

**BEFORE THE
PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**

Wanda Walker	:	C-2024-3051234
	:	C-2024-3051237
v.	:	C-2024-3051343
	:	C-2024-3051344
PECO Energy Company	:	

**INTERIM ORDER
GRANTING MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE**

On September 18, 2024, Wanda Walker (Complainant or Ms. Walker) filed a Formal Complaint with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (Commission) against PECO Energy Company (Company, Respondent, or PECO), regarding her utility service at 5015 Wayne Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (5015 Wayne location), alleging the utility was threatening to shut off her service or had already done and that there were incorrect charges on her bills (5015 Wayne Complaint). She identified her accounts as x2222, x0058, x3046, and x3058. She checked the “other” box writing alleging “bills from other location keep being put on my good standing accounts at 5015 Wayne Ave. Four accounts. PECO keeps switching old accounts back and forth and over to collection account, forcing balance to grow even faster.” As relief, Ms. Walker requests her accounts be zeroed out and put back into good standing and to have her credit restored. She further requests that money be returned to her so she can pay her property taxes and her IRS obligations.

On September 18, 2024, Ms. Walker filed a second Formal Complaint against PECO regarding her utility service at 452 Twickenham Rd., Glenside, Pennsylvania (Twickenham location), alleging the utility was threatening to shut off her service or had already done and that there were incorrect charges on her bills (Twickenham Complaint). She identified her accounts as x1103, and x9000. She checked the “other” box, averring that she has been charged several times for the same bills already paid, and she has been billed for tenant bills transferred to her good standing account, causing interest and penalties to increase much faster.

As relief, Ms. Walker requests that her credit report be cleared, her account cleared to zero, and services restored, a refund of money paid on all accounts involved from 2018-2024, and compensation for lost business income. She explains she cannot meet her other financial obligations because of these allegedly incorrect bills. There were multiple attachments to the Twickenham Complaint, including typed pages of additional averments, copies of bills, copies of text messages, and portions of (what appear to be) prior Initial Decisions issued by other Commission Administrative Law Judges.

On September 19, 2024, Ms. Walker filed a third Formal Complaint against PECO regarding her utility service at 6801 N. 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA (N. 17th location), alleging the utility was threatening to shut off her service or had already done and that there were incorrect charges on her bills (N. 17th Complaint). She identified her accounts as x3000, x3112, x4000, x6094, x1128, x3103, x1128, x9072, and x7095. She checked the “other” box, averring that she has been “targeted” to force her to sell her properties, and she is unable to meet her IRS and property tax obligations and basic family needs. She avers she is being required to pay on “20 year old accounts” dating back to 2009 that have already been sent to collections and written off. She alleges these accounts belonged to her tenants, before they became her tenants. As relief, Ms. Walker requests her accounts be restored, her money refunded, and she be compensated for loss of business revenue, stress and inconvenience. There is a typed page attached to the N. 17th Street Complaint, detailing her averments.

Finally, on September 19, 2024, Ms. Walker filed a fourth Formal Complaint against PECO regarding her utility service at 5023 Wayne Avenue, Glenside, Pennsylvania (5023 Wayne location), alleging the utility was threatening to shut off her service or had already done and that there were incorrect charges on her bills (5023 Wayne Complaint). She identified her accounts as x5085, x2050, x0047, and x3401. She checked the “other” box, averring that the Company has transferred old tenant bills from 2018 to her present bills, bills were sent to collection agencies while also being transferred to her other accounts that were in good standing, and old bills were creatin the accumulation of fines and fees, causing the account balance to grow exponentially. As relief, Ms. Walker requests her accounts and credit restored, she be refunded for misbilling, and she be compensated for her business losses and legal fees. There is

a typed page attached to the 5023 Wayne Complaint, which is identical to the page attached to the N. 17th Street Complaint.

Regarding service by the Commission, Ms. Walker opted to be served by first class mail, checking the box next to this option on all four Complaints.

On September 25, 2024, PECO filed a Motion to Consolidate all four Complaints filed by Ms. Walker. PECO argued that the four Complaints are nearly identical, contain similar allegations, and concern the same questions of fact and law.

The Motion contained a Notice to Plead, directing Ms. Walker to file a response within 20 days. As of the issuance of this Order, Complainant has not filed a response to the Motion.

It is now appropriate to rule on the Motion. The Commission rule at 52 Pa. Code §5.81(a), provides,

The Commission or presiding officer, with or without motion, may order proceedings involving a common question of law or fact to be consolidated. The Commission or presiding officer may make orders concerning the conduct of the proceeding as may avoid unnecessary costs or delay.

After reviewing all four Complaints, it is clear that they all raise common questions of law and fact. The Complaints reference properties mentioned in other Complaints, and Complainant makes generalized averments about incorrect billing, and amounts being transferred from and among these different accounts. Based on Complainant's averments, it is apparent the Complaints cannot be considered individually and must be considered as a group. Further, the relief she requests in each Complaint is also substantially similar. Consolidating these matters will help avoid unnecessary costs and delays and is in the interest of judicial economy and efficiency.

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