

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Nieves Abad	:	
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v.	:	C-2024-3047163
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PPL Electric Utilities Corporation	:	

PREHEARING CONFERENCE ORDER

This Order is issued pursuant to the authority granted to presiding officers under Sections 5.222 and 5.483(a) of the Commission’s regulations and concerns the prehearing conference scheduled in this matter for **July 18, 2024**.

Procedural background

On February 12, 2024, Nieves Abad (“Complainant”) filed a Formal Complaint against PPL Electric Utilities Corporation (“Respondent”) with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“Commission”). In his Complaint, Complainant argued that five Respondent utility poles are located on his property without a legal right-of-way. Complainant claimed that two of these utility poles are located in the middle of his driveway and that Respondent refused to remove these two utility poles at his request.

For relief, Complainant requested that the Commission: (1) order Complainant to be compensated in the amount of \$100 per pole, per week since May 1, 2023; (2) order Respondent to remove the five utility poles from his property; (3) come to a resolution in regards to a fair right of way with Respondent; (4) order that all future upgrades to poles, transformers, and the running of new wires be the full responsibility of Respondent; and (5) dismiss two invoices rendered by Respondent to Complainant for damage that Complainant allegedly caused to utility poles. The Complaint was served on Respondent on March 7, 2024.

On March 27, 2024, Respondent filed an Answer and Preliminary Objections to the Formal Complaint. On April 4, 2024, Complainant filed an Answer to the Preliminary Objections.

On May 17, 2024, the Commission issued my Order Granting in Part, and Denying in Part, the Preliminary Objections. On the same date, a Hearing Notice was issued scheduling this matter for a telephonic evidentiary hearing for July 18, 2024.

On May 24, 2024, Complainant filed a certificate of service indicating that he had served written interrogatories and requests for documents upon Respondent.

On June 7, 2024, Respondent filed a certificate of service indicating that it had served objections to Complainant's written interrogatories and requests for documents upon Complainant.

On June 14, 2024, Complainant filed a certificate of service indicating that he had served a Motion to Compel upon Respondent and myself. I received a copy of Complainant's Motion to Compel, through mail, on June 24, 2024.

On June 17, 2024, Respondent filed a certificate of service indicating that it had served responses to Complainant's written interrogatories and requests for documents upon Complainant.

On June 28, 2024, the Commission issued a Hearing Type Change Notice, converting the July 18, 2024, evidentiary hearing to a prehearing conference.

ORDER

THEREFORE,

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That a prehearing conference will be held on **July 18, 2024, beginning at 10:00 a.m.** **The Parties are directed to dial 1-888-395-6703, pin 88097140 at 10:00 a.m. to be connected to the conference.**

2. That the Parties should be prepared to discuss at the further prehearing conference:

- a) The issues present in this proceeding.
- b) Complainant's Motion to Compel.
- c) Possibility of settlement. *See* 52 Pa. Code § 5.231(a).
- d) A new evidentiary hearing date.
- e) Any other relevant procedural matter.

Date: July 16, 2024

/s/
Alphonso Arnold III
Administrative Law Judge

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