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January 2, 2020

Rosemary Chiavetta, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street 2nd Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: **Conchita M Braun v. Metropolitan Edison Company**
Docket No. C-2018-3003001

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Attached please find Complainants' Request for Continuance of the January 29th, 2020 Hearing.

This request has been filed with ALJ Jeffrey A Watson and copied to Respondent, in accordance with the attached Certificate of Service.

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

Sincerely,



Conchita M Braun

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BEFORE THE PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

CONCHITA M BRAUN :
v. : **Docket No. C-2018-3003001**
METROPOLITAN EDISON COMPANY :

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE OF THE JANUARY 29TH, 2020 HEARING

Dear Judge Watson,

A hearing was scheduled in this case for January 29th, 2020.

Due to a number of circumstances over which I had no control, I will not be ready to proceed with this hearing as scheduled and respectfully request a continuance.

At the time the January 29th date was agreed upon, by both parties in this case, Complainant was hoping to have time during the months of November, December and January to dedicate and adequately prepare for her case. However, this has not been possible due to circumstances beyond my control.

My elderly mother, that already requires my assistance on a regular basis, underwent two (2) surgeries, for which additional time from me was needed, to help during her recovery.

In a last-minute decision at the end of October, two family members from overseas decided to come and spend over two (2) months visiting. They had never been in this country and spoke limited English, so after work and taking care of my mom, I had to dedicate whatever time I had to spare to attend, entertain and address their needs. I underestimated how time-consuming and exhausting having company and entertaining family would be. Adding to that all the extra work during the hectic holiday season, plus work and home responsibilities, I literally have not had any time to dedicate on working on my case. As the hearing is approaching soon, there is no possible way that in the time frame left, I will be ready to present my case on January 29th.

Further, in preparation for my case I have submitted questions under the Right to Know Law process, to which I'm still waiting for the answers.

Also, on December 4th I submitted a request to be granted permission to have a Mckenzie friend assist me during the Hearing, to which I still have not gotten a response.

As a pro se Complainant, I am at a huge disadvantage compared to Respondent, as I'm representing myself and have very limited time and resources to prepare for a hearing, nor do I have the luxury of having a secretary to assist me or an attorney and staff dedicated to the case as Respondent does; Complainant is tasked with having to produce the burden of proof and must provide a preponderance of evidence. To be able to do so, requires a clear mindset, energy, know-how and to dedicate a lot of quality time, where one can concentrate on the arduous task at hand. Not only have I not had that

quality time, but I feel exhausted and drained after dealing with the family circumstances named above, plus work, holidays, etc.

The hearing is the most important part of this proceeding and as such is something that I take seriously and understand how important it is to be as prepared as possible before presenting my case. Looking at a reasonable time frame, I estimate that I would require a minimum of three months to adequately prepare, as I hope and will try my best to find enough open time in a span of three months to allow me to get the needed work done.

The PA PUC Consumer Complaint Procedures Guideline states that one may

“ask for a continuance, no later than five days before the hearing”

Under the circumstances, Complainant respectfully submits that there is good cause for the requested continuance of the January 29-2020 Hearing.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you the very best for the New Year and thank you for your time, understanding and consideration in allowing me the opportunity to properly prepare for the hearing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. M. Braun', written in a cursive style.

Conchita M Braun

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Conchita M Braun, hereby certify that I have this day, January 2, 2020, served a true copy of the aforementioned document upon the Company and individuals listed below, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant)

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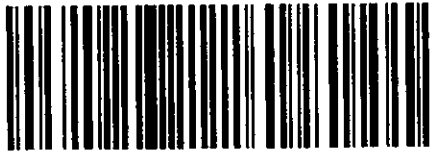
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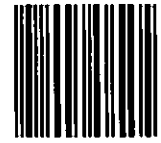
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