

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

CRAIG MURPHY, COMPLAINANT

V

DUQUESNE LIGHT CO., RESPONDENT

NO. C-2023-3038940

CLAIM FOR EXCEPTIONS

1. The proper course for the respondents to take can be found in 66 Pa.C.S.A. § 1406 subsections (a)(b)(c)(d)(e). 52 Pa. Code § 56.100 does prohibit termination of utility service for low income customers during winter months, however the complainant's income was **never disclosed** to respondent during this time period. 52 Pa. Code § 59.66 prohibits termination notices from being issued for the sole purpose of obtaining a security deposit which here is inapplicable.

2. In addition, and most important is the fact that the Respondents relied upon speculated income information from the **year 2014** by its own admission during the hearing before the ALJ. 52 Pa. Code § 56.100 does not allow a utility to speculate income, and furthermore the termination notice if properly issued would have allowed for disclosure of current income to determine eligibility for certain assistance programs. With regard to the form used to initiate this proceeding, the Claimant was compelled to use such form and the form alone should not be the basis for waiving any rights that the Claimant may assert. For these reasons the Claimant requests an exception of the determination issued on October 23, 2023.

CONCLUSION

The Commission should find for exceptions.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

AND NOW, this 13th day of November 2023, The complainant has caused this answer to preliminary objections to be served upon the following counsel by electronic mail:

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