

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Deborah Engisch-Platt and Kim Platt	:	
	:	
v.	:	C-2019-3013745
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Metropolitan Edison Company	:	

**INTERIM ORDER
DIRECTING AN EXPEDITED RESPONSE TO MOTION TO RECUSE**

On October 17, 2019, Deborah Engisch-Platt and Kim Platt filed a formal complaint with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission against Metropolitan Edison Company (Met-Ed. In their complaint, the Platts averred that they are having a reliability, safety or quality problem with their utility service because they do not want a smart meter installed at their home due to various adverse health effects. The Platts averred that Mr. Platt is 63 years old and has an irregular heart rate that is compounded by electromagnetic sensitivity and their daughter also has a sensory disorder affected by high pitched electrical humming sounds and pulsations. The Platts requested that the analog meter remain on their home.

On November 12, 2019, Met-Ed filed an answer and new matter in response to the Platt's complaint. In the answer, Met-Ed denied that the Platts are having a reliability, safety or quality problem with their utility service. In its new matter, which was accompanied by a notice to plead, Met-Ed averred that the complaint is legally insufficient because the company has not violated the Public Utility Code or the orders or regulations of the Commission since the company is required to install smart meters. Met-Ed requested that the complaint be dismissed.

Pursuant to my Prehearing Order issued on June 25, 2024, this matter is currently scheduled for a hearing on September 11, 2024.

By email dated August 27, 2024, sent at 10:42 p.m. the Complainants sent a Motion for Recusal of ALJ.¹ The Motion did not include a notice to plead or a certificate of service. By email on August 28, 2024, I directed counsel for First Energy to file a response to the Motion on or before September 4, 2024. However, I received an error message from the Complainants' email address. This order memorializes the instructions in my August 28, 2024, email. Although the Complainants are registered for e-service, in abundance of caution, this order shall also be served by First-Class Mail.²

THEREFORE

IT IS ORDERED:

That counsel for the Respondent shall file a response to the Motion for Recusal of ALJ on or before September 4, 2024.

Date: August 28, 2024

_____/s/
Mary D. Long
Administrative Law Judge

¹ The Complainants claim that they served this motion in July. Commission records do not indicate that a motion was received from the Complainants in July.

² As registered e-filers, it is presumed that the Complainants have received the orders that have been issued in this matter, including the hearing notice and Prehearing Order which were served on June 25, 2024. If they did not receive these documents they are directed to promptly notify the Commission's Secretary's Bureau and the Office of Administrative Law Judge.

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