

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Rahman Bush	:	
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v.	:	C-2024-3046078
	:	
Philadelphia Gas Works	:	

INTERIM ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

On January 12, 2024, Rahman Bush (Complainant or Mr. Bush) filed a Formal Complaint (Complaint) with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) against Philadelphia Gas Works (PGW, Company or Respondent). Mr. Bush checked the box on the Complaint form marked “other” and essentially alleged that PGW improperly linked him to the property since November 2021 and improperly attributed a prior balance to him.

By Hearing Notice dated March 1, 2024, an Initial Call-In Telephonic Hearing was scheduled for April 1, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. and the matter was assigned to me.

On April 1, 2024, the hearing convened as scheduled. Attorney Graciela Christlieb appeared on behalf of PGW. Rahman Bush appeared along with Chela Daniels who held herself out to be Mr. Bush’s power of attorney.

Ms. Daniels was informed that she could not represent Mr. Bush in the hearing if she is not a licensed attorney.¹ I also advised that I would need a copy of the power of attorney document to discuss any settlement options between PGW and Ms. Daniels, on behalf of Mr. Bush. Ms. Daniels argued that she is able to represent Mr. Bush as his power of attorney.

¹ See 52 Pa. Code §§ 1.21, 1.22; *Angle v. Metro. Edison Co.*, Docket No. F-2018-3006055 (Opinion and Order entered Dec. 19, 2019); *Ricks v. PECO Energy Co.*, Docket No. C-2012-2321440 (Opinion and Order entered Mar. 6, 2014).

Ms. Daniels requested a continuance for Mr. Bush to get an attorney. PGW objected to a continuance. I explained that I would grant the continuance request and the parties agreed that I would schedule a prehearing conference to discuss the power of attorney representation issue and set a date for the hearing. I explained that I would listen to argument as to why Mr. Bush and Ms. Daniels feel Ms. Daniels has the authority to represent Mr. Bush as his power of attorney.

I went on the record and explained that Ms. Bowman's continuance request would be granted.

A prehearing conference will be scheduled for May 8, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Also, a Further Hearing Notice will be served rescheduling the hearing to May 14, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Complainant shall provide a copy of the Power of Attorney to PGW and me prior to the prehearing conference.

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the request for a continuance by the Complainant, Rahman Bush, in the above-captioned case is granted.
2. That a prehearing conference will be scheduled for May 8, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.
3. That Rahman Bush shall provide a copy of the Power of Attorney to PGW and me prior to the prehearing conference.

4. That a Further Hearing Notice will be issued scheduling a hearing in this matter for May 14, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.

Date: April 1, 2023

_____/s/
Michael J. Mroczka
Special Agent

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