

**BEFORE THE  
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Linda Meade	:	
	:	
v.	:	C-2023-3041672
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PECO Energy Company	:	

**INTERIM ORDER GRANTING  
RESPONDENT’S REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE**

On July 7, 2023, Linda Meade (Complainant or Ms. Meade) filed a Formal Complaint (Complaint) with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) against PECO Energy Company (Respondent or PECO). In the Complaint, the Complainant alleges that PECO shut off her service, there are incorrect charges on her bill, her bill is high, and she is having a reliability, safety, or quality problem with her service. The Complainant requests that her electric service be restored, an audit be conducted on bills issued to her since 2013, and a payment arrangement be awarded to her.

On July 31, 2023, the Respondent filed an Answer with New Matter (Answer) to the Complaint denying all material allegations in the Complaint. In addition, PECO indicates that the Complainant’s account finalized on June 21, 2023, with a balance of \$21,334.69 and that the Complainant is no longer a PECO customer. PECO acknowledges that the Complainant’s service was terminated on May 18, 2023.

Also on July 31, 2023, the Respondent filed Preliminary Objections on the grounds of: (a) lack of jurisdiction; and (b) legal insufficiency of the Complaint on the grounds of res judicata and failure to file the Complaint within the statutory limit for filing claims provided in the Code.

On September 19, 2023, the Commission issued a Motion Judge Assignment Notice, assigning this matter to me. On October 4, 2023, an Interim Order was issued granting in part and denying in part Preliminary Objections filed by PECO.

By Hearing Notice dated October 13, 2023, a call-in telephonic hearing was scheduled for November 16, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., and the matter was assigned to me.

On November 3, 2023, Khadijah Scott, counsel for PECO filed a Motion for Continuance of Hearing Date (Motion) requesting a continuance of the hearing scheduled for November 16, 2023, indicating that she has a pre-planned medical procedure scheduled for that date. In the Motion, PECO averred that PECO's counsel is the only counsel of record in this matter who can present witnesses and testimony on PECO's behalf. The Motion indicated that the Complainant had been informed of the request for continuance but had not responded as to whether she does or does not have an objection to the Continuance request. The Motion was accompanied by a Verification and Certificate of Service.

The Complainant has not filed a response or otherwise expressed any objection to the Motion.

The Notice of Haring advised the parties that they may request a continuance of the hearing if they have a good reason.

Upon review of PECO's request, I find that the Respondent has established good cause justifying a continuance of the November 16, 2023, hearing. Granting the request will enable PECO to exercise its right and fulfill its obligation to be represented by counsel at the evidentiary hearing. 52 Pa. Code §§ 1.21 and 1.22. Moreover, the continuance will afford the parties additional time to exchange documentation and further explore the possibility of settlement. It is the Commission's policy to encourage settlements. 52 Pa. Code § 5.231.

ORDER

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Motion Requesting Continuance filed by PECO Energy Company at is granted;
2. That the evidentiary hearing scheduled for November 16, 2023 in the matter of *Linda Meade v. PECO Energy Company* at Docket No. C-2023-3041672 is cancelled;
3. That the scheduling staff of the Office of Administrative Law Judge shall reschedule this matter for a hearing and notify the parties in writing.

Date: November 13, 2023

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Arlene Ashton  
Administrative Law Judge

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