists that allows us to retain our current meter until our complaint is properly adjudicated, and how the reasonable additional time that we require to prepare for a Hearing can be provided. Your agency exists to serve the people of Pennsylvania; surely, in all fairness, you must be able to make some accommodation in this circumstance.

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

Sincerely,

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